

Annex C

Details on the initiatives by the National WAH taskforce

i. Enhancing the Intervention Framework for WAH

- Up to 3,000 workplace visits will be conducted by June 2010 to check that WAH is done safely. These include 2,000 inspections by MOM inspectors as well as 1,000 Safety Compliance Assistance Visits (SCAV). The SCAV is a new, innovative method to reach out and educate industry players on WAH issues. It involves a roving team of safety professionals (in special WAH vans) who will check the worksites for WAH concerns and provide on-site training and practical assistance to site supervisors and personnel. The SCAV is intended to help smaller workplaces identify and address WAH issues as well as implement the Fall Protection Plan. (See **Annex D** for details on the SCAV)

ii. Building Strong Capabilities

- To aid the implementation of the Fall Protection Plan, a series of three forums and workshops will be organised on 29 March, 5 and 6 April to reach out to the target groups. A special Falls Symposium will also take place in July 2010 to highlight new work methods of working safely at height to industry players.
- The WSH Council is developing a set of national WAH competency standards, especially to train supervisors on their role in implementing the Fall Protection Plan. By May 2010, the Council will be accrediting training providers that industry players can tap on to provide in-house training to their supervisors and workers.
- A WAH training video will be developed by end 2010 to aid companies and workers in getting all parties to ensure safety while working at height.

iii. Promoting the benefits of WAH safety

- The Taskforce will collaborate with relevant industry associations and partners to reach and engage a wider audience (ranging from large organisations to SMEs, from management to workers).
- A series of bus advertisements will roll out in April 2010 to remind workers of the importance of safety while working at height as well as in crane operations. The advertisements will also prompt the public to help spot unsafe work and report them to MOM for investigation.
- A special worker newsletter focusing on work at height safety will be issued to 200,000 workers through roadshows, workplaces and worker dormitories by May.