

# GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

Document Generated by: CW TM

At: 2024-09-12 15:27:32

---

## Table of contents

1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION .....	3
1.1 Project Details .....	3
1.2 Project Description.....	4
1.3 Project Contacts .....	5
2 Overview of Project Status.....	6
2.1 UNEP PoW & UN .....	6
2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators .....	7
2.3. Implementation Status and Risks.....	8
2.4 Co Finance .....	10
2.5. Stakeholder .....	11
2.6. Gender.....	13
2.7. ESSM.....	13
2.8. KM/Learning.....	14
2.9. Stories.....	15
3 Performance.....	16
3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes .....	16
3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress) .....	18
4 Risks.....	22
4.1 Table A. Project management Risk .....	22
4.2 Table B. Risk-log .....	22
4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks.....	25
5 Amendment - GeoSpatial .....	26
5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM).....	26
5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM) .....	26

**UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2024**  
**Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 10845	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-022202
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 141655	<b>Grant ID:</b> S1-32GFL-000848
<b>Project Short Title:</b> GEF-CW.10845.GOLD+ Côte d'Ivoire	
<b>Project Title:</b> Global Opportunities for Long-term Development of ASGM in Côte d'Ivoire	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	60
<b>Duration months age:</b>	13
<b>Project Type:</b>	Full Sized Project (FSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	10569
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Africa
<b>Countries:</b>	Ivory Coast
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Chemicals and Waste
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 3,937,500.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 13,451,000.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2023-01-12
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2023-02-16
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2023-05-01
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2023-04-25
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2023-05-23
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 683,000.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 503,468.00

<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	No
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	
<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	2025-11-26
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2028-04-30
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2028-04-30
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2029-04-30
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2029-10-30

## 1.2 Project Description

The negative health and environmental impacts of mercury usage across the world have garnered the attention of and mobilized action amongst a variety of actors and stakeholders, including governments, international bodies, the private sector, civil society, and affected communities. With the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector serving as the largest contributor of global anthropogenic mercury emissions, emphasis has been placed on identifying scalable and sustainable solutions to reducing and eventually eliminating the use of mercury in the production of artisanal gold. These efforts are complicated by the complex environments in which artisanal mining often takes place and the characteristics of the sector, which is often understood as poverty-driven and operating largely in an informal and unregulated manner.

The Global Environmental Facility's (GEF) planetGOLD programme, which aims to make artisanal and small-scale gold mining safer, cleaner, and more profitable, is a key initiative in driving large-scale, systemic change across the ASGM sector globally. The programme recognizes that tackling the elimination of mercury in ASGM supply chains requires a holistic approach that addresses the root causes of mercury usage and the barriers that often impede miners from transitioning to mercury-free technologies. This includes a focus on several key areas: access to financing and responsible gold markets, support for formalization, awareness raising on the harmful effects of mercury, and increasing access to mercury-free technology and strengthening local capacity for sustainability of solutions.

This effort comes as follow up to previous GEF efforts on ASGM mercury reduction such as the Global Mercury Project, the ongoing planetGOLD programme and several bilateral initiatives. At a global scale, the Programme supports countries' commitments under the Minamata Convention on Mercury entered into force in August 2017. These efforts have contributed to addressing mercury reduction through addressing root causes for more than a decade.

The project structure is built around 4 components that reflect the identified needs in terms of activities, outcomes, and key outputs. The components are:

1. The promotion of formalization in the national ASGM sector through the strengthening, awareness-raising, and support to mining organizations that will facilitate sustainable changes and enhance the organizational capacity of the targeted ASGM communities.

2. The provision of adequate financial solutions that can promote a competitive mercury-free gold market in the country, integrated in transparent and traceable international gold supply chains.

3. The introduction and adoption of efficient mercury-free gold processing technologies in the ASGM sector.

4. The fostering of dissemination and exchange of information initiatives at the national level and the international sphere in line with the planetGOLD programme outreach strategy.

### 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Industry and Economy Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	N/A
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	IMPACT Transforming Natural Resource Management / Centre Africain pour la Santé Environnementale (CASE)
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	
<b>UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Kevin Helps
<b>UNEP Task Manager(s)</b>	Grace Halla
<b>UNEP Budget/Finance Officer</b>	Edward Aput
<b>UNEP Support Assistants</b>	Iñaki Rodriguez
<b>Manager/Representative</b>	Joanne Lebert (IMPACT) / Dominique Bally (CASE)
<b>Project Manager</b>	Michel Yao (IMPACT) / Arthur Kouamé (CASE)
<b>Finance Manager</b>	Soulemane Koné (IMPACT) / Benoît Koffi (CASE)
<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	Zuzia Danielski (IMPACT) / Frank Ori Gnahoré (CASE)

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Thematic: Chemicals and pollution action subprogramme
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	N/A
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution: (i) Number of Governments that, with UNEP support, are developing or implementing policies, strategies, legislation or action plans that promote sound chemicals and waste management and/or the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the existing framework on chemicals and waste</li> <li>• Pollution: (iii) Number of policy, regulatory, financial and technical measures developed with UNEP support to reduce pollution in air, water, soil and the ocean</li> <li>• Pollution: (iv) Reduction in releases of pollutants to the environment achieved with UNEP support</li> <li>• Pollution: Change in action by the private sector and civil society on pollution prevention and control as a result of UNEP action</li> </ul> <p>Progress in the chemicals- and pollution-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda on which UNEP focuses its work</p>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	<p>The planetGOLD Côte d'Ivoire project will support the 2021-2025 UNSDCF in Côte d'Ivoire through a holistic approach to support the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in their national development strategy, with a particular focus on the extractives industries, namely the artisanal and small scale gold mining sector.</p> <p>More precisely, the project will contribute to the following 5 main strategic axis of the current UNSDCF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accelerating the structural transformation of the economy ;</li> <li>- Improving human capital;</li> <li>- Strengthening the inclusiveness of the development process;</li> <li>- Reducing vulnerability to climate change and environmental problems;</li> <li>- Promoting more effective, transparent and participatory governance.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the project will support effective coordination and knowledge sharing with other UN organizations present in the country through UNEP's West Africa Office, based in Abidjan.</p>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere</li> <li>• Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</li> <li>• Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</li> <li>• Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</li> <li>• Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</li> <li>• Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance</li> <li>• 3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination</li> <li>• 5.c Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels</li> <li>• 8.10 Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all</li> <li>• 9.3 Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets</li> <li>• 9.4 By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities</li> <li>• 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment</li> <li>• 17.4 Assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring, as appropriate, and address the external debt of highly indebted poor countries to reduce debt distress</li> <li>• 17.15 Respect each country’s policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development</li> <li>• 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships</li> </ul>

## 2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
9.2- Quantity of mercury reduced	0,46	1,53	1,53	The activities to support this indicator have not started yet
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments		4350	4350	545
11.1- Male		2839	2839	417
11.2- Female		1511	1511	128

Implementation Status 2024: 1st PIR

### 2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	1st PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

#### Summary of status

Notable project achievements are detailed below per component. The overall expenditure of this project was USD 422,425 during the reporting period, with a forecasted expenditure of USD 946,000.

#### Component 1:



---

Analysis of the legal and regulatory framework for the formalization of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (EMAPE) was carried out by a legal consultant and shared with stakeholders. Technical meetings with key players such as SODEMI and the Ministries in charge of mines, the environment and health were held to discuss the identification and validation of priority themes for training and capacity-building for artisanal miners in Côte d'Ivoire.

Two scoping missions were organized to confirm the identification and engagement of ASGM organizations in the selected mine sites where the project will implement its field activities.

Scoping field trip 1 (September 17 to 30, 2023): The team visited more than 13 localities where mercury-intense ASGM activities are the most important source of income for the local communities. Furthermore, the mission team was able to discuss the project's intervention with different the stakeholders: prefectural officials, NGOs and industry stakeholders operating in the small gold mining sector. With the support of SODEMI, four (04) vocational training school sites were visited in order to take stock of the installations for their revitalization as part of the project.

The mission visited the localities of Boundiali, Tengrela, Siempurgo (Sogo), Papara, Katiola, Dabakala, Bidiala-Bobosso, Bobosso Tenguelegue, Bouaflé, Yamoussoukro, Djekanou, Abouakakro 2, Toumodi, Dimbokro, Bengassou, Bongouanou, Assiè -Kokoré, Booré-Akpokro.

Scoping field trip 2 (November 12 to 18, 2023): the team visited the localities of N'guessankro (Department of Bongouanou), Petonkaha in the sub-prefecture of Kiemou (Department of Korhogo), the sub-prefectures of Tibéita and Pakouabo (Bouaflé) and in Djetranyaokro (Djekanou). This mission was able to meet communities around artisanal gold mining sites where the use of mercury is acute. The team collected information about the mining practices in the localities visited. At the end of this visit, the ASGM sites of Petonkaha, Bouadikro, Agbanssou were able to draw the particular attention of the mission team relating to the intensity of the activity, the use of mercury and the environmental problems occurring in the area.

The second meeting of the PSC Steering Committee, took place in hybrid format (Abidjan and online) on 23rd December 2023 with the objective to validate the sites for the implementation of the activities. These are: Petonkaha (Kiemou, Korhogo department), Bidiala Bobosso (Dabakala department), Agbanssou (Pakouabo, Bouaflé department), Groudji or Abouakakro 2 (Djekanou), Bouadikro (Nguessankro, Bongouanou Department). Two vocational school sites were selected by the Steering Committee for the training and awareness program for both artisanal miners and community stakeholders: Souleymanekaha (Dabakala) and Bozi (Bouaflé).

## **Component 2:**

The project has completed a study on Access to Finance in the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire. The study findings were validated during a workshop organized in June 2024 in Abidjan. The study is expected to be published following final edits based on input received during the workshop.

---

An evaluation exercise was carried out for 4 out of the 5 ASGM beneficiary groups that will be supported by the project to improve their practices (e.g. cooperative governance, ESG performance, etc.). A plan for the provision of support to these groups, tailored to their individual circumstances, is now being developed and will be implemented starting in the next year.

### **Component 3:**

The project visited the 5 locations where interventions will be made to meet with authorities and other stakeholders, with the objective of presenting the project and securing buy-in from local actors. During the missions, the team members took notes on the mercury-use practices to further develop the best possible strategies to reduce the consumption of mercury among the selected project sites. Following an open call for applications to respond to a ToR, an NGO has been selected to carry out community sensitization on the harms of mercury in the 5 localities. The NGO is currently going through the contracting and onboarding process, and will commence work in the following year.

### **Component 4 :**

The main activities carried out under this component have been the production of comms materials such as press articles and audio-visual reports and the participation in comms meetings under the planetGOLD global project.

In addition, the comms team participated in a workshop for the exchange and sharing of experiences on the management and professionalization of the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire. This event was organized by the World Bank group in Abidjan, as part of the multi-stakeholder partnership initiative for the Sahel region.

The communications officer and the project coordinator participated in the public conference on Friday November 24, 2023 called CERAP's Fridays on the theme "Illegal gold mining: What to do?". This session allowed the team to interact with other institutional stakeholders and share information on the contribution of the planetGOLD project in assisting the Ivorian government in addressing the concern of illegal mining through the project implementation.

As part of communication and knowledge sharing, a Facebook page and a tweeter account have been created for the planetGOLD project in Côte d'Ivoire. A series of initial recordings in terms of videos, images and interviews was performed in the different locations targeted for the project implementation. These recordings will serve to develop a documentary film in a near future. Articles and communication materials are regularly collected for the update of the country webpage for the purpose of knowledge sharing.

## **2.4 Co Finance**

<b>Planned Co-finance:</b>	\$ 13,451,000
<b>Actual to date:</b>	108,543
<b>Progress</b>	<p><b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b></p> <p>CASE current co-financing amounts to \$55,353, which covers the salaries of human resources devoted to the project and the purchase of equipment (office equipment, management tools, desks, etc.) to support the implementation of the project.</p> <p>IMPACT co-financing for the reporting period added up to \$ 53,190 which similarly accounts for the salaries of human resources devoted to the project and the purchase of equipment (office equipment, management tools, desks, etc.) to support the implementation of the project.</p>

## 2.5. Stakeholder

<b>Date of project steering committee meeting</b>	2024-07-05
<b>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</b>	<p>1- Field Mission to present the project and raise awareness among prefectural authorities, regional directors and administrative authorities, community leaders and artisanal gold miners, with the support of the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of the Environment and SODEMI (Société pour le Développement Minier).</p> <p>2- Organization of a workshop to present and validate the study report on “Environment and context of access to financing for artisanal mining in the gold sector in Côte d'Ivoire”, on June 28, 2024. The workshop was chaired by Mr. AKA SAFFO, General Coordinator of programs and projects at the Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition. It was attended by the Head UNEP West Africa Office (Mr. Mohamed ATANI), representatives from the Ministry of the Interior and Security, the Ministry in charge of mines, the Ministry of Finance and Budget, the Ministry in charge of agriculture, the National Environment Agency, the Ivorian Office of Parks and Reserves, SODEMI, the University Félix Houphouët Boigny of Abidjan-Côte d'Ivoire, representatives of artisanal miners and civil society organizations and 9 press/media. A total of 40 people took part in the workshop, including 9 women.</p> <p>By means of a stakeholder consultation strategy, it was possible to involve several national stakeholders from both the public and private sectors. In this way, the planetGOLD Côte d'Ivoire project had enabled the interaction between the following stakeholders:</p> <p>The Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition, represented by the National Chemicals Management Program, the Chemical Substances and Waste Department, and the regional environmental departments of the Marahoue, Béliér, Hambol, Moronou and Poro regions.</p>

---

	<p>Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum, represented by Sous-Direction de l'Exploitation Minière Artisanale et à Petite Échelle, Sous-Direction de la Réglementation, Directions régionales des mines et de la géologie from the regions of Hambol, des Lacs, du Poro and the Mines Departmental Directorate from the regions of N'Zi and the Société pour le Développement Minier (SODEMI).</p> <p>The Ministry of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, represented by the Department of Public Hygiene and Environmental Health.</p> <p>The Ministry of the Economy and Finance, represented by the General Directorate of Customs.</p> <p>The Ministry of Industry and Trade, represented by the Foreign Trade Department.</p> <p>The Ministry of the Interior, through the Direction Générale de l'Administration du Territoire et de la Décentralisation, which is working to involve regional and departmental prefects, sub-prefects and village chiefs in the localities concerned by the project.</p> <p>Civil society organizations represented in the PSC.</p> <p>Industrial gold mining companies, such as Compagnie Minière Perseus Mining, located in the Marahoué region</p>
--	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## 2.6. Gender

<b>Does the project have a gender action plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):</b>	<p>The project has set a target of 30% of women among its targeted beneficiaries. In carrying out some of the projects first field missions, it was evident that women are often marginalized in the context of ASGM, and that careful consideration of the project's activities and their potential positive or negative impacts on women, men and gender equality is needed.</p> <p>As such, the project plans to do the following: 1- Work with partners and communities to promote women's effective participation in the project's activities; 2 – Utilize IMPACT's Gender Impact Assessment Toolkit ahead of carrying out relevant activities (e.g. sensitization efforts on mercury or introduction of new equipment); 3 – Offer training to project staff on how to apply a gender lens to their work and to better understand the roles, contributions, challenges and risks that women in the ASGM sector face. These activities will be carried out, where possible, with the support of the Ministry of Women, Family and Children.</p> <p>A gender action plan is currently being developed following a study on gender mainstreaming in the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire.</p>

## 2.7. ESSM

<b>Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)</b>	<p><b>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</b></p> <p>No</p> <p><b>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>New social and/or environmental risks</b>	<p><b>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</b></p> <p>No</p> <p><b>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>Complaints and grievances related to social and/or</b>	<p><b>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</b></p> <p>No</p>

environmental impacts	<p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>The project has adopted the good practice approach to environmental and social safeguards management since its inception and has faced relatively low risk.</p>

## 2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A study on access to finance for the ASGM sector was carried out throughout the reporting period, and presented to stakeholders during a workshop organized in June 2024. The study draft will incorporate feedback received, and will be finalized for distribution in the coming months.</li> <li>• A diagnostic analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of artisanal mining groups or cooperatives was carried out by a consultant with a view to strengthening the management and governance of cooperatives. The study report is available. The study was carried out in the 5 beneficiary localities of Bouadikro (Bongouanou), Abouakakro (Djékanou), Angbanssou (Bouaflé), Bidiala Bobosso (Dabakala) and Pétonkaha (Korhogo).</li> <li>• An analysis of the regulatory and legal framework for the formalization of ASGMs in Côte d'Ivoire was drawn up and validated by the stakeholders;</li> <li>• Draft texts to improve the ASGM formalization framework</li> <li>• An analysis of gender mainstreaming in ASGM has been drawn up.</li> </ul>
Main learning during the period	<p>A communication strategy for the dissemination of information was drawn up once the project's activities had been launched, not only to support national and local communities in improving practices linked to small-scale artisanal gold mining, but also to help government entities gain a better understanding of the issues involved in ASGM, with a view to making it their own. The primary objective of this strategy, which is intended to cover the project implementation period and beyond, is to contribute to the implementation of the Minamata Convention, with a view to reducing the risks associated with the use, management and contamination of mercury in the artisanal small-scale gold.</p> <p>Specifically, the strategy aims to:</p>

	<p>Inform, train and build the capacity of communities on the dangers of using mercury in ASGM</p> <p>Ensure the sharing of information and experience between the various communities on ASGM at local, national and sub-regional level;</p> <p>Improve understanding of the issues involved in moving towards new, more health- and environment-friendly mining practices;</p> <p>Encourage community support for improved practices;</p> <p>Facilitate access to information on ASGM;</p> <p>Develop information, communication and education tools to ensure the involvement of national, local and sub-regional communities in ASGM;</p> <p>Inform indigenous populations about the ASGM concept;</p> <p>Train local populations and communities to make their involvement in the process of change more effective;</p> <p>Provide national Civil Society Organisations, the press and all interested stakeholders with clear information on the risks linked to mercury, the opportunities offered by the planetGOLD project, needs and aspirations.</p>
--	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## 2.9. Stories

<b>Stories to be shared</b>	<p>Here are the links to some of the stories published in the planetGOLD Côte d'Ivoire country webiste:</p> <p><a href="https://www.planetgold.org/limpact-invisible-du-mercure-pourquoi-lexploitation-miniére-artisanale-petite-échelle-de-lor">https://www.planetgold.org/limpact-invisible-du-mercure-pourquoi-lexploitation-miniére-artisanale-petite-échelle-de-lor</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.planetgold.org/un-pas-vers-lavenir-latelier-de-validation-du-cadre-de-formalisation-de-lemape-de-lor-en-cote">https://www.planetgold.org/un-pas-vers-lavenir-latelier-de-validation-du-cadre-de-formalisation-de-lemape-de-lor-en-cote</a></p>
-----------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

### 3 Performance

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
To reduce the use of mercury in the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire through a holistic, multisectoral, integrated formalization approach, and increase access to traceable gold supply chains and finance for adoption of sustainable mercury free technologies.	Tons of Mercury abated from selected ASGM sites in Côte d'Ivoire	N/A	0.46	1.53	0	Actual reduction of mercury use has not started yet. However, enabling activities have been carried out to allow reductions in coming years	MS
To reduce the use of mercury in the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire through a holistic, multisectoral, integrated formalization approach, and increase access to traceable gold supply chains and finance for adoption of sustainable mercury free technologies.	Quantity of gold produced under planetGOLD Criteria	0	7.2 Kg	34.2	0	Production of gold under planetGOLD Criteria is not expected until 4th year of the Implementation Phase	MS
Outcome 1: Government and other national stakeholders increased their capacity to formalize the ASGM sector							
Outcome 1: Government and other national stakeholders increased their capacity to formalize the ASGM sector	Number of prefectures sustainably adopting JA	0	0	1		This activity has not yet begun.	MS
Outcome 1: Government and other	# of ASGM cooperatives created/	0	0	2	0	The needs of the cooperatives have been	MS



Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
national stakeholders increased their capacity to formalize the ASGM sector	capacitated (where coop status is already secured) from students graduated from assisted vocational schools					identified and diagnosed.	
Outcome 1: Government and other national stakeholders increased their capacity to formalize the ASGM sector	# of regional vocational schools (chantiers écoles) with which sensitization programme contents was shared	0	1	12	0	Missions to identify priority Vocational Schools for training and raising awareness among artisanal miners were carried out. Technical meetings were held with the key players in this activity.	MS
Outcome 2: Increased access to financing for Côte d'Ivoire mining cooperatives	Number of inventory financing providers confirmed	0	0	1	0	The report on the study on access to finance has been validated and is now available. The report is accompanied by recommendations. On the basis of these recommendations an action plan for developing a credit portfolio involving potential financiers will be developed	MS
Outcome 2: Increased access to financing for Côte d'Ivoire mining cooperatives	Number of financial actors having engaged discussion with early nascent coops for providing access to finance	0	0	1	0	This activity was not carried out. 1-Develop an action plan for financial support to artisanal miners 2-Organise institutional meetings to advocate for ASGM funding (government players, financial institutions)	MU
Outcome 3: Miners in Côte d'Ivoire adopted mercury-free processing techniques	Number of miners in targeted ASGM associations adopted mercury-free technologies via the project	69	0	2054	0	This activity has not started. However, the scoping missions carried out have provided the foundations needed for the successful completion of this outcome.	MS
Outcome 3: Miners in Côte d'Ivoire adopted mercury-free processing	# of targeted ASGM associations that have implemented the	0	0	1	0	not started	MS

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
techniques	planetGOLD environmental and social standard						
Outcome 3: Miners in Côte d'Ivoire adopted mercury-free processing techniques	% increase in awareness of mercury risks amongst miners	0	30%	50%	15%	During the project's presentation sessions with local authorities, 110 people were sensitized of the dangers of using mercury, including 10 artisanal miners and 21 community leaders.	S
Outcome 4: Knowledge and information produced through the project leads to better management of the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire	# of beneficiaries changing their practices as a result of improved awareness	0	0	2054	545	545 people involved in the ASGM sector have been reached out by the project and have been encourage to change their practices	S
Outcome 4: Knowledge and information produced through the project leads to better management of the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire	# of beneficiaries accessing published/available knowledge generated from components 1,2, and 3	0	0	700	545	545 people took part in all the activities organised, including 128 women.	S

### 3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Formalization Optimization	Output 1.1: Analysis of formalization framework in Côte d'Ivoire completed and shared with stakeholders	2025-12-31	0	60	The Mining Code in Côte d'Ivoire is currently being revised by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum. This may cause a delay in the adoption of newly proposed regulatory amendments to the ASGM sector drafted by the project team	MU
1 Formalization	Output 1.2: Support mining vocational training schools (chantiers	2027-12-31	0	25	The identification of the vocation	MU

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
Optimization	Ecoles) to roll-out programmes in alignment with the government's ASGM formalization strategy				training schools to be supported have been finalized. However, SODEMI as counterpart has not validated the training programme to be delivered in the aforementioned training schools. In addition, the poor conditions of the facilities may require a revamp of the installations before the trainings can be effectively deployed	
1 Formalization Optimization	Output 1.3: Lessons learned from piloting the jurisdictional approach are available to inform government policy related to ASM/LSM	2026-12-31	0	15	The delay in the implementation of this output is caused by a delay in the provision of the trainings needed by the global component of the planetGOLD programme. A specific workplan to update the activities envisioned in this output will be drafted in Q3 2024.	MU
2 Access to Finance	Output 2.1: Opportunities and challenges for ASGM access to finance in Côte d'Ivoire is better understood.	2028-04-30	0	20	A report on the access to finance in the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire has been produced (Activity 2.1.1 completed). However, the trainings and support to ASGM groups in the selected mine site have not commenced yet	MU
2 Access to Finance	Output 2.2: Support nascent/early-stage cooperatives to improve 'credit profile' for accessing finance	2028-04-30	0	0	The support to the ASGM cooperatives is not expected to start until 3rd year of the implementation phase. However, some preliminary support activities to selected ASGM groups will resume in Q3 2024	MU
2 Access to	Output 2.3: Support ASGM cooperatives to engage with international	2028-04-30	0	0	The engagement with international gold	MU

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
Finance	market actors				mining market actors is not foreseen to start until the 3rd year of the implementation phase. However, early stage discussions with actors such as the LBMA took place in the reporting period, laying the foundations for further actions under this output	
3 Enhancing Uptake of Mercury-free Technologies	3.1 Output: ASGM miners and communities are sensitized on the health and environmental risks of mercury usage	2028-04-30	0	15	Sensitization materials on the dangers of mercury are being developed during the current reporting period. Local ASGM communities in the selected mine sites have been sensitized on public health and environmental management issues during the 2 scoping field missions carried out during the reporting period. Further support activities are expected in Q3 and Q4 2024	MU
3 Enhancing Uptake of Mercury-free Technologies	Output 3.2: ASGM miners and communities are capacitated to use mercury-free technologies	2028-04-30	0	0	This output is not expected to start until 3rd year of the implementation phase. However, the 2 scoping field missions have provided the foundations needed for further work under this output	MS
4 Knowledge sharing, communication and local capacity building support	Output 4.1: Knowledge products and tools developed through the project are made available nationally to all planetGOLD project stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire	2028-04-30	0	25	This output experience a substantive progress in the reporting period. 3 PSC meetings were organized. In addition, a 2-days workshop for national media professionals was organize with the objective to improve the understanding on the project's intervention and	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					challenges related to the ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire	
4 Knowledge sharing, communication and local capacity building support	Output 4.2: Knowledge products and tools developed through the project are available globally through the planetGOLD programme	2028-04-30	0	25	This output saw a robust progress during the reporting period. The main highlights are related to the production of visibility tools such as Kakemono, the creation of internet presence. and the participation of the planetGOLD Côte d'Ivoire project in the 2024 planetGOLD Global Forum and Annual Programme Meeting	S

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

## 4 Risks

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Substantial	Moderate
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Substantial	Moderate
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Moderate	Low
5 Financial Management	Substantial	Moderate
6 Reporting	Substantial	Substantial
7 Capacity to deliver	Substantial	Moderate

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

#### Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Covid-19 restrictions (movement. large gatherings. travel. etc.)	All	L	L					L	↓	There are no Covid-19 related restrictions at the moment
Shifting priorities due to Covid-19 pandemic	All	L	L						↓	There are no Covid-19 related restrictions at the moment

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Political Buy-in	All	M	L					L	↓	During the reporting period the engagement with government officials has proven to positively exceed expectations
Staff turnover within government ministries/departments	All	L	L					L	=	No major changes in the perception of this risk
Limited functioning of vocational schools following the project	Outcome 1	M	M					M	=	Field missions have confirmed limited functioning of vocational schools
Miners do not trust or buy-in to mercury-free technologies	Outcome 3	M	L					L	↓	Field missions and gatherings with ASGM miners have improved the trust to the project and the awareness about the negative effects of the use of mercury
Lack of prioritization of reducing mercury usage by miners. including when financing is available (or miners simply do not endorse mercury-free processing methods)	Outcome 3	M	L					L	↓	Field missions and gatherings with ASGM miners have improved the trust to the project and the awareness about the negative effects of the use of mercury
Negative impacts of climate change (e.g. extreme weather events such as droughts. floods. etc.)	Outcome 1. 2 and 3	M	M					M	=	Extreme weather events continue to occur in Cote d'Ivoire
Risk-aversion of gold refiners	Outcome 2	M	L					L	↓	New ongoing initiatives in the country from the World Bank and the London Bullion Market association have supported the activities related to this risk. reducing it.
Supply chain partners (including investors and financiers) are unable to establish commercial terms (or. competitive	Outcome 2	M	L					L	=	Côte d'Ivoire has become the most stable an open for business country in the region. making it more attractive

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
commercial terms compared to the informal market)										for supply chain partners
Land conflict / Social tension	Outcome 1. 2 and 3	L	L					L	=	No major changes related to this potential risk
Low risk threshold by financial institutions / other potential providers of access to credit	Outcome 2	M	L					L	=	New ongoing initiatives in the country from the World Bank and the London Bullion Market association have supported the activities related to this risk. reducing it.
Efficient and lucrative alternative mercury-free gold processing techniques are not appropriate (or not available) for ASGM	Outcome 3	M	L					L	↓	Field missions and research studies have provided the foundations to introduce the most appropriate technologies.
Interference by mercury traders	Outcome 3	M	L					L	↓	Government stakeholders have supported the development of activities aimed to reduce the potential interference by mercury traders
The exporter with whom the project is working with identifies more competitive pricing elsewhere / loses motivation	Outcome 2	M	L					L	↓	Gold prices remain very high at the international markets. making the production of gold in the country very attractive.
ASGM associations and miners are unable to meet the standards established by planetGOLD	Outcome 2	H	L					L	↓	New ongoing initiatives in the country from the World Bank and the London Bullion Market association have supported the activities related to this risk. reducing it.
		L	L					L	=	Overall project risk remains low



### 4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Limited functioning of vocational schools	N/A	Field missions conducted to assess the status of the premises in the targeted vocational schools	Drafting of a strategy to update the premises of the selected vocational schools	Draft finalized by Q3 2025	PMU
Negative impacts of climate change	N/A	Monitoring of events with Ministry of Environment.	Drafting of a climate change adaptation plan for each targeted site	Draft finalized by Q3 2025	PMU

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. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold 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 modest risks. 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 modest risks.

## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

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% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

#### 5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	

Minor amendments

#### 5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Site Pétonkaha. Kiémou-Korhogo. Région du Poro	9.061680	-5.550080		A village in the north of Côte d'Ivoire	All components.
Site de Bidiala-Bobosso (Dabakala. Région du Hambol)	8.366900	-4.426710		A village in the centre of the north	All components.
Site d'Abouakakro 2 (Djékanou. Région du Béliér)	6.433620	-5.107390		A village in the centre of Côte d'Ivoire	All components.
Site d'Agbanssou (Pakouabo-Bouaflé. Région de la Marahoué)	7.156760	-5.792630		A large camp located in the sub-prefecture of pakouabo. in the department of Bouaflé.	All components.

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. \*

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

---

**Additional Supporting Documents:**

<b>Filename</b>	<b>File Uploaded By</b>	<b>File Uploaded At</b>	
10845_CASE_Annex13_Co-finance Report_PIR1.xlsx	CW TM	2024-09-03 14:29:31	<a href="#"><u>Download</u></a>
10845_IMPACT_Annex13_Co-finance Report_PIR1.xlsx	CW TM	2024-09-03 14:24:21	<a href="#"><u>Download</u></a>