



# MIA

## Development of Minamata Initial Assessment in the Philippines

The project aims to build capacity in Cambodia, Pakistan, and the Philippines, to reduce exposure of mercury to human health and the environment by identifying the main sources and promoting integrated management. The project strengthens institutions and improves national capacities to legislate mercury with a life cycle approach and considers national priorities identified for the issue. through reviewing existing national emissions inventory on mercury, followed by an update of these inventories applying United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Toolkit level II for mercury emissions inventory development. The project develops strategies for risk communication, awareness and outreach to keep civil society informed.

### OBJECTIVES

- Build capacity in three Asian countries (Cambodia, Pakistan and Philippines) towards early ratification and implementation of the Minamata Convention by using scientific and technical knowledge and tools by national stakeholders
- Strengthen institutions and improvement of national capacities to regulate mercury with a life cycle approach taking into consideration the identified national priorities

### COMPONENTS

1. Establishing the coordination mechanism and organization of process.
2. Evaluating the national infrastructure and capacity for the management of mercury, including national legislation.
3. Developing a mercury inventory using the UNEP mercury tool kit and strategies to identify and assess mercury contaminated sites.
4. Identifying challenges, needs and opportunities to implement the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
5. Preparing and validating national MIA reports and implementation of awareness raising activities and dissemination of results.
6. Exchanging information, capacity building and knowledge generation.

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<b>SECTOR</b>	Environment
<b>REGION</b>	Nationwide