

Statement WE Fashion - in reactie op SOMO – Arisa rapport, Feb 2021

From the secretariat of the Dutch Textile Agreement we received a preview of a report on abuses in Indian spinning mills. The Dutch Textile Agreement was able to establish a link to one spinning mill in our supply chain and shared their findings with us. We are currently working with our supplier to identify if they are still sourcing at this spinning mill for WE Fashion.

We Fashion cares about the welfare and rights of all workers in its supply chain. To create impact, WE Fashion has participated in Child labour Projects in Tamil Nadu from 2017 to 2020. Here we were able to establish more transparency on lower tiers and invite spinning mills to sign up for training of their workers committees by a local NGO. To date, WE Fashion is part of the Factory Support Program in Tamil Nadu which started in 2020 to offer factories a worker committees training program, and improving worker-management dialogue. We believe that by involving more factories in these local projects the working conditions will improve step by step and we can support the workers in our supply chain.

The factory linked to WE Fashion has received training from local NGO on worker awareness for middle management, HR and workers in 2020. We are investigating if the same issues that have been reported on by Somo, have come up during the NGO training too, and if this training has changed the situation in this mill.

WE Fashion supports supply chain transparency upstream, by posting our supplier list on our website and openapparel.org, and downstream, by requesting our suppliers to provide information on their suppliers. We are committed to continue the work with local and international partners that we started a few years back, to develop better working conditions for workers in the Tamil Nadu supply chain.