

# MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCT REDUCTION PROJECTS WITHIN A NON-LEGALLY BINDING FRAMEWORK



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- Founded/co-coordinated since 2005
- Over 110 NGO's from more than 55 countries





Aim: reduce and where feasible eliminate mercury supply, use, emissions and exposure; implement the Minamata convention

# ZMWG TWO PRONGED STRATEGY

Promote strong policies at [Regional and] global level (UNEP Partnership initiatives, Regional meetings, Conference of the Parties)



Guide and Checklist for Phasing Out Mercury-added Products Under the Minamata Convention on Mercury



#MakeMercuryHistory @minamataMEA

AUGUST  
**16** ENTRY INTO FORCE  
2017

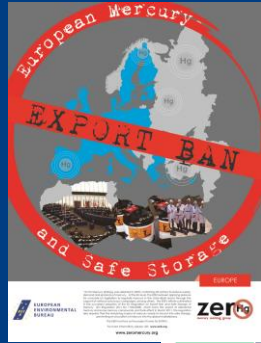


**69** ratifications as of 23 June 2017

First Conference of the Parties  
24-29 September 2017  
Geneva, Switzerland

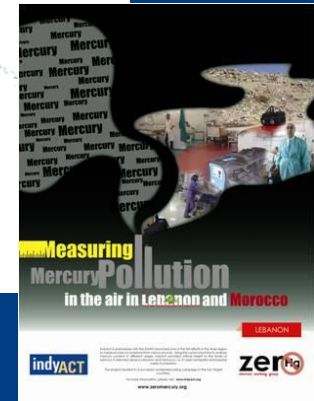
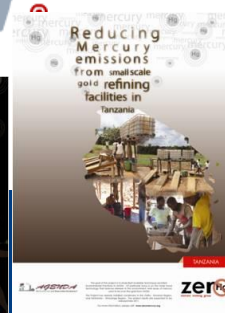
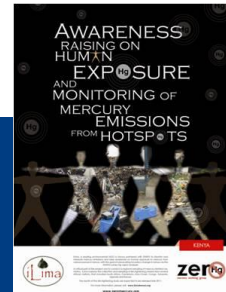
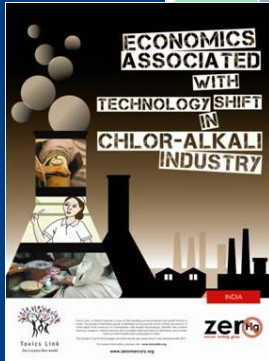
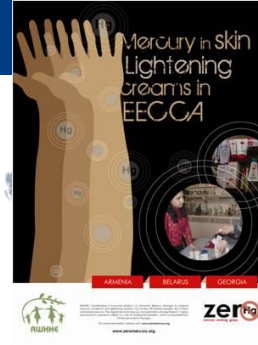
- Support NGO activities at national level (Awareness raising, inventories, national action plans, mercury reduction strategies, Minamata Initial Assessments, etc.)

# ZMWG SUPPORT FOR NGO PROJECTS WORLDWIDE



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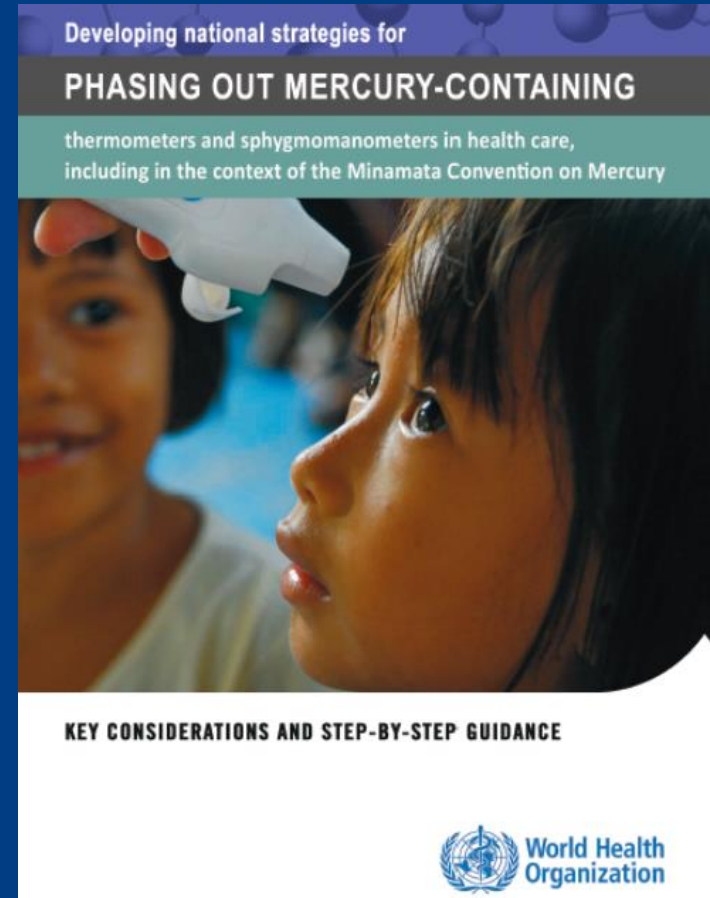
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Since 2005, around 5 projects per year in 30 countries

# SUPPORTING PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Identify implementation needs
- Mercury reduction and awareness raising activities
  - Checklist for phasing out mercury added products
  - Project on Skin lightening creams
  - Assisting in the development of the ASGM NAPs
- Develop and promote legislation



# LOOKING TO SAICM BEYOND 2020

- SAICM post 2020 gives us the opportunity to really integrate all of the chemical's and waste conventions and initiatives considering limited resources
- The opportunity for SAICM is to bring all the conventions together in such a way that benefits all of the MEA's e.g. looking through the lens of waste incineration...
- Gives us more opportunity to regulate the harmful chemicals that fall through the cracks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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