



Enabling Activity Project Implementation Report

(01 July 2021 – 30 June 2022)

Project Title:	National Action Plan on Mercury in the Cameroon Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining sector
GEF ID:	10440
UNIDO ID:	160198
GEF Replenishment Cycle:	GEF-7
Country(ies)	Cameroon
Region:	AFR - Africa
GEF Focal Area:	Chemicals and Waste (CW)
Implementing Department/Division:	ENV / MCM
Executing Agency(ies):	MINEPDED (Ministry of Environment) MINMIDT (Ministry of Industry and Mines) MINSANTE (Ministry of Health)
Project Duration (months):	24
Extension(s):	1
GEF Project Financing:	USD 500,000
Agency Fee:	USD 47,500
Co-financing Amount:	USD 46,500
Date of EA Approval:	2/26/2020
UNIDO Approval Date:	6/16/2020
Actual Implementation Start Date:	8/10/2020
Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June 2022:	USD 191,650.00
Original Project Completion Date:	5/31/2022
Project Completion Date as reported in FY21:	5/31/2023
Current SAP Completion Date:	5/31/2023
Expected Project Completion Date:	5/31/2023

Expected Financial Closure Date :	12/31/2023
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I. Overview of project status

Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and select corresponding ratings for the current reporting period, i.e. FY22. Please also provide a short justification for the selected ratings for FY22.

In view of the GEF Secretariat's intent to start following the ability of projects to adopt the concept of adaptive management², Agencies are expected to closely monitor changes that occur from year to year and demonstrate that they are not simply implementing plans but modifying them in response to developments and circumstances. In order to facilitate with this assessment, please introduce the ratings as reported in the previous reporting cycle, i.e. FY21, in the last column.

Overall Ratings³	FY22	FY21
Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) Rating	<i>Satisfactory (S)</i>	<i>Satisfactory (S)</i>
<i>Relevant progress achieved towards project goals</i>		
Implementation Progress (IP) Rating	<i>Satisfactory (S)</i>	<i>Moderately Satisfactory (MS)</i>
<i>Progress in contracts execution achieved with all 3 national executing entities, in line with the planning reported under PYR 2021</i>		
Overall Risk Rating	<i>Low Risk (L)</i>	<i>Low Risk (L)</i>
<i>No change in risk rating against FYR 2021</i>		

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please elaborate on progress, challenges and outcomes of **project implementation activities**.

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¹ Person responsible for report content

² Adaptive management in the context of an intentional approach to decision-making and adjustments in response to new available information, evidence gathered from monitoring, evaluation or research, and experience acquired from implementation, to ensure that the goals of the activity are being reached efficiently

³ Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and assure that the indicated ratings correspond to the narrative of the report

The project aims at developing the National Action Plan for Artisanal Small Scale Mining activities in Cameroon, as a commitment of Cameroon as a signatory Party to Minamata Convention on Mercury.

The national execution is progressing in line with execution agreements and along the project planning.

National Steering Committee was set-up under the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment (MINEPDED) for ensuring coordination among institutions and other non-Governmental relevant stakeholders of the ASGM sector.

2. Please elaborate on progress, challenges and outcomes of **stakeholder engagement**, using the previous reporting period as a basis.

The execution modality involving the relevant national expertise is contributing to the sustainability of the capacity building in the ASGM sector.

The list of stakeholders at the design of the project included logical partners such as industry organisations, leaders, ministries, NGOs and experts. The stakeholders were mobilized by the 3 executing entities and are actively participating throughout the project implementation.

Capacity building activities are currently addressing the different stakeholders categories.

3. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please report on the progress **achieved on implementing gender-responsive measures**, as documented in the project document.

Gender mainstreaming was included as part of the project but not as a separate component/output.

Overall with the National Steering Committee, Experts, Consultants and Stakeholders, there is a forecast to reach nearly 50-50 gender balance.

4. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please elaborate on any **knowledge activities / products**, as outlined in the project document.

The overall objective of the NAP is to assist Cameroon to enable participatory stakeholders to manage mercury use in the ASGM sector. It is also expected to reach development and endorsement of the National Action Plan document for ASGM sector, enabling the Government of Cameroon to comply with Minamata Convention commitments. The ASGM partners will be involved in the formulation of a clear road map to reduce mercury emissions and to increase awareness of risks to human and ecosystem health.

The project will strengthen the national capacity to fulfil obligations under the Minamata Convention.

II. Minor Amendments

1. Please briefly elaborate on any **minor amendments**⁴ to the approved project that may have been introduced during the reporting period or indicate as not applicable (NA).

Not applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Results Framework	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Components and Cost	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional and Implementation Arrangements	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Management	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Schedule	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity Category	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor Project Objective Change	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguards	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Analysis	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase of GEF Project Financing Up to 5%	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Financing	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of Project Activities	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	NA

III. Project Risk Management

1. Please indicate any implication of the **COVID-19** pandemic on the progress of the project.

The outbreak of COVID-19 slightly affected the project implementation. Project inception and several coordination meetings with executing entities were organized virtually to overcome travel restrictions.

2. Please clarify if the project is facing delays and is expected to request an **extension**.

Extension has been granted and there is no farther forecast to extend the implementation period; the activities are on track.

⁴ As described in Annex 9 of the *GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines*, **minor amendments** are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5%.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. **Timing & duration:** Each report covers a twelve-month period.
2. **Responsibility:** The responsibility for preparing the report lies with the project manager in consultation with the division chief and director.
3. **Evaluation:** For the report to be used effectively as a tool for annual self-evaluation, project counterparts need to be fully involved. The (main) counterpart can provide any additional information considered essential, including a simple rating of project progress.
4. **Results-based management:** The annual project/programme progress reports are required by the RBM programme component focal points to obtain information on outcomes observed.

Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) ratings	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Project is expected to achieve or exceed <u>all</u> its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its <u>major</u> global environmental objectives, and yields satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its major <u>relevant</u> objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modes overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve some of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environmental benefits.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Project is expected to achieve <u>some</u> of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to <u>achieve only some</u> of its major global environmental objectives.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Project is expected <u>not</u> to achieve <u>most</u> of its major global environmental objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, <u>any</u> of its major global environmental objectives with no worthwhile benefits.

Implementation Progress (IP)	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Implementation of <u>all</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only few that are subject to remedial action.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components in <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	Implementation of <u>none</u> of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

Risk ratings	
Risk ratings will assess the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or p respects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale:	
High Risk (H)	There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.
Substantial Risk (S)	There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face substantial risks.
Moderate Risk (M)	There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only moderate risk.
Low Risk (L)	There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only low risks.

