

# 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**

<b>First Review</b>	<b>11/22/2021</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/7/2021</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/15/2021</b>	
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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.