

Philippines



Improve the Health and Environment of Artisanal Gold Mining Communities in the Philippines by Reducing Mercury Emissions

Duration:

Two years (August 2013–August 2015)

Budget/donor:

GEF: US\$ 550,000

Co-financing: US\$ 1,081,070

Co-financers:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the U.S. Department of State, Ban Toxics, Dialogos, and UNIDO

Main objective and key expected outputs

The project aims to promote sound chemical management of mercury by strengthening national capacity and reducing mercury use, emissions and exposure at pilot demonstration sites.

In addition to the transfer of techniques and technology, training programmes on the health risks of mercury will also be developed and delivered for miners.

The project will seek to reduce at least 50% of mercury use, emissions and exposure at local pilot sites by introducing low-mercury or mercury free technologies.