



GEF-6 GEF Secretariat Review For Enabling Activity Proposal

GEF ID:	9701		
Country/Region:	Kazakhstan		
Project Title:	Minamata Initial Assessment		
GEF Agency:	UNDP	GEF Agency Project ID:	6048 (UNDP)
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Chemicals and Waste
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:		Project Grant:	\$400,000
Co-financing:		Total Project Cost:	\$400,000
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Evelyn Swain	Agency Contact Person:	Jacques Van Engel

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	The country has not signed the convention, however they have provided a letter that they are taking steps toward ratification which makes them eligible for a MIA.	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	Yes.	
Project Consistency	3. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?	Yes, this EA is aligned with Program 2.	
	4. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	Yes, this is a MIA project.	
Project Design	5. Are the components in Table A	Yes.	

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
	sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?		
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	Yes.	
	7. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	Yes.	
	8. Is indicated cofinancing appropriate for an enabling activity?	No co-financing is required for EAs.	
Other Comments	9. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for the financial management and procurement assessment ¹ .		
Resource Availability	10. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The STAR allocation? • The focal area allocation? 		
		<p>The amount requested is above the \$200,000 typically allocated for MIAs. Please decrease the amount or provide a very strong justification for the increased amount. Given resource availability the GEF does not expect higher than normal MIAs.</p> <p>ES, 1/31/17: The amount has been decreased from the original request to \$400,000. A strong justification for this amount has been provided based on the unique circumstances of the country. - Comment cleared.</p>	

¹ Question 9 is applicable only to direct access proposal while question 10 (on fees) is not applicable to direct access proposal.
EA review template: updated Feb2015

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LDCF under the principle of equitable access? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focal area set-aside? 		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation	11. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	<p>Not at this time. There is a question about the amount of funding requested.</p> <p>ES, 1/31/17: All issues have been addressed. EA clearance is recommended.</p>	
Review Date (s)	First review*	December 21, 2016	
	Additional review (as necessary)	January 31, 2017	
	Additional review (as necessary)		

* **This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments.**