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Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10606	Umoja WBS: SB-022287
SMA IPMR ID: 142407	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000849/GP00004385
Project Short Title: GEF-CW.10606.GOLD+ Global	
Project Title: GEF GOLD+: Global coordination, knowledge management and outreach	
Duration months planned:	72
Duration months age:	15
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	Global
Region:	
Countries:	Bolivia,Ecuador,Ghana,Guinea,Honduras,Ivory Coast,Madagascar,Mali,Nicaragua,Nigeria,Sierra Leone,Suriname,Uganda,Zambia,Congo, Republic of the
GEF Focal Area(s):	Chemicals and Waste
GEF financing amount:	\$ 7,936,276.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 1,099,757.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2023-01-12
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2023-02-27
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2023-03-22
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2023-05-03
Date of First Disbursement:	2023-05-04

Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 941,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 777,755.00
Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2026-05-04
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2029-04-30
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2029-04-30
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2030-04-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2030-04-30

1.2 Project Description

This project is the second and continuation of the global project under the planetGOLD programme that aims to support the deepening of mercury reduction in artisanal and small scale gold mining, holistic formalization of the sector, and scaling up of successful interventions through sharing of technical information, outreach to relevant stakeholder, knowledge exchange and communication strategies in Bolivia, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Ecuador, Honduras, Suriname, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Republic of Congo and Uganda.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Industry and Economy Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Natural Resources Defense Council/UNEP Knowledge&Risk Unit
names of Other Project Partners	
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Kevin Helps
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Grace Halla
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Anuradha Shenoy
UNEP Support Assistants	Rocio Fernandez
Manager/Representative	Susan Keane
Project Manager	Mona Avalos

Finance Manager	Tyrone Warren
Communications Lead, if relevant	Jennifer Wilmore Scroggins

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Chemicals and pollution action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	N/A
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Pollution: (iii) Number of policy, regulatory, financial and technical measures developed with UNEP support to reduce pollution in air, water, soil and the ocean • Pollution: (iv) Reduction in releases of pollutants to the environment achieved with UNEP support • Pollution: Change in action by the private sector and civil society on pollution prevention and control as a result of UNEP action <p>Progress in the chemicals- and pollution-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda on which UNEP focuses its work</p>
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	not applicable as it is a global project
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages • Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns • Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	

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	
9.2- Quantity of mercury reduced		511.032		
4- Area of landscapes under improved practices (excluding protected areas)		1,251,909.19		
6- Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated		402,648		
11.1- Male		198,439		

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11.2- Female		172,687		

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	S	S	L
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Notable achievements during the reporting period include:

Component 1: Under output 1.1, a webinar series on jurisdiction approaches for ASGM was launched, with six webinars completed so far. A dedicated page for all JA resources has also been created as a reference for project staff. Two tools to support application of JA have also been drafted. Under Output 1.2, the planetGOLD web platform continues to be well-utilized, maintained, and updated with updates and information from all country projects, including new pages added for phase 2 projects, and with curated resources and over 800 materials in the online resource library. The website sees roughly 6,700 users per month on average. Number of downloads of materials is up since the last annual reporting period. No activities have been undertaken under Output 1.3 yet, because the meetings to be conducted in this activity are for now being held under the first phase of planetGOLD (GEF ID 9697).

Under Output 1.4, the project continues to identify and curate relevant resources, such as existing knowledge hubs, webinars, events and other content to share with country projects and add to the planetGOLD website. Under Output 1.5, the communication and outreach activities in the programme since the implementation of the second phase have so far been strong, with online and social media campaigns for International Women’s Day featuring perspectives from across the programme on gender equity, ongoing “Dispatches from the Field” campaigns with episodes featuring GOLD+ countries under development, and stories and updates shared from 8 GOLD+ country projects. These projects’ media and communication materials all followed the planetGOLD programme branding and messaging guidance provided by the global project. The communications community of practice is already proving useful, with communication specialists from similar regions making connections to share perspectives and resources and engaging in strategic discussion during quarterly calls and the in-person meeting held June 2024 in the Philippines.

Component 2: Under Output 2.1.1 One virtual inception meeting series, consisting of an overview webinar followed by topical trainings, was held to orient new and existing planetGOLD program countries on the tools, resources, expectations for participation, and contributions to the program, emphasizing coordination, communication, and knowledge management pillars, ensuring alignment with program objectives and facilitating effective project execution and collaboration. The global project conducted three virtual programme coordination meetings to share updates, enhance communication, and streamline reporting processes. These meetings focused on the 2024 planetGOLD Global Forum, preparing for annual reporting, and discussing strategies for occupational safety and project formalization. To foster a community of practice among gender experts, a knowledge exchange among country project experts gender was held to discuss gender equality in ASGM. The meeting focused on sharing updates on gender-focused initiatives, addressing challenges in engaging rural communities, and reviewing the impact of training and support programs on women. To enhance regional cooperation, the project conducted four LAC regional coordination meetings with themes (introductory, finance, formalization, and looking ahead post-Global Forum and in-person during the Global Forum) were held. Memos of meetings are found in the GOLD+ archive. In addition, since October 2023, seven meetings were held with the Francophone West African region of the planetGOLD programme, including an introductory call, three virtual regional coordination meetings, an in-person meeting in the Philippines, a meeting on the implementation of a training program for artisanal miners and a meeting on financial opportunities. These regional efforts fostered collaboration, shared achievements, and advanced programme goals.

Under Output 2.1.2, the global project has made significant advances in this reporting period on formalizing the reporting and information sharing requirements for projects in the programme, and in refining systems and processes for collecting and compiling project reporting. The global project finalized and disseminated a document providing guidance to country projects on how to calculate the agreed upon cross-programme indicators, and designed and implemented the new iGOLD online system to capture reporting. The project used these submissions to produce the 2022-2023 Annual Progress Report and to compile quarterly report summaries with activities and/or information from all GOLD+ country projects.

A memo listing outputs, activities and associated deliverables for the reporting period can be found at this link: https://nrdc1-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/skeane_nrdc_org/EZqq11SXxbJFjpE7osRLza0Bhd29LDr4N98Y6gcU1XxytQ?e=guJExY

In regards to financial management, the project is progressing well with expenditure over 70% of the forecast since project inception.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 1,099,757
Actual to date:	527,558
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>The project has made initial progress in materialization of the expected co-finance. About 17 percent of the original amount of committed co-finance has been realized. Unfortunately two of the cofinancing entities have withdrawn their cofinancing pledge, as the pledges were made prior to the establishment of the current institutional arrangements and thus were no longer deemed valid. Also, not all cofinancing entities submitted their information on cofinance during the reporting period prior to the reporting deadline. When additional information is received, the values will be updated.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2024-06-05
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>The planetGOLD Programme Advisory Group (PAG), comprising representatives from academia, finance, gold buyers, governments, and NGOs, continued its meetings with project staff over the reporting period, including GOLD+ country staff. The global project conducted a survey among all 23 countries in the program, including GOLD+ countries, to gauge their engagement experiences with stakeholders, revealing generally positive relationships, particularly with government entities, NGOs, and local communities. Challenges, as reported by seven of the GOLD+ countries, included engaging with financial sector, turnover in government positions, reluctance of buyers to allow miners independence, strict government authorization and restrictions on public statements, insufficient engagement with LSM sectors, and opposition from some communities to mining activities. Successful stakeholder engagement examples included high commitment from miners and their communities to formalize and adopt new practices, good relations with mining federations, national and local government support and collaboration, and interagency collaboration. Projects were also asked to comment on their experiences with co-financing partners; of those who responded some reported positive development in identifying new co-financiers, but also noted that some co-financing partners may expect something in return, and some had a lack of clarity around the role as a co-financier. The global project also focused on assisting countries to establish grievance mechanisms.</p>

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	The inclusion of sharing and bolstering women’s experiences and expertise within the mining communities continues to be a priority for the global project. The project carried out an International Women’s Day campaign with testimonies from several projects, shared photo stories and social media posts, and hosted a virtual country project gender expert gathering to share their project activities and experiences. During the planetGOLD Global Forum, there was a balance of both women and men from planetGOLD+ projects (i.e. Uganda, Nicaragua, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire) who played important roles as panelists and session leaders.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? No If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes?
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? No If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?
Environmental and social safeguards management	The planetGOLD Criteria are the primary vehicle by which the program ensures compliance with environmental and social safeguards, including GOLD+ countries. This year the project was asked to serve on the CRAFT Advisory Committee as part of an effort to align the Code with the OECD Due Diligence. Changes that impacted the planetGOLD Criteria were flagged and the global project is working to revise the Criteria and share the updated version. Further, the project incorporated additional comments to the planetGOLD Criteria guidance document, recommending best practices for ASGM engagement with Indigenous Communities.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>To orient GOLD+ projects to the planetGOLD programme, the global project created and delivered orientation trainings on: (1) general programme information (2) web editing & iGOLD reporting system; (3) cross-programme indicators & annual reporting in iGOLD; (4) the planetGOLD Criteria 101; and (5) communication strategy & tools. In addition, through our contractor Conservation International, the global program organized six virtual trainings on jurisdictional/landscape approaches. On an ongoing basis, the project adds links to existing knowledge hubs, links to regional and national resources, and additional relevant resources, to the planetGOLD website.</p>
Main learning during the period	<p>Output 1: Under Output 1.1, the trainings on jurisdictional approaches revealed that multistakeholder processes in general are familiar to many of the planetGOLD programme participants, and there was optimism that this approach would be helpful for accelerating the process of formalizing ASGM in the relevant jurisdictions in their countries. Under Output 1.2, we learned the importance of training resources, for which we created a special page to make them more accessible. We learned of interest in topics like ASGM and vulnerable populations, illegality, etc. for which we can create new curated collections, but additional curated collections will most likely require a new design of the current curated collections page. We also learned there is high interest in the intersection of ASGM and biodiversity, engagement with Indigenous populations, and gender, which will influence future knowledge exchange opportunities.</p> <p>Finally, it is clear from feedback received from communication officers and other staff joining new country projects that the catalog of communication resources, tools, and guides established during the first phase of the programme are highly useful to new projects as they begin their implementation. GOLD+ projects actively producing communication and media materials quickly and rather seamlessly incorporated the branding guidance and communication tools with much less direct involvement or intervention needed from the global project, compared to the first phase projects which did not have the benefit of this full library at their disposal upon project launch. Additionally, a few new project communication officers or teams have arranged separate bilateral exchanges with phase 1 communication officers/teams, particularly with others in the same region, demonstrating a benefit of planetGOLD's global programme model designed to share experiences, resources, and advice. Phase 1 projects have offered for newer country projects to utilize and customize communication and training materials they developed over the last 5 years, to give them a jumpstart. One further learning is that several GOLD+ country projects are rapidly and proactively adopting a strategy of connecting with members of the media in their country early on, taking up strategies of organizing meetings with reporters, media visits, and trainings to build contacts and relationships early in the life of the project. This type of strategy is very promising, as media outreach and relationships take time to cultivate and educating members of the media on nuances in the ASGM sector needs to be ongoing.</p>

	<p>Output 2: The main learnings under Output 2.1 relate to regional coordination. The Francophone regional coordination revealed the critical importance of engagement to establish a collaborative framework and build strong relationships, as well as the value of structured and regular communication to ensure continuous progress. Facilitating discussions on common challenges and encouraging knowledge sharing among countries fosters mutual support and the identification of best practices. Highlighting specific achievements, such as promoting successful financial mechanism models, motivate and empower countries to advance their initiatives. Encouraging innovative approaches and ensuring representation in the Global Forum further enhances collaboration and support. In Latin American countries, the coordination meetings highlighted the importance of early-stage project alignment, leveraging knowledge materials, and addressing gaps. Key learnings included the need for effective collaboration, sustainable mining practices, and tailored financial mechanisms. In these regional discussions, emphasis was placed on cleaner technologies, formalization processes, mercury monitoring, and empowering miners, particularly women, through improved data collection and regulation efforts. Networking at the Global Forum further facilitated collaboration and shared insights. Overall, creating a supportive and collaborative environment enables countries in these regions to share their successes, learn from each other, and collectively advance the goals of the planetGOLD programme.</p> <p>Under Output 2.2, investments of time and resources in clarifying the cross-programmatic indicators all projects need to track and report on have been well worth the effort, and it is also clear that ongoing education and clarifications around definitions and calculations of these indicators are still needed. After carrying out the first annual reporting cycle in early Q3 2023, quantitative data submissions among mostly countries made it clear that further education was needed around the indicators, and that modifications were needed to the online iGOLD reporting system to help clarify and streamline the process. The global project has made many of these updates already and will make further updates in Q3 2024. On the part of country project teams and their Implementing Agencies, a higher level of data validation and quality review of country project reporting results prior to submission – to ensure that they align with the guidance provided by the global project -- would be extremely valuable toward aggregating reporting across all projects in the programme and could make the annual report production process significantly more efficient and timely.</p>
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2.9. Stories

<p>Stories to be shared</p>	<p>Notable stories and original content published on the programme website, YouTube, social media, and online photo story platform include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video episode in the “Dispatches from the Field” series giving an overview of the Ecuador project’s ore sales strategy, which encourages small-scale gold miners to sell their mineral to processing plants that do not use mercury, all while delivering a higher profit rate than if the miners processed the gold themselves using mercury: https://youtu.be/CC--1si_HR4?si=bow_QU6deOayel7V
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A video commemorating International Women’s Day with perspectives from GOLD+ project staff and stakeholders on the importance of advancing gender equity in ASGM: https://youtu.be/Fz5BNbtPHEk?si=GV0redkUoWNflyMa• An interactive global map project featuring information from GOLD+ countries along with those from the first phase of the programme, which the project updated this reporting period to make all content available in French and Spanish as well as the original English: https://www.planetgold.org/360-Experience
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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
Objective: Support the deepening of mercury reduction in artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), holistic formalization of the sector, and scaling up of successful interventions through sharing of technical information, outreach to relevant stakeholders, knowledge exchange and communication strategies	Reference to GEF CORE Indicators on tab.1				0	During this first reporting period, the 15 countries under GOLD+ projects were in the initial stages of project implementation. Some countries have only recently constituted their project implementation units, while others which have begun execution are still in the process of baseline data collection, site selection, and initial awareness raising and capacity building activities.	S
Outcome 1: Stakeholders from governments, private sector, mining communities and the public have improved understanding of the ASGM sector and access to knowledge products related to promoting responsible ASGM	No. of countries piloting/applying innovative formalization models	0	0	7	0	Country projects are in the initial stages of baseline studies and capacity building related to formalization, including applying jurisdictional approaches. This will lay the groundwork for application of innovative models in later years. Please refer to the 2022-2023 Annual Progress report for country-by-country details.	S
Outcome 1: Stakeholders from governments, private sector, mining communities and the public have improved understanding of the ASGM sector and access to	No. of countries piloting/applying innovative financing models	0	0	15	0	Country projects are in the initial stages of outreach to the financial sector as well as financial trainings for ASGM entities. This will lay the groundwork for innovative finance models	S

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knowledge products related to promoting responsible ASGM						in later years. Please refer to the 2022-2023 Annual Progress report for country-by-country details.	
Outcome 1: Stakeholders from governments, private sector, mining communities and the public have improved understanding of the ASGM sector and access to knowledge products related to promoting responsible ASGM	No. of countries piloting/applying innovative mercury reduction models	0	0	15	0	Country projects are in the initial stages of baseline studies, and site selection for ASGM areas and operations with whom they can work on mercury reduction and elimination. This will lay the groundwork for application of innovative mercury reduction models in later years. Please refer to the 2022-2023 Annual Progress report for country-by-country details.	S
Outcome 2: planetGOLD programme child projects are aligned to the objectives of the programme and contribute to overall programme aims and outcomes	No. of child projects well aligned with the programme objective and contribute to overall outcomes including tracking of the four programme wide indicators on mercury reductio...	0	0	15	9	Although most projects are still in initial stages, during this reporting period 9 projects (9: Bolivia, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Honduras, Ghana, Nicaragua, Madagascar, Uganda) made use of the iGOLD system to contribute information to help track overall outcome of the programme. While the projects do not yet have quantitative data on the four indicators, they nonetheless provided information on initial activities related to the four project pillars.	S
Outcome 2: planetGOLD programme child projects are aligned to the objectives of the programme and contribute to overall programme	Percentage of mining entities adhering to planetGOLD criteria for environmentally and socially responsible operations	0	0	70%	0%	Projects have not yet initiated technical assistance activities to mining entities. However, GOLD+ project representatives received	S

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
aims and outcomes						orientation training on the planetGOLD Criteria and have ongoing access to all materials via a dedicated page on the website. Additional awareness raising was conducted during a session of the APM. Further detailed training will take place in August 2024, and piloting of an app to collection data to support evaluation of the criteria will be held in one GOLD+ country in September -October 2024.	

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 Knowledge Management & Communication	Output 1.1 Jurisdictional approach/landscape approach: countries are supported to apply jurisdictional and landscape approaches to strengthen formalization in ASGM	2029-04-30		3% of budget for Component 1 expended; Target of number of webinar series on JA/LA developed: 6 of 8 (75%); Target of number of JA/LA tools: 0%; Target number of	During this reporting period, Conservation International and its partners, acting as contractors to the global project, initiated a webinar series reviewing the basics of jurisdictional and landscape approaches that can be applied to strengthen the formalization of ASGM. The Six sessions delivered during this period included: Introduction to: Introduction to Integrated Landscape Management; Introduction to LandScale: Platform for	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
				countries trained & supported: 9 of 15 (60%); Target number of countries implementing JA/LA approaches: 0%	Monitoring Impacts at Landscape Scale; Stakeholder Engagement & Shared Visioning for Coalition Building; Negotiations for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs); Activating Landscape Action through Landscape Action Plans; and Economic Valuation of The Impact of Illegal Gold Mining. The sessions were delivered in English, French and Spanish. Pre-reading materials were also made available. Recordings of the sessions, as well as PowerPoint presentations and pre-reading materials have been posted to a dedicated page of the planetGOLD website: https://www.planetgold.org/ja-la-resources In addition, work has begun on creating tools that can accompany the approaches described during the webinars. To date, two draft tools have been created: a Landscape Profile Tool and a Landscape Partnership Exercise Tool.	
1 Knowledge Management & Communication	Output 1.2 the planetGOLD web platform is utilised, maintained, updated with all available information and fully functional	2029-04-30		3% of budget for Component 1 expended; Target of average number of unique	From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the average number of unique monthly users of the planetGOLD website platform was 6,733 users, exceeding the target of 4,000 monthly users. The global project has drafted and published country	S

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				<p>monthly users of planetGOLD platform: 6,733 of 4,000 (>100%); Target of number of material downloads per month: 603 of 800 (75%); Target of number of pages and resources created on key topics and made available in the knowledge hub: 2 of 15 new curated pages/collections (13%) / 804 of 900 total resources (89%)</p>	<p>webpages for 8 GOLD+ countries: Bolivia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Honduras, Ghana, Nicaragua, Madagascar, and Uganda. The top three GOLD+ country webpages that were visited included: Bolivia (1,500 views), Uganda (1,400 views) and Cote d'Ivoire (1,300 views). The programme web platform began with a baseline of approximately 450 resources, and the project's mid-point target of resources in the knowledge hub is 675 total resources. This mid-point target has already been exceeded, with more than 800 resources available in the resource library as of the end of the reporting period. The average number of PDF downloads per month was 603 – below the end-point target number of 800. However, total downloads from the website amounted to 7,238 PDF documents – representing an 8% increase from the previous reporting period. During this period 69 News and Voices posts and Events pages were created, 29 of which were published by or featured information about GOLD+ country projects. New curated webpages were created for training materials produced by planetGOLD projects and for Jurisdictional Approach / Landscape</p>	

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					Approach resources. To optimize the management of information on the growing number of countries participating in the programme, a new Countries landing page (https://www.planetgold.org/countries) was created in the website's main navigation, giving visitors the ability to filter by region, and the web map on the homepage was upgraded to improve user experience. A new page was also created for the use of the planetGOLD country projects, called HomeBase, where all relevant materials related to project orientation, guidance documents, reporting and other materials can be found in one place.	
1 Knowledge Management & Communication	Output 1.3 Annual Programme Meeting, Global Forum and technical seminars organised	2029-04-30		No activities implemented yet	No activities were conducted under this output, as the Global Forum and Annual Program Meeting were conducted under the phase one project (GEF ID 9697).	S
1 Knowledge Management & Communication	Output 1.4 Knowledge from the global ASGM community are collected, curated, exchanged and disseminated and new products are produced to fill in the gaps	2029-04-30		3% of budget for Component 1 expended; Target of number of knowledge products specifically focused on gender in ASGM	The project continues to identify and curate relevant resources and content to share with country projects and to add to the knowledge repository. A curated collection was created specifically on the topic of jurisdictional and landscape approaches. Ongoing addition of existing knowledge hubs and links to regional and national resources have been and will continue to be added to	S

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				published: 0 of 6 (0%); Target of number of non-gender related new knowledge products commissioned: 0 of 5 (0%); Target of number of blogs, news articles, events, photo essays, videos, success stories and resources published : 460 of 350 (>100%)	the planetGOLD website such as Women and Mining; African Intelligence; and Itaipreziosi's Chain of Information. A future curated collection will provide links to popular hubs such as those listed above and others such as Delve, International Women in Mining, and the SIRGE Coalition which focuses on securing Indigenous Peoples' Rights. No new knowledge products were yet developed under GOLD+, as these products are currently still supported by the phase 1 project.	
1 Knowledge Management & Communication	Output 1.5 Outreach and communication strategies toward the government, mining community and private sector and public are continued and expanded	2029-04-30		3% of budget for Component 1 expended; Target of percent delivery on global media and communication strategy: 1 of 1 (100%); Target of number of programme newsletters sent: 8 of 25 (32%);	The global project has a revised communication strategy document for phase 2 of the programme. Since the launch of the GOLD+ global project, 5 email newsletters and 3 additional email announcements have been distributed to the planetGOLD email list, which had 1,432 subscribers as of the end of this reporting period. Email newsletters featured news and updates from all active GOLD+ country projects that had published updates on any planetGOLD communication channels during the	S

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				Target of number of country projects whose media/comms materials following branding and messaging guides: 8 of 15 (53%)	reporting period.To orient new project staff joining the programme, the global communication team took the following steps: made all communication materials and other key programme resources available on an internal landing webpage called Home Base (www.planetgold.org/home-base); provided an overview of the communication strategy and tools in a June 2023 orientation session and a subsequent September 2023 training; and organized one-on-one calls with each new project communication officer who joined the programme to review the guidance and expectations. In addition, the global communication manager provided reminders about these guidelines during the in-person convening of all communication officers in June 2024 in the Philippines. All GOLD+ project communication officers participate in quarterly planetGOLD Communication Network calls to hear lessons learned from communication efforts in the first phase of the programme and to exchange updates and potential story leads. The project also offered in partnership with planetGOLD Colombia an online training session for communications officers on	

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					<p>iSpring, a virtual learning platform available for projects to use in creating virtual trainings or interactive courses. Additional communication tools the global project gave all communications officers access to a Canva online design tool to facilitate their creation of branded graphic designs for project outreach, a shared Google Drive for sharing media assets, an online Basecamp project with communication calendar and other resources, and a WhatsApp group, for regular information sharing among planetGOLD communications officers. Several new project teams have arranged separate bilateral exchanges with phase 1 communication officers in their region, particularly in the Latin America region, to share experiences and advice. Compiling assets from across active projects in the programme including some in GOLD+, the global project produced a video and photo story commemorating International Women's Day with perspectives from project staff and stakeholders on the importance of advancing gender equity in ASGM. The project also collected assets from projects to produce an introductory</p>	

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					video for the Global Forum on ASGM event and to include in a programme-wide photo contest. The global communication team incorporated photos and information from GOLD+ country projects in the planetGOLD “360 Experience,” its interactive global map project disseminated online and in key events. The global project also updated this interactive project during the reporting period to add translations in French and Spanish.	
2 COORDINATION OF THE PLANETGOLD PROGRAMME	Output 2.1: Child projects collaborate with and contribute to planetGOLD programme level knowledge management and coordination activities	2029-04-30		10% of budget for 2 expended; Number of virtual inception orientations held: 1 of 2 (50%); Target of number of bimonthly programme coordination meetings: 3 of 25 (12%); Target of Number of gender, finance, and safeguards community of practice meetings to	An overall virtual inception meeting was conducted to orient new and existing planetGOLD program countries on the tools, resources, expectations for participation, and contributions to the program, emphasizing coordination, communication, and knowledge management pillars, ensuring alignment with program objectives and facilitating effective project execution and collaboration. To complement this overview, four topical training sessions were subsequently held on: (1) web editing & iGOLD reporting system; (2) cross-programme indicators & annual reporting in iGOLD; (3) the planetGOLD Criteria 101; (4) communication strategy & tools. The global project hosted three programme coordination meetings between July 1,	S

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				<p>share lessons & exchange knowledge: 1 of 12 (8%); Target of number of Criteria guidance documents: 1 of 1 (100%); Target of number of Criteria training modules: 0 (0%); Target of number of regional coordination meetings: 11 of 15 (73%)</p>	<p>2023, and June 30 2024 to share project updates. The project teams and the global project also interacted in person during the June 2024 planetGOLD Global Forum and the APM which was held directly after Forum. These meetings aimed to share updates, establish communication channels, and standardize reporting processes. One Gender Expert Knowledge Exchange meeting on April 4, 2024, brought together representatives from child project countries to discuss gender equality in ASGM. The objectives were to share updates on gender-focused initiatives, discuss challenges in engaging rural communities, and review the impact of training and support programs on women. Although a training module and guidance document has not been created yet under phase two, under the phase one planetGOLD project (GEF ID 9697) the planetGOLD Criteria Guidance document 2.0 (revised in 2022), Environmental and Social Risk Verification Form and supplemental guidance (with CRAFT Code Modules) were disseminated to all country projects via email, accessible via Homepage, and presented during the orientation session which took place in December 2023. The</p>	

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					Guidance document is currently under its third review to ensure it is aligned with new CRAFT Code revisions and reflects guidance provided in the guidance document, "Agreement and Engagement with Rightsholders in ASGM." A training on the Criteria will be conducted in Q3 2024 with focus audience of phase two projects but open to all. Latin American and West African Countries/Regional Coordination Meetings: The global project has held multiple meetings with individual project countries and regional meetings involving multiple countries fostering a collaborative environment.	
2 COORDINATION OF THE PLANETGOLD PROGRAMME	Output 2.2: Programme results are collected, compiled and assessed, and the GEF, GEF agencies, executing partners, and external programme advisors are informed on programme progress, gaps and achievements	2029-04-30		10% of budget for 2 expended; Target of number of annual programme reports published: 1 of 5 (20%); Target of number of quarterly narrative reports submitted: 4 of 20 (20%); Target	The global project finalized and disseminated across the programme a document providing guidance to country projects on how to calculate the agreed upon cross-programme indicators, in English, French and Spanish (https://www.planetgold.org/guidance-calculation-planetgold-cross-programme-output-indicators). After disseminating this guidance document and providing an overview via an online training session and on a bimonthly coordination call, the global project collected 2022-2023 annual reporting data from country	S

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				<p>of number of PAG meetings held: 3 of 15 (20%); Target of number of engagements maintained through the PAG: 19 of 20 (95%); Target of percentage of programme wide and national level grievance cases resolved: n/a</p>	<p>projects via a new online reporting system the global project created known as iGOLD. This system was developed to incorporate and streamline quantitative data reporting with qualitative narrative reporting. The global project granted access to iGOLD for at least one representative from each country project, and widely provided training on how to use the iGOLD system. Following the collection of 2022-2023 reporting data in Q3 2023, the global project analyzing and validated the data with country projects as needed. This was the first reporting period in which both quantitative data on the cross-programme indicators and narrative reporting on activities under the programme core thematic areas were collected. The majority of GOLD+ country projects that had activities to report during the 2022-2023 period provided only narrative reporting, as most had not yet carried out the type of activities that produce quantitative results. The global project published the annual report to project staff, the PSC, the Programme Advisory Group (PAG), online, and at the Global Forum event in English, French, and Spanish. Each quarter, the project</p>	

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					collected narrative summary reports from country projects via the iGOLD online reporting system, compiled all entries in a total of 4 quarterly reporting summaries, and disseminated summaries to project staff, the PSC, and the PAG.	

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	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

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
Political economy issues - Political Economy / Vested Interests: criminal groups; armed groups; corruption etc	All outcomes	L	L						=	It is too early to have a proper assessment of this risk at this stage of the project. At the global level, it is low risk but may vary across child

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										projects.
Resistance to change (technology and practices) - Introduction of new technologies may threaten job	All outcomes especially Outcome 1	L	L						=	It is too early to assess the progress at country level, however, it is a low risk at the global level
Climate Change: Changes in the environment (for example desertification) could push people into ASGM. resulting in rushes which are difficult to regulate and may hinder communication and stakeholder engagement plans	All outcomes	L	L						=	It is too early to assess at the country level, however, low risk at the global level
Lack of buy-in by governments	All outcomes	M	L						=	We are still at the beginning of the second phase of the programme, however, most of the phase 2 countries have launched at the national level showing buy-in of governments
Lack of buy-in by the private sector	Outcome 1	M	M						=	It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement
Lack of buy-in by miners	Outcome 1	M	M						=	It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement
Reputational risk	All outcomes	M	M						=	It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement
Political upheaval / instability: change of government. change of policy priorities. new programme interlocutors etc	All outcomes	M	M						=	It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement
Covid-19 pandemic related impacts result in	All outcomes	H	L						↓	COVID 19 risks have declined in

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
delays in stakeholder consultations and child project start										project countries to the extent that they are not currently a factor in implementation.
Delays in providing information (i.e.. monitoring data. lessons learned etc.) to the Global child project by the country child projects	Outcome 2	M	L						=	The global project has been keeping new projects up-to-date with all the information available on the programme, and organising regular calls (regional ones as well) to keep all country manager informed
Limited understanding of the resources (time. skills and funds) required to implement JA/LA resulting in shortfalls	Outcome 1.1	M	M						=	It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement
		M	M							It is still too early to assess this risk therefore remain at same level as CEO endorsement

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
Lack of buy-in by governments	Engaged with governments during project inception.	Engaged governments through communications and participation in Global Forum.	ongoing engagement	Global team	Throughout next reporting period
Lack of buy-in by the private sector	Developed strong relationships with key	Engaged with private sector in a number of forums (eg	ongoing engagement	Global team	Throughout next reporting period

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	private sector players before project start.	LBMA. WGC. IGF)			
Lack of buy-in by miners	Engaged with other projects (DELVE Exchange) with strong miner networks that project could collaborate with.	Worked with countries to include miners. including a substantial delegation and active participation of miners at the Global Forum (using Delve Exchange leaders as moderators)	ongoing engagement	Global team	Throughout next reporting period
Reputational risk	Established communications to project positive messaging around the project.	Used partners. PAG and communications to project positive messaging around the project.	Ongoing communication	Global team. especially communications team	Throughout next reporting period
Political upheaval / instability: change of government. change of policy priorities. new programme interlocutors etc	Monitored political situations in project countries.; encouraged engagement at all levels of government to mitigate risks	Continued to monitor political situations in project countries.; encouraged engagement at all levels of government to mitigate risks	Ongoing monitoring	Global team	Throughout next reporting period
Delays in providing information (i.e.. monitoring data. lessons learned etc.) to the Global child project by the country child projects	Created online platform to make data submission easier.	Provided specific training during orientation on how to calculate indicators and how to submit this information to the online platform; updated platform to streamline submissions	Ongoing assistant and training on indicators and data submission	Global team. especially web team.	Throughout next reporting period
Limited understanding of the resources (time. skills	Developed training plan on JA.	Initiated training webinars and creation of tools to	Additional in-depth training	Global team. especially JA contractor	Throughout next reporting period.

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
and funds) required to implement JA/LA resulting in shortfalls		support efficient JA implementation.			

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:	No

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
Original agreement	Extension	2023-03-15	2023-03-22	2029-07-31	This is the original agreement signed on the project between UNEP and NRDC

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
Bolivia	-17.0568696	-64.9912286			
Ecuador	-1.3397668	-79.3666965			
Ghana	8.0300284	-1.0800271			
Guinea	9.509130	-13.712550			
Honduras	15.2572432	-86.0755145			
Cote dlvoire	5.4091179	-4.0422099			
Madagascar	-18.9249604	46.4416422			
Mali	16.3700359	-2.2900239			
Nicaragua	12.6090157	-85.2936911			
Nigeria	9.6000359	7.9999721			
Republic of Congo	-0.7264327	15.6419155			
Sierra Leone	8.6400349	-11.8400269			
Suriname	4.1413025	-56.0771187			

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Uganda	1.5333554	32.2166578			
Zambia	-14.5189121	27.5589884			

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

As this is a global project, geo referenced information refers to the country itself

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