Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance Programme to Reduce Risk and Prevent Pollution from Mercury

THE PHILIPPINES



"Management of Mercury and Mercury-Containing Wastes"

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OBJECTIVES

- To increase the technical capacity of selected countries and other stakeholders in assessing, managing and reducing the risks to human health and the environment posed by mercury and mercury-containing waste
- To test the applicability of the Draft Technical Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Mercury Waste

ACTIVITIES

- Component 1. Review of quantitative and qualitative data from the national inventory of mercury sources
- Component 2. Prioritization of mercury sources and corresponding sectors
- Component 3. Development of a national mercury waste management plan
- Component 4. ESM application in selected sources and sectors
- Component 5. Sampling and mercury analysis of environmental and human samples
- <u>Component 6</u>. Final National Reports and final project report; evaluation

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUTS

- Enhanced Draft Technical Guidelines on the ESM of Mercury Waste
- Sector/source-specific mercury waste issues prioritized
- National and Source/sector-specific mercury waste management plans developed
- Training and capacity-building programs involving specific sources or sectors on ESM of mercury waste undertaken
- Awareness of policymakers, regulators and stakeholders on the importance of proper management of Mercury Wastes; and possible promulgation of local or source/sector specific regulations raised



Participating Countries

Philippines

Cambodia

Pakistan

Burkina Faso (Africa)

