Worker Safety and Well-being in Food Production Facilities





CHALLENGES

In the food production sector, workers operate near **high-risk machinery** while under **strict hygiene and safety protocols**. Ensuring compliance with safety protocols by wearing personal protective equipment, maintaining a healthy indoor climate, and detecting equipment faults in time are constant challenges. Manual inspections are time-consuming and prone to oversight, while unplanned machine failures can lead to costly downtime or workplace accidents. **HELIOS Bakery** needed a smarter, proactive way to monitor worker safety, air quality and equipment status without disrupting production.

THE SOLUTION

With support from **EARASHI**, **PLEGMA LABS** developed and deployed **HANDFUL at HELIOS Bakery** to enhance the collaboration between Al and human supervisors to solve current challenges in food production environments. **HANDFUL integrates:**

Computer vision Al models for real-time detection of protective equipment such as gloves and hats.

Advanced energy monitoring meters to track machinery performance, monitor consumption, and predict failures.

loT air quality sensors to monitor and optimize indoor environment.

Intuitive dashboard that offers insights and alerts to supervisors.

RESULTS

- 15 workers monitored in a real food production facility
- 5 cameras installed for real-time vision based detection
- 10 machines monitored for energy and operational health
- 15 months of data collection
- 7 months of continuous HANDFUL system demonstration
- 3 integrated AI services into a single dashboard
- 1 open dataset released





IMPACT

HANDFUL empowers food production facility (HELIOS BAKERY) supervisors with **real-time insights**, reducing reliance on manual checks and improving reaction time.

Workers are now **safer and more comfortable**, with their well-being monitored through smart HVAC control. Machine faults are detected early, helping HELIOS avoid production disruptions and unexpected maintenance costs.

The bakery now benefits from:





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