

Development of National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in Cote d'Ivoire

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10383

Countries

Cote d'Ivoire

Project Name

Development of National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining in Cote d'Ivoire

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

10/11/2019

Review completed by PM

2/19/2020

Program Manager

Anil Sookdeo

Focal Area

Chemicals and Waste

Project Type

EA

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10.28/19: Yes,

This project is aligned with the Objective of the Programming Directions CW-EA: Strengthen the capacity of countries to report to the Minamata and Stockholm . Cote d'Ivoire ratified the Minamata Convention on October 1, 2019.

On 7 January 2019, Cote d'Ivoire notified the Minamata Secretariat, according to the Article 7 Paragraph 3 of the Minamata Convention that "ASGM and processing its territory is more than insignificant."

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes. The objective of the project is to assist Cote d'Ivoire in the development of its National Implementation Plan on Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining, raise awareness on the Minamata Convention and build the national capacity for the early implementation of the National Adaptation Plan. Table B contains Project Outcome and Outputs which are appropriately designed to achieve the objectives.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Co-financing is not required for Enabling Activities.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from:

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion N/A

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**Agency Response**

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**Agency Response**

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes. The GEF project financing \$500,000 will be utilized to support the development and early implementation of the NAP in a cost-effective manner.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

On 1 October 2019, Cote d'Ivoire ratified the Minamata Convention.

On 7 January 2019, Cote d'Ivoire notified the Minamata Secretariat, according to the Article 7 Paragraph 3 of the Minamata Convention that "ASGM and processing its territory is more than insignificant." Hence, Cote d'Ivoire shall develop and implement a National Action Plan in accordance with Annex C and the Secretariat no later than August 2020.

In 2017, the government of Cote d'Ivoire undertook the implementation of the Minamata Initial Assessment project with the assistance of UN Environment. Mercury emissions and releases inventory performed in 2018 revealed the significant from the ASGM sector.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities.

Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

T, 10/28/19: Yes.

The objective of the project is to assist Cote d'Ivoire in the development of its National Implementation Plan on Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining, raise awareness on the Minamata Convention and build the national capacity for the early implementation of the National Adaptation Plan.

Project components and their activities are as follows;

Component 1: Global technical support for the NAP development:

Training and guidance provided to relevant national stakeholders in Cote d'Ivoire.

Component 2: National Action Plan development:

Establishing a coordination mechanism and organization of process

Developing a national overview of the ASGM sector, including baseline estimates of mercury use and practices developed as part of mercury inventory activity

Setting goals and objectives

Component 3: Monitoring and Evaluation

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: 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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

This project has the opportunity to promote gender equality and women empowerment by developing a strategy with SMART indicators aimed at gender mainstreaming throughout the project implementation at the national level. It's recommended that the focal points of the Minamata Convention follow the UN training "Introduction to gender equality" for a better understanding of the topic before working on the strategy.

AS Feb 19, 2020 - Comments addressed.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Almost fine, but one comment.

[In Part I: Project Information] Please add the name of the other co-executing agency "Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development" to the list of "Other Executing Partners" and add "Government" to the list of "Executing Partner Type".

AS Feb 19, 2020 - Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19; Not sufficiently. Please revised the content of OFP letter as follows;

(1) Please match the Subject (Project Title) is wrong. Please math the Subject with the Project title submitted to the Portal.

(2) Budget table has errors. Please revise the items as follows;

Focal Area: Chemicals and Waste

Project Preparation: 0

Project: USD 500,000

Fee: USD 47,500

Total: USD 547,500

AS Feb 19, 2020 - The new LoE has been modified – though we requested to address the letter to the current GEF-UNEP’s Executive Director (Ms. Kelly West), still the LoE is addressed to the previous one that left this position more than four years ago (Ms. Brennan Van Dyke).

That said, the amount requested in Portal for the Agency Fee is higher than the amount endorsed by the GEF OFP. As a result of the above mistake, the total cost requested in Table D in Portal is also higher than the amount endorsed by the GEF OFP.

Please request a new LoE so the letter is addressed to the current GEF-UNEP Executive Coordinator (Ms. Kelly West). Similarly, please reduce the request in Portal for Agency Fee / GEF Financing or to increase the figures in the LoE aiming to tail these amounts to the endorsed figures in the LoE.

April 7, 2020 - Comment cleared.

Agency Response

UNEP Response: 20/03/2020

New LoE uploaded (Endorsement 200318). Please note that the original letter (endorsement NAP IVC) cannot be removed as the delete button doesn’t exist for this document.

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

No, there are still errors on the LOE.

April 7, 2020 - All comments have been responded to.

Agency Response

UNEP Response: 20/03/2020

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Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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STAP Comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

AT, 10/28/19: Not at this time. Please address all comments stated above.

AS Feb 19, 2020 - The LOE needs to be corrected.

Review Dates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

Response to Secretariat comments

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

The Minamata Convention on Mercury controls the use of mercury. Article 7 of the Convention controls the use of mercury in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector. Parties to the Convention that have artisanal and small-scale gold mining in their territories that uses mercury, on determining that there is a more than insignificant use of mercury in the sector can notify the Convention of this use. Once a Party notifies such use it is required to undertake the development of a national action plan which sets out the action plan the Party will implement to phase out of mercury in the sector. These national action plans are enabling activities under the Convention and are a requirement for the financial mechanism to fund.

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire has ratified the convention and made a notification under Article 7; therefore, it is eligible for funding for the development of a national action plan for the ASGM sector.

This project has been reviewed and follows GEF policy and is consistent with the requirements set out in the Minamata Convention and the GEF 7 CW programming directions. The project on completion will both allow the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to fulfill its obligations as a Party to the Minamata Convention and to act to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of mercury in its ASGM sector.

