Quick start guide to preparing an

Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining National Action Plan

environment

to fulfill obligations under Article 7 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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Establish Coordinating Body

To guide the entire process of NAP development

WORKING GROUP

- Governmental ministries



- Local government representatives
- ASGM community representatives

interact at regular intervals



Crucial stakeholders at national, regional and local level

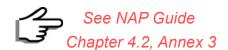
E.g. gold processors, community leaders, technical experts, environmental organizations



See NAP Guide Table 4.2



TIPS: Define roles and responsibilities clearly; ensure cohesion of NAP with overall governmental environmental, development and economic agendas; reflect the voice of ASGM community





Develop a National ASGM Overview

To identify mercury use and practices in ASGM communities

COMPONENTS OF THE OVERVIEW

and source of information

Environment and health aspects

Ministries of Environment, Health, NGOs

Legal and regulatory status, policies, formalization

Ministries of Mining, Environment

ASGM community statistics and baseline inventories

Demographic statistics, Ministries of Mining, Environment, Economics, mercury supply, use, demand, trade

Trade statistics, miners associations

Options for technical and financial support

Technical experts,
Ministry of Finance,
private investors

Mining and gold processing practices

ASGM community survey, Ministries of Mining, Environment



Health

See NAP Guide Chapter 5.2

Consult as well ASGM baseline estimates toolkit



Set Goals and Objectives

To identify targets that are quantitative and time-bound

Problem

Mercury use in ASGM

Goal

Reduction, and where feasible, elimination of mercury

Objective

Set specific, measurable realistic and time-bound targets



See NAP Guide Chapter 5.1

EXAMPLES

all ASGM communities trained about alternative mercury free methods

new equipment provided to pilot locations

whole ore amalgamation eliminated





Develop Implementation Strategies

To identify concrete actions to reach objectives

- 1. Identify authorities responsible for implementing each task national, regional, and local government
- 2. Define scope and logistics

national, or phased regionally

3. Secure resources

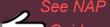
financial, technical, human, political, social

4. Identify partners

NGOs, private sector, academia, IGOs, IOs

5. Identify required actions, including, among others:

Implementation strategy



- 1. Workplan
- 2. Outreach plan Annex 4
- 3. Time line
- 4. Overall budget



Actions to eliminate worst practices

Chapter 5.2





Steps to facilitate formalization

Chapter 5.3





Strategies to promote mercury-free methods

Chapter 5.5





Strategies to manage trade and prevent diversion

Chapter 5.6





Strategies for public health and vulnerable populations

Chapter 5.8 and 5.9





Strategies to disseminate information to ASGM community

Chapter 5.10







Formulate Evaluation Strategy

To measure and report on progress made

OPTIONS (or combination of)



Internal review by each ministry



External review by independent evaluator



Ongoing evaluation of individual projects



Update inventory and compare with baseline



TIP: Establish a platform, e.g. website to share information, comments and reviews

Evaluation
mechanism
should facilitate
the verification of
the foreseen
activities against
expected results
and milestones
agreed upon in
action plan

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INDICATORS



Number of workshop conducted

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Number and effectiveness of the communication tools



Kilograms of mercury use reduced

Endorse, Submit



As required by article 7, Paragraph 3(b), each country must submit its NAP to the Secretariat no later than 3 years after the Convention enters into force for it, or 3 years after notifying the Secretariat that it has "more than insignificant ASGM", whichever is later.



Before submission, the NAP should be endorsed (approved) by the appropriate decision makers.

Additional Resources

UN Environment Minimata Convention NAP **NRDC** guide **Secretariat** <u>quidance</u> to preparing document **GEF NAP** proposal **GEF funding opportunities UN Environment** for enabling Global activities under **Mercury WHO**

Partnership



Minamata

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National Action Plan

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