

Social & Environmental Impact of the Textile Industry

Garment workers in many textile-producing countries earn below living wages. In **Bangladesh, the largest exporter of textiles, the minimum wage is 12,500 taka a month (114 USD).**



US \$1.3 Trillion
Revenue-Making Industry

In some low-income countries, **cotton production alone accounts for 7% of total employment.**


300 Million Jobs



One Trillion KWh

of electricity is consumed per year to produce 60 billion kg of fabric

93 billion
cubic meters
of water
consumed annually



87%,
or 40 million tons, of
annually produced
garments
end up in a landfill

How I4DI Makes a Difference

Supporting living incomes

We work to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and key stakeholders in the textile value chain by supporting sustainable practices that ensure living incomes.

Minimizing footprints

We develop technology solutions and implement programs that promote regenerative agriculture, improve waste management, and support sustainable resource use for a circular economy.

Measuring impact

We work to empower evidence-based decision-making, by enabling key players in this space to track their impact on real-world sustainability challenges.