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Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:09-Sep-2016
Planned Mid Term Review Date:17-Dec-2018
Original Closing Date:30-Apr-2021

Effectiveness Date:06-Feb-2017
Actual Mid-Term Review Date:-Revised Closing Date:30-Apr-2021

Global Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The PDOs are to (a) develop a national strategy on mercury and related action plans, and (b) improve China's mercury management capacity and readiness to implement this strategy in the project provinces.

Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective? No

Components

Name

Public Disclosure Authorized

Development of National Strategy and Sectoral and Provincial Action Plans: (Cost \$4.72 M)

Capacity Strengthening for Mercury Management and Risk Assessment: (Cost \$10.48 M)

Project Management:(Cost \$0.80 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Moderately Satisfactory	 Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	• Low	• Low

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Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Despite delay due to slow start-up the project is gaining momentum and making progress towards the PDO. The National level inter-ministerial coordinating group of Minamata Convention was established and held its first coordination meeting In April 2018 with the participation of representatives of 16 ministries. The national technical advisor has been hired and is working effectively with FECO in providing technical advice. Various consultancies that will contribute to the development of national strategy and related action plans are contracted or at different stages of procurement. These consultancies are expected to mobilize more resources to speed up the studies to ensure that national strategies and substrategies development are completed within the current implementation period despite the initial delay. The Mercury flow reporting template is being finalized and shared with stakeholders for comments by end of June 2018 with contracts expected to be signed by September 2018.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	• Low	• Low	• Low
Macroeconomic	Low	Low	• Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	Low	Low	• Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	Low	Low	• Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	• Low	• Low	• Low
Fiduciary	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Environment and Social	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Stakeholders	Low	Low	• Low
Other		Low	• Low
Overall	Moderate	Low	• Low

Results

Global Environmental Objective Indicators

▶ National strategy developed and submitted for approval(Text, Custom)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target		
Value	No national strategy	Not started	Contract signed and actual work has started.	Submitted for approval		
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020		

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Comments

The National Strategy Preparation Coordination Group has been established for implementation of the Minamata Convention,

Mercury flow tracked by a fully functional MIS(Text, Custom) Baseline Actual (Previous) Actual (Current) **End Target** Value No system to track TOR has been MIS in operation in Not started mercury flow finalized. the three provinces Date 21-Jun-2018 01-Nov-2016 19-Dec-2017 31-Dec-2020

Overall Comments

A national MIS platform for soil environment is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. It was agreed that the CPMO aims to sign a contract for this consulting service by September 2018 and continues to follow up with the relevant MEP departments and other key stakeholders as to the appropriate institutional arrangements that will ensure sustainable functioning of the MIS.

Intermediate Results Indicators

▶ Development of sectoral actio	n plans (Number, Custom)			
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020

Comments

There are a total number of 24 TORs concerning the *Development of National Strategy and Sectoral and Provincial Action Plans*. Among which, four individual contracts (national technical advisor, expert to provide guidance and support on the national strategies of the five atmospheric point sources, formulation of strategy for management of mercury supply sources and trade) have been signed. The bidding process for the six sub-strategies and sectoral action plans were finished in April and the contract signing are expected in June. The bidding of the other nine more complex sub-strategies and sectoral action plans are expected to happen in June/July, Three TORs have received NOL from the Bank and will enter procurement process shortly. Another two TORs are being drafted.

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▶ Development of three provincial action plans (Text, Custom)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target		
Value	No provincial action plans	Not started	Not started	Submitted for provincial approval		
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020		

Comments

The bidding of the Provincial Implementation Plans in Shaanxi, Hunan, and Guizhou are expected to happen in June/July, due to the complexity of the relevant sectors:

Recycling technologies assessed (Number Custo	
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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020

Comments

Five candidate plants on mercury recycling technology of waste mercury-added products were preliminaries investigated and visited on-site by Shaanxi Province. Anxing CRT recycling company was selected for technology demonstration for the assessment of mercury recycling from waste mercury-added products. Guizhou Gravity Science and Technology Environmental Protection Co., Ltd. was selected for technology demonstration of assessment of mercury recycling from mercury waste.



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▶ Mercury contaminated sites with environmental risks assessed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020

Comments

All three local PIUs carried out investigation and screening of mercury pollution sites for environmental risk assessment. The preliminarily screened contaminated sites include primary mining, mercury and mercury- added products smelting, and production of precious metals. Wu Qiang Xi town in Yuanling county of Hunan province is selected as the demonstration site. The first stage tailing yard of Shaanxi Mercury Antimony Science and Technology Co., Ltd is being considered as a suitable candidate for site risks assessment. The site of Guizhou Blue Sky Solid Waste Disposal Co., Ltd, formerly the site of Guizhou mercury smelter, was selected as the site in October 2017.

▶ Participants in consultation activities during project implementation (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020

■ Number of key mercury sectors represented by participants (Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	19-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2020



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▶ Participants in dissemination events (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	2,700.00
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	21-Jun-2018	31-Dec-2020

Comments

About 1800 representatives from environmental protection departments and enterprises have participated in the awareness building activities regarding Minamata Convention and mercury pollution management.

▲ Participants in dissemination events - female (Number, Custom Breakdown)						
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target		
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		
Date	01-Nov-2016	19-Dec-2017	19-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2020		

Overall Comments

The project activities are just starting and most consultancies are at procurement stage or at early stage of contract implementation. So the indicators are not showing substantial progress yet.

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

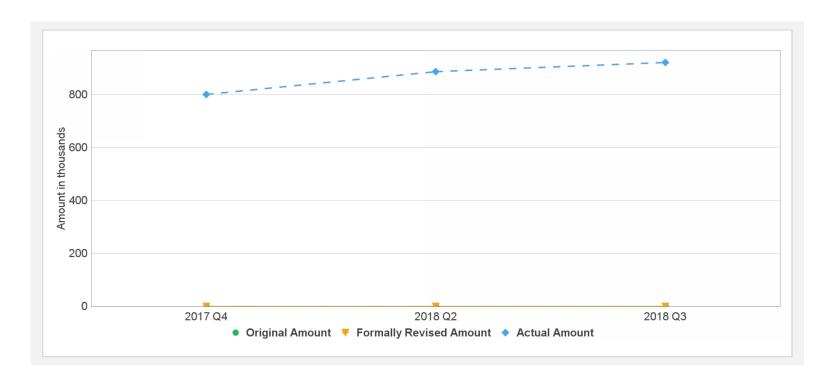
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		Disbursed
P151281	TF-A3066	Effective	USD	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.92	7.08		12%
Key Dates (by Joan)										

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P151281	TF-A3066	Effective	14-Nov-2016	14-Nov-2016	06-Feb-2017	30-Apr-2021	30-Apr-2021

Cumulative Disbursements

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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.