



“Global Partnership for Mercury Management in Artisanal and Small Scale-Gold Mining”

Overview of Proposed Goals and Objectives

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Goal of Global Partnership:

- To promote the reduction of global use and emissions from artisanal and small-scale gold mining
 - support existing international efforts in this area, and increase the availability of community outreach programs to educate mining communities about risks associated with artisanal and small-scale gold mining

Artisanal miners in Laos.

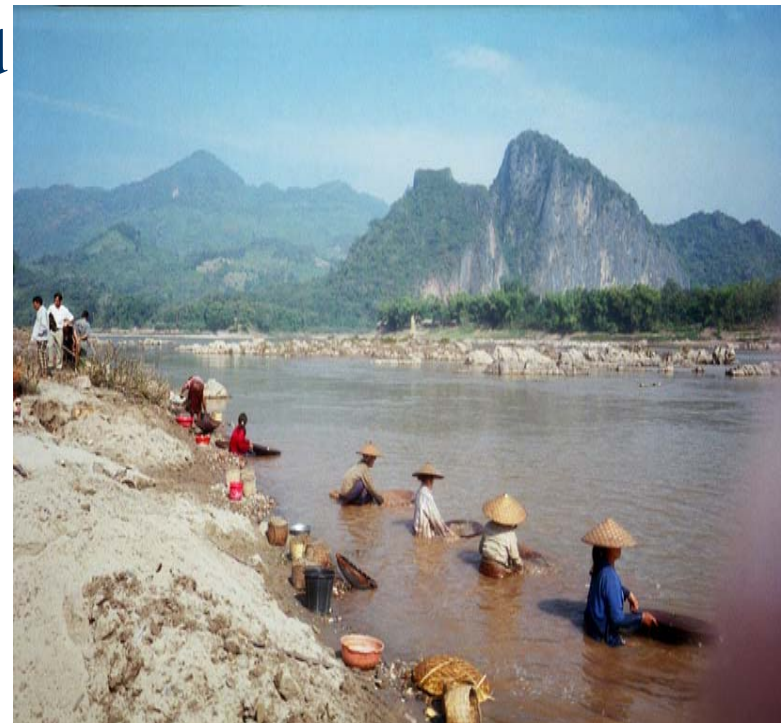


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Objectives of Global Partnership:

- Increase community outreach programs:
 - educate mining communities about mercury risks
 - reduce occupation exposures
 - reduce environmental contamination
- Improve emissions monitoring, data collection, and reporting of mercury use in artisanal mining; improve estimates of mercury air emissions associated with small-scale gold mining



Objectives of the Global Partnership:

- Promote the transfer of best practices and appropriate technologies among governments, local laboratories, and miners
 - technology demonstrations
 - broad information dissemination
- Provide technical support for the implementation of voluntary, cost-effective operational practices aimed at reducing air emissions of mercury from industrial gold mining, where appropriate.