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WHO Global Plan Objective	SRU Contributions
To protect and promote health at the workplace	<p>Conduct of pilot studies in organized and semi-organised sectors to document effectiveness of healthy worker frameworks using a integrated matrix for interventions in physical, psycho-social and community environments</p> <p>Expand development and implementation of occupational risk management toolkits</p>
To improve the performance of and access to occupational health services	<p>Standardization of protocols for routine provision of industrial hygiene analytical services and biological monitoring for select high priority chemicals</p> <p>Collaboration with The National Rural Health Mission office in the State of Tamil Nadu to prepare an action plan for implementation of a BOHS framework for public health system personnel</p> <p>Conduct of a certification program in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Open University in Biomedical waste management, including occupational safety and health aspects of waste handling to health care facilities</p>
Capacity building of Occupational Safety and Health Personnel	<p>Conduct of short-term courses in ergonomics, control banding, occupational stress, basic statistics for occupational health and safety surveillance, integrated occupational and environmental risk assessments and life-style interventions for healthy workers to address diverse target groups from organized and semi-organized sectors</p>