

Development of Minamata Convention Initial Assessment (MIA) For the State of Qatar

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10891

Countries

Qatar

Project Name

Development of Minamata Convention Initial Assessment (MIA) For the State of Qatar

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

10/12/2021

Review completed by PM

12/15/2021

Program Manager

Evelyn Swain

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 CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, this is an enabling activity for a MIA under the Minamata Convention.

Agency Response Start and end date adjusted as requested.

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 the project design is consistent with other GEF approved MIAs and includes the relevant activities.

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 Co-financing is not required for 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, the requested financing is within the amount that is typically funded for MIAs.

Agency Response

**Are they within the resources available from:
The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, this is with in the CW FA allocation.

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

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 EA for the country since becoming a party in November 2020.

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, there is a detailed list of stakeholders included.

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 A gender analysis has been provided and the project will also mainstream gender.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response
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 NA

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

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

PPO has the following comments:

Enabling activity to be returned to the Agency due to:

1. The expected implementation start already passed ? please ask the Agency to change it (as well as the others if appropriate) to a future date.

ES, 12/15/21: The dates have been adjusted. CEO Endorsement is recommended.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	11/22/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/7/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/15/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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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 and production (if applicable) of mercury and mercury containing products. The enabling activity will also assist the Government in determining the national requirements and needs for the ratification of the Minamata Convention, including legislation, institutional frameworks and national policy and establish a national foundation to undertake future works towards the implementation of the Convention.

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