

# Development of a National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector in the Philippines

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11825

**Countries**

Philippines

**Project Name**

Development of a National Action Plan for the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector in the Philippines

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

10/22/2024

**Review completed by PM**

11/7/2024

**Program Manager**

Yuki Shiga

**Focal Area**

Chemicals and Waste

**Project Type**

EA

**Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)**

**Section I - Enabling Activity Summary**

**Funding elements.**

**Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

Yes. This is an enabling activity for the Minamata Convention.

**Agency's Comments**

**Cost Ranges.**

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

Secretariat's Commentsno deviation.

**Agency's Comments**

**Enabling activity summary.**

**Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?**

**Secretariat's Comments**

2024.12.10: cleared.

2024.11.15:

- In Activity 2.1.2, please ensure that there is gender expertise in multipartite consultations. Include

gender experts in 2.1.4. Under institutional arrangements, please ensure that in the composition of Artisanal Gold Council and the National Coordination Mechanism, gender experts are represented (beyond gender balance). As the project noted that "a gender strategy will be developed by a gender expert during inception to be implemented and monitored throughout the project", please reflect or make a reference under Monitoring and Evaluation that gender-specific results will be monitored and reported on.

- please add the M&E component in the respective section in the GEF Portal.

Component 3: M&E	The project achieves results on time through effective monitoring and evaluation	3.1: Status of project implementation and probity of use of funds accessed on a regular basis and communicated to the Global Environment Facility. 3.2: Independent operational completion report developed and made publicly available.	15,000.00
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)			
Subtotal:			455,000.00
Project Management Cost:			45,000.00
Total Enabling Activity Cost:			500,000.00

## Agency's Comments

### 18/11/2024 Agency response:

Gender expertise has been explicitly included under activities 2.1.2 and 2.1.4.

Specific wording regarding the representation of gender experts as part of the Executing Agency's team and National Coordination Mechanism has been included in the project documents.

Plans to monitor gender mainstreaming had already been included under M&E. However, the suggested phrasing has now been included to ensure this will be carefully looked at during project implementation.

The M&E component has been added in its respective section in the GEF Portal.

### Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

#### Eligibility Criteria.

**Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?**

**Secretariat's Comments**yes.

#### Agency's Comments

**Institutional framework.**

**Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?**

Secretariat's Commentsyes.

Agency's Comments

**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

**Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?**

Secretariat's Commentsyes.

Agency's Comments

**Section 3. Information Tables**

**GEF resource availability.**

**Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?**

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

yes

**Agency Response**

**Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):**

**STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area allocation?**

Secretariat's CommentsYes. It is within the recommended budget of \$500,000.

Agency's Comments

**LDCF under the principle of equitable access?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area Set Aside?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Rio Markers.**

**Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Country endorsement.**

**Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal**

Secretariat's Commentsyes.

Agency's Comments

**Response to Comments**

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

**Gef Secretariat comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Council comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**STAP comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

**Project Budget Table.**

**Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?**

Secretariat's Comments

2024.12.10: cleared.

2024.11.15:

Please provide details on what are the consultants and which specific national activities they will deliver.

National consultants for national activities	261,000	261,000	AGC	124,25	124,25	248,50
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2024.10.24:

Operational costs (\$10,000) and Communications (postage, bank transfers etc.) should not be charged to project components, but to PMC.

## Agency's Comments

### **31/10/2024 Agency response:**

Operational costs and communications-related costs have now been charged to PMC and slightly reduced. Subsequent budgetary changes in project personnel have been made to reflect the related variations.

### **18/11/2024 Agency response:**

National consultants and the respective tasks to be performed have been detailed in Annex B. Consultants to be hired. Furthermore, the positions to be potentially recruited under national consultants are available below (additional experts can be hired based on expertise needed):

- a) Technical Project Coordinator
- b) Field Activities Coordinator
- c) Communications and Campaign Specialist
- d) Field Technician (Socioeconomics)
- e) Field Technician (Geo metallurgy)
- f) Field Technician (Environment)
- g) Gender Specialist
- h) Public Health Specialist
- i) Public Policy and Mineral Legislation
- j) Geometallurgy / Mineral Processing Specialist
- k) Chemist / Chemical Engineer
- l) Geographer
- m) NAP Writer

### **Environmental and Social Safeguards.**

**If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)**

Secretariat's Commentsyes.

Agency's Comments

**GEFSEC DECISION  
RECOMMENDATION.**

**Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?**

Secretariat's Comments2024.12.10:

This EA is recommended for technical clearance.

2024.11.15 /10.24:

Not yet. Please refer to the review items and resubmit for consideration (please highlight the update).

**REVIEW DATE(S)**

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
<b>First Review</b>	<b>10/24/2024</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>11/6/2024</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>11/15/2024</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/10/2024</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		