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## **Simian International and OSTS Partners continue to train through tough times**

With varying COVID restrictions being imposed in different countries which have greatly hampered international travel, it hasn't been so easy in the last 12–18 months for CISRS OSTS providers and their partners to offer training. Movement of qualified instructors between centres and regions has been a major headache. Not being able to get visas, having to be double jabbed, testing and quarantine requirements before, during and after travel etc.

The vast majority of CISRS OSTS centres have managed to find a way to reopen albeit with a reduced capacity and with strict COVID Risk Assessment and Method Statements in place.

Despite this Simian International and their partners have had a very productive few months, with lots more to come in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

Working with local provider Prime Atlantic at their CISRS approved centre in Ipara and via onsite training at Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas in Port Harcourt, they are in the process of training over 100 people in CISRS OSTS Level 2, Basic Scaffold Inspection, Advanced Scaffold Inspection and Scaffold Supervisor programmes.

In Chennai, India Simian and Toughscaff's resident instructor has recently completed Level 1, BSI and Supervisors courses.

So far in 2021 Simian International/QISC based in Doha Qatar have managed to deliver CISRS Level 1, BSI and Supervisor training to around 250 delegates.

Lead Instructor Abid Gul has just completed several weeks in Trinidad working with SMTL to train 106 delegates in Level 1, 2 BSI and Supervisor programmes.

One delegate (Vickie Roopan) an ex SMTL employee, who is now a Health and Safety team member at Atlantic Oil, become the first female delegate to attend a CISRS OSTS Basic Scaffold Inspection course at the centre in Trinidad.

Ian Fyall Simian International MD said "It's been a tough time for everyone, it's really encouraging to see the lengths our partners have gone to in order to keep CISRS OSTS training going, we are hoping things will start to open up a little more in the coming months and we can get back to some sort of normality across all the countries."

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