

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DRIVE UP STANDARDS

The Bangladesh Accord

On 24 April 2013, the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory in Bangladesh tragically killed 1,133 people and critically injured thousands more. In the months and years after the incident, many changes were recommended to ensure the safety of workers in garment factories in the country.

One of the recommendations was for an independent body to monitor fire safety standards in factories. The Bangladesh Accord on Fire Safety was set up to provide an independent, legally binding agreement between brands and trade unions to work towards a safe and healthy garment and textile industry in Bangladesh.

Matalan signed the Bangladesh Accord and is committed to working with the Steering Group to help achieve its goals. In the years since the tragedy, we have seen positive change as a result of the accord.

Supporting an important community in Bangladesh

Matalan is working with Hope Worldwide Bangladesh and PDS Group to provide opportunities and a brighter future to children in Bangladesh with the School of Hope. Through the programme, which aims to educate, empower and inspire children in Bangladesh, Matalan is helping them to build a better future for them and their families.