



Burkina Faso, Mali & Senegal



Francophone West Africa: Improve the Health and Environment of ASGM Communities by Reducing Mercury Emissions and Promoting Sound Chemical Management

Duration:

Three years (May 2012–May 2015)

Budget/donor:

FFEM: US\$ 1,155,000

GEF: US\$ 990,000

SAICM: US\$ 220,000 (for Mali only)

Co-financing: US\$ 1,088,000

Co-financers:

The U.S. Department of State, European Commission,
the Governments of Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal, and
UNEP and UNIDO

Main objective and key expected outputs

The main objective of the project is to strengthen local and national capacity to effectively manage and reduce mercury use, emissions, and exposure in ASGM communities.

In addition to finalizing national strategic plans in each country, comprehensive health education and technology training programs will be developed and delivered.

Lastly, the project will provide assistance for mining communities to obtain FAIRMINED® Gold certification in order to address social, environmental, and economic development issues.