

# Colombia



## Introduction of Cleaner Artisanal Gold Mining and Extraction Technologies

Duration:  
Two years (January 2011–December 2012)

Budget/donor:  
Co-financing: US\$ 722,010

Financers:  
Local governments (Codechoco and Corantioquia states) and local partners

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### Main objective and key expected outputs

The project promoted sound management of mercury to reduce the risks associated with mercury use in ASGM, while improving the environmental and economic performance of the sector.

This objective was achieved by strengthening artisanal miners capacity through trainings based on safer and cleaner practices of gold mining.

At least 10-15 million miners are involved worldwide, mainly in Africa, Asia and South America. An estimated three million of them are women and children (UNEP, 2012).