



National action plan on mercury in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector in Angola

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

Basic Information

GEF ID

10135

Countries

Angola

Project Title

National action plan on mercury in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector in Angola

GEF Agency(ies)

UNIDO

Agency ID

UNIDO: 180266

GEF Focal Area(s)

Chemicals and Waste

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

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

AT, 02/03/19: Yes.

This project is aligned with the GEF-7 CW focal area Programming Directions, Program 4: Enabling Activities.

Paragraph I.4 of Appendix I of document "Guidance to the Global Environment Facility on overall strategies, policies, programme priorities, eligibility for access to and utilization of financial resources and on an indicative list of categories of activities that could receive support from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund" (UNEP/MC/COP.1/8) states that:

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Angola became a Signatory to the Minamata Convention on 11 October 2013. A letter dated 15 November 2018 from Ms. Paula Francisco, Minister of Environment of Angola, to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and to the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, describes the meaningful steps undertaken by Angola towards becoming a Party to 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

AT, 02/03/19: 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

AT, 02/03/19: Yes. This project will receive co-financing from Ministry of Environment of Angola and UNIDO.

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

AT, 02/03/19: Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AI, U2/U3/19: Yes. This project can be funded from resources in the Chemicals and waste focal area allocation (Enabling Activities Minamata).

Agency Response

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

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 02/03/19: Yes.

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

N/A

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT: 02/03/19: Yes. The objective of the project is to enhance national capacity and capability for improved management of mercury through preparation of National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small Gold Mining sector in Angola.

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

AT, 02/03/19: 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

AT, 02/03/19: This enabling activities will elaborate on gender mainstreaming by involving women and vulnerable groups at the sector level in the information sharing and dissemination events, in the project coordination unit and national committee, and the stakeholder level.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 02/03/19: Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 02/03/19: Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

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

AT, 02/03/19: No.

The endorsement letter was issued by Mr. Paixao Miguel Esteves, while the name of the OFP in the GEF database is Mr. Julio Ingles Ferreira (See below in detail). Please revise the name of the OFP in the GEF database or resend the letter of endorsement by the right person.

Mr. Julio Ingles Ferreira

Council Member for the constituency of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe since 2018-05-17, Operational Focal Point
Operational Focal Point since 2018-05-17
Advisor to the Minister
Ministry of Environmen

AT, 02/21/19: Comment cleared.

Agency Response

An endorsement letter signed by the OFP registered in the GEF database, Mr. Julio Ingles Ferreira, is available for consideration by the Secretariat of the GEF as an attachment to the submitted project.

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

AT, 02/03/19: Not at this time. Please see the comment in Part III, box "Country Endorsement".

AT, 02/21/19: There is an additional comment on description on PART I: Project Information. (See below)

AT, 02/25/19: All comments cleared.

Agency Response

The Agency's answer to the GEF Secretariat comment on the eligibility of Angola for funding from GEF is:

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The Agency's answer to the GEF Secretariat comment on section "PART I: Project Information" of the project on the Portal is:

Fields "Other Executing partner(s)" and "Executing Partners type" in section "PART I: Project Information" of the project shown in the Portal have been respectively updated with "Ministry of Environment (MINAMB); UNITAR." and "Others".

Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

STAP Comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

AT, 12/21/18: Angola is not a Party to the Minamata Convention. The initial Guidance of Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention to the GEF states that "to be eligible for funding from GEF, a country must be a Party to the Convention". Therefore, this project is currently not eligible for funding from GEF. Please consider for resubmission of the project when Angola becomes a Party to the Convention.

AT, 02/03/19: Not at this time. Please address the comment stated in Part III, box "Country Endorsement."

Angola is eligible to access to the GEF resources for the Enabling Activities for the National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Sector, based on the Paragraph I.4 of Appendix I of document "Guidance to the Global Environment Facility on overall strategies, policies, programme priorities, eligibility for access to and utilization of financial resources and on an indicative list of categories of activities that could receive support from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund" (UNEP/MC/COP.1/8).

AT, 02/21/19: Not at this time.

In Part I: Project Information:

The project proposal in **word document** states that "Project Executing Entity(s) are Ministry of Environment of Angola and UNITAR. However, **"Other Executing partner(s)"** and **"Executing Partners type"** are blank in **"PART I: Project Information"** shown in the the Portal. Please fix them appropriately.

AT, 02/25/19: All comments cleared. the PM recommends for CEO Approval.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	12/21/2018	1/25/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/3/2019	2/13/2019
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/21/2019	
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/25/2019	

Additional Review (as necessary)

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations