

GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

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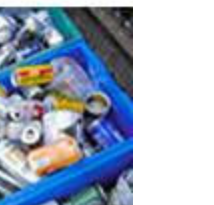
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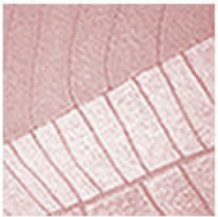


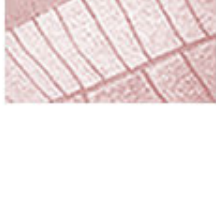
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Why is lead in paint an issue?

- They have been/still being used for decorating (interior/ exterior; homes, schools, structures, toys, furniture, automobiles etc)
- Still widely manufactured & sold for use in many developing countries.
- One of the most common & most concentrated sources of lead for children is from exposure to lead in paint and paint dust.
- Profound and permanent adverse health effects on children.
- Lead also causes harm in adults, including workers. (Learning disabilities, hearing loss, and violent behaviour)
- **We can prevent the adverse effects of lead!**
- Safer substitutes for lead in paint have been known for many years.



Background of the GAELP



One of the emerging policy issues towards meeting the 2020 chemicals safety goal

ICCM2 Resolution II/4 B:

- Endorses this global alliance (contribution WSSD para. 57)
- Invites interested stakeholders to become members (financial or in-kind contributions)
- Develop a business plan with clear milestones and targets.
- Invited UNEP and WHO to serve as the secretariat of the global partnership



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- Overall goal of the partnership - the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, is to prevent children's exposure to lead via paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead in paint.
- The broad objective is to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks from such paint.

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Current activities and progress include:

- Outreach to potential contributors
- First organizational meeting of the Global Alliance held in Geneva (26-28 May 2010): ***developed the overall goals and objectives for the initiative and formulated priority focal areas and workplans.***
- Establishment of an **Interim Advisory Group** to discuss cross-cutting issues, promote actions consistent with the overall goals and objectives and monitor progress;
- Preparation of newsletters and website
<http://http://unep.org/hazardoussubstances/>

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Current activities and progress

- SAICM QSP project to be undertaken in Cameroun

*“Evaluation of lead concentrations in domestic and imported lead paints, and the development and distribution of educational materials on lead hazards for SAICM implementation in Cameroun”
(timeframe 18 months).*

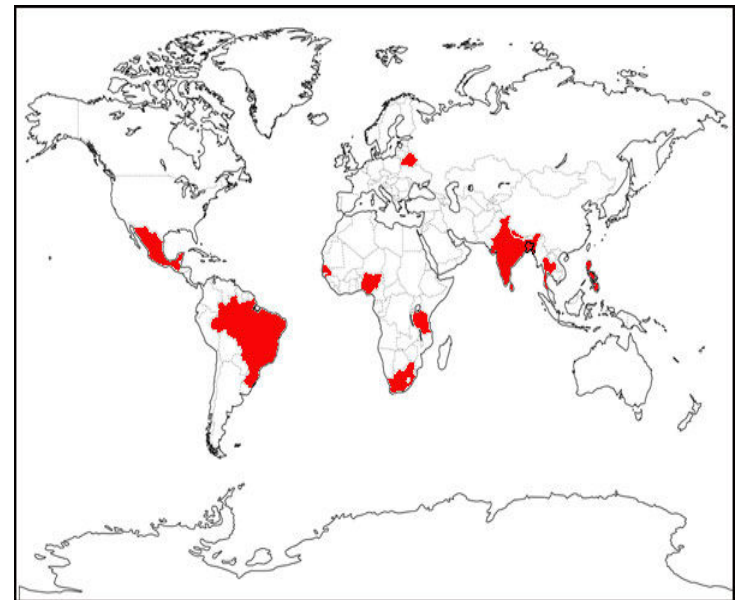
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Global campaign to advance the SAICM emerging issue to eliminate lead in paint carried out by IPEN & Toxics Link in India & NGOs in 10 different countries.

In Africa initial focus on:

Nigeria
Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania



Further information: http://www.ipen.org/ipenweb/work/lead/lead_paint.html .
Information on country specific activities and work can be found at:
http://www.ipen.org/ipenweb/work/lead/lead_map.html

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AFRICAN REGIONAL SAICM MEETING IN APRIL 2011

-SAICM stakeholders in Governments, Intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, including civil society and private sector to cooperate with GAELP and others to help make available; information, guidance and resources towards:

- Raising awareness of health impacts of lead exposure
- Strengthening the capacity of the health sector regarding management of lead poisoning including treatment guidelines and the effectiveness of interventions for health
- Enabling manufacturers to reformulate their paints to eliminate added lead pigments, lead drying agents, and other lead compounds without significantly increasing their costs or sacrificing their performance;

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Raising consumer awareness about lead paints and their hazards, and creating consumer demand for alternatives;
 - Working with manufacturers to establish voluntary, third-party paint certification and labeling programs to enable consumers to identify paints on the market with no added lead.
 - Promulgating national laws and/or regulations to prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of lead paint, especially for applications likely to contribute to childhood lead exposure; and establishing adequate and appropriate enforcement mechanisms.
- The Inter-Ministerial Conference on Health and Environment in Africa to place the topic of eliminating lead paints on the agenda of its next meeting.
- UNEP's Executive Director to initiate a partnership on lead (and cadmium)

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