

Development of Minamata Initial Assessment in Cuba

GEF Secretariat Review for Enabling Activity – GEF - 7

Basic Information

GEF ID

10652

Countries

Cuba

Project Title

Development of Minamata Initial Assessment in Cuba

GEF Agency(ies)

UNEP

Agency ID

UNEP: 01849

GEF Focal Area(s)

Chemicals and Waste

Program Manager

Yuki Shiga

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

Yes. This is an enabling activity for 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 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 No co-financing is required for this EA.

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

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

Sufficient justification provided.

Requested resources seem to be over the recommended budget of \$200k.

Please provide clear justification or re-consider the budget.

Agency Response

Additional text has been added in section F.

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 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 This is the first Minamata Convention Initial Assessment.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

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 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 Yes.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Environment and Social Safeguard checklist was attached in the main document. It is now attached as a separate annex.

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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 Yes.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

Agency Response

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

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CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

This EA is recommended for technical clearance.

Not yet. Please refer to the review items and resubmit for consideration.

Also, this EA does not seem to lend itself to ESS, as this EA appears to focus primarily on desk studies and report preparation.

If so, please submit an email stating the non-applicability of the ESS to this EA.

<https://www.thegef.org/documents/environmental-and-social-safeguard-standards>

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	9/8/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/19/2020	
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CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

This enabling activity will assist the country in conducting mercury inventories, understand the sectoral consumption of mercury and mercury containing products. Cuba acceded to the Minamata Convention on 30 January 2018 and meets the eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources. This is the first project implemented in Cuba aimed at facilitating the implementation of the Minamata Convention. The project is a country-driven initiative in conformity with the Minamata Initial Assessment overall strategies, policies and guidance approved by the Conference of the Parties in its first session.

This activity will also strengthen the capacity of the country to understand issues related to the implementation of the Minamata Convention.