

To strengthen the institutional capacity for Zambia to implement the obligations of the Minamata Convention by reducing the presence of mercury in vulnerable populations

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this project is to support Zambia in implementing the obligations of the Minamata Convention by reducing the presence of mercury in vulnerable populations as provided for under Articles 16 and 18.

PROJECT SUMMARY

In order for Zambia to implement its obligations under the Minamata Convention, it is imperative that strategies to identify and protect populations at risk to mercury exposure are developed and implemented, including strategies on public information and awareness. The project will conduct an in-depth national survey on populations vulnerable to mercury exposure. Education and training materials to raise public awareness related to the effects of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds on human health will be developed. The project will also evaluate the extent of use of products listed in Annex A of the Minamata Convention. The project will develop strategies on monitoring mercury in biota and on the phase-out of mercury-added products including skin lightening creams and soaps.

BUDGET	DURATION	RELEVANT ARTICLES	PARTNERS
 USD 192,000 Applicant contribution: USD 30,000	 23 Feb 2021 - 22 Feb 2024 (36 months)	 Article 4 - Mercury-added products Article 9 - Releases Article 13 - Financial resources Article 14 - Capacity-building Article 16 - Health aspects Article 17 - Information exchange Article 18 - Public information Article 19 - Research, development and monitoring Article 22 - Effectiveness evaluation	 Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, University of Zambia, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.

PROJECT RESULTS

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OUTPUT 1
 Stakeholders engaged, and national workshop held
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OUTPUT 2
 In-depth national survey on vulnerable populations conducted
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OUTPUT 3
 Education and training materials developed, and public awareness raised
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OUTPUT 4
 Evaluation of the extent of use of products listed in Annex A of the Minamata Convention including skin lightening creams and soaps conducted, and strategy for phase-out of mercury-added products developed
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OUTPUT 5
 Strategy on monitoring of mercury in biota developed

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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RELEVANT SDGs



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