



Development of National Action Plan for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

Basic Information

GEF ID

10153

Countries

Guyana

Project Title

Development of National Action Plan for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

GEF Agency(ies)

UNEP

Agency ID

UNEP: 01695

GEF Focal Area(s)

Chemicals and Waste

Program Manager

Anil Sookdeo

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Part 1: Project Information

Focal area elements

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes. The Government of Guyana has officially notified the Minamata Convention Secretariat that its use of mercury in the artisanal and small scale gold mining sector is more than insignificant as is required by Article 7 of the Minamata Convention.

Agency Response

Project description summary

Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes.

Agency Response

Co-financing

Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified [and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?]

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Co-financing is not required for enabling activities.

Agency Response

GEF Resource Availability

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes. The project cost and associated fees and the PMC are within the norm.

Agency Response

**Are they within the resources available from:
The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

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The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, the Government of Guyana is also implementing a Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA). The project management structures set up by the MIA will be used for this project.

Agency Response

Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification

Background and Context.

Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

This is the first National Action Plan for the ASGM sector that has been requested by the Government of Guyana.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities. Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Stakeholders.

Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Gender equality and women's empowerment.

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP

Country endorsement

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, the OFP for Guyana as listed on the GEF website has signed the LOE.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

GEF Secretariat Comment

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Other Agencies comments?

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Council comments

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STAP Comments

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Convention Secretariat comments

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CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**Agency Response****GEFSEC DECISION****RECOMMENDATION****Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?****Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

Please correct the taxonomy. As a project in the ASGM sector the taxonomy should include ASGM.

April 18, 2019 - The project has been revised to include the required taxonomy, however after PPO review the following errors have been found that requires attention:

Part 1 Project information: Information missing on the following tabs: • Type of Reports • Submission Date • Expected Implementation Start • Expected Completion Date • Expected Report Submission to Convention

May 14, 2019 - The comments have been addressed and this enabling activity is being recommended for CEO approval. This in an enabling activity of the Minamata Convention. As a Party to the Convention that has mercury use in its Mercury Sector, Guyana is eligible to receive support from the GEF to conduct an assessment of the sector and develop a strategy for reducing mercury in the sector.

Review Dates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Response to Secretariat comments

First Review	4/16/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/18/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/15/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	
Additional Review (as necessary)	

CEO Recommendation**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**