

**Specific International Programme, Round 2  
Interim/Final Progress Report**



**Project ID: 2018/01/A/BEN**

**Country/Region: Benin / Africa**

**Project Title:** Improvement of management framework for mercury-containing products and wastes

**Duration:** 36 months

**Organization/Institution delivering the project:** Ministry of Living Environment and Sustainable Development

**Amount: USD 249,113**

**PCA starting date: 24/05/2019**

**Reporting period: 20 May 2019 to 19 November 2022**

**Amount of last instalment received: USD 65,000**

**Amount of total instalments received: USD 65,000**

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**Date: 12/03/2024**

**Signature:**

**1. Summary of Project Implementation Status**

*Describe in one to two pages the (i) the status of implementation of the project at the time of reporting, (ii) progress towards achieving the project's stated objective according to Annex A, and (iii) overall performance remarks and highlights. Note Section 2 below captures activities and milestone dates as per the project workplan and activity-based budget.*

Activities have been carried out in almost all project components. The significant delay in implementing activities is initially linked to the covid 19 pandemic, and then to the numerous reforms in procurement procedures. It should also be noted that administrative delays were a major obstacle.

**2. Performance with regard to Outputs, Activities, and Milestones**

*Capture here the activities implemented, per Output heading, as were planned to be undertaken during this reporting period according to milestone dates (Month x/Year y) in the agreed Logframe, Workplan, and Activity-based Budget as set forth in Annex A. For Final Report, include all previous output and activity reporting for a complete listing.*

	<i>Name of activity planned for this reporting period</i>	<i>Planned timeframe for activity completion per project logframe</i>	<i>Status – Attained, Partially Attained, Not Attained?</i>	<i>If not attained, please describe why and what mitigation actions already taken or being taken. Continue text below chart as needed.</i>
<i>Output 1 Assessment of actual flows of mercury- containing products and their wastes</i>			<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 1.1</i>	<i>Inception and scoping workshop held and report finalized</i>		<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 1.2</i>	<i>Project coordination</i>		<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 1.3</i>	<i>Tools for data collection finalized</i>		<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 1.4</i>	<i>Flows evaluation available</i>		<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Output 2 Strengthening of regulatory for a better implementation of the Convention</i>			<i>Partially Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 2.1</i>	<i>Project coordination</i>		<i>Attained</i>	
<i>Activity 2.2</i>	<i>Evaluation of institutional and regulatory frameworks</i>		<i>Attained</i>	

Activity 2.3	Decree and orders to comply with the provisions of Annex A of the Convention		Attained	
Activity 2.4	Coordination committee		Partially Attained	
Output 3  Strengthening stakeholders' capacities for better implementation of the Convention			Partially attained	Several meetings of the Technical Committee were organized
Activity 3.1	Project coordination		Not attained	
Activity 3.2	Consultants contracts		Not Attained	
Activity 3.3	Training session		Partially Attained	A training sessions were organised with stakeholders (manuals summarising the various studies).
Activité 3.4	Coordination committee		Partially Attained	
Output 4  Establishment and implementation of national strategy for the management of mercury-containing products/articles			Not Attained	Most documents were drawn up but could not be validated due to Non-completion of administrative procedures to finalize contracts

Activity 4.1	Project coordination		Not attained	
Activity 4.2	Strategy document		Not Attained	
Activity 4.3	Procedure document		Not Attained	
Activity 4.4	Pilot action document		Not attained	
Activity 4.5	Logistics set up		Not attained	
Output 5:  awareness raising of priority target groups and information/ education of the public		With the support of the environmental department, two awareness-raising sessions were organized for farmers on the environmentally sound use of chemicals. An awareness-raising session was also organized for market users on the use of soaps containing mercury.		
Activity 5.2	Communication plan strategy		Attained	A communication plan has been drawn up.
Activity 5.3	Awareness sessions		Partially attained	
Activity 5.4	Alternate promotion session		Partially attained	
Output 6: monitoring, evaluation and financial audit				
Activity 6.1	Final audit		Not attained	The final audit has not yet been completed.

### 3. Challenges, management actions and risk mitigation plans

*Please provide information on any (i) challenges faced in implementing the workplan and delays if any, and (ii) management and mitigation actions taken.*

activities under components 1 and 2 have been fully completed. Activities have been carried out in each of the remaining components, despite the enormous delay caused mainly by administrative constraints.

### 4. Resources and budget

*Please provide (i) a narrative description of financial implementation during the reporting period, (ii) percentage of total funds spent during to date, and (iii) explanation of any delays in spending the funds, any other remarks on the overall project budget.*

Given the delay in project implementation, only the first transfer of USD 65,000 has been made. The totality of these first funds transferred enabled us to fully implement the activities of components 1 and 2, and to start up and complete one activity of component 5 with the support of the national side.

## **5. Communication-related material**

*Please provide information on any project outcomes that could be used as a basis for the Minamata Secretariat to develop communication material and share widely (including on websites, newsletters etc.). Information on any practices and innovations used in the project that can be showed-cased or highlighted is welcome. Any human-interest story would also be welcome. Please also enclose links, pictures, videos, publications, etc. in the attachments section.*

Nothing to report.

## **6. Looking forward**

*Please inform us of (i) any possible changes you foresee in the approved workplan/log frame in the upcoming reporting period, and (ii) any possible challenges that are already anticipated in implementation.*

### **List of Attachments, if any**

- Rapport atelier lancement;
- Rapport collecte de données des produits/articles contenant du mercure
- Rapport évaluation des flux des produits et articles contenant du mercure
- Rapport plan de communication
- Rapport cadre juridique et institutionnel
- Rapport décret relative à gestion du mercure au Bénin
- Rapports relatifs aux arrêtés sur le mercure (amalgames dentaires, orpaillage, cosmétiques et équipements contenant du mercure)