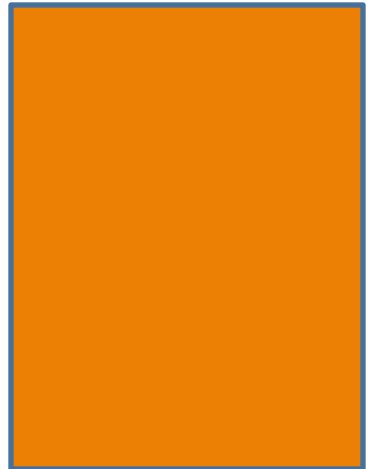




Elements of a National Lead Paint Elimination Program and Building National Working Groups



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This Presentation

- **Elements of a National Lead Paint Elimination Program**
- **Building National Lead Paint Elimination Working Groups**
- **Discussion**



Elements of a National Lead Paint Elimination Program



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Data

- Market survey of paint brands for sale on national market
- Collection and analysis of paint samples for lead content
- Report detailing findings and background on hazard of lead in paint
- Awareness activities using the data



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Awareness Activities

- Relevant government ministries/ agencies and political leaders
- National health sector and other public interest stakeholders
- Paint industry and paint vendors
- Paint purchasers (consumer, commercial and institutional)
- General public, with emphasis on parents and educators



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Program Messages

1) Lead in paint is a major source of human exposure to lead, especially children



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Program Messages

2) There is strong evidence that lead exposure seriously harms children

- Decreases lifelong intelligence
- Reduces school performance and completion
- Increases violent and impulsive behavior
- Increases cases of mental retardation
- Reduces lifelong earning potential and labor productivity



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Program Messages

3) Widespread childhood lead exposure retards national economic development

- Reduced labor productivity associated with childhood lead exposure is estimated to cost Africa \$135 billion per year (4% of GDP)
- Makes schooling children more difficult
- Increases violence and criminal behavior

4) Alternatives to lead in paint are available; the total cost is minimal



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Program Messages

5) The priority for action should be decorative paints and other paints likely to contribute to childhood exposures (such as anti-corrosive paints sold for home or school use)



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Outreach to:

- Ministries/agencies, higher-level officials, political leaders
- Paint industry and relevant national industry associations
- Health and public interest stakeholders



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National Stakeholder Dialogue on the formulation of a regulation and/or a mandatory standard to control the lead content of paints

- Relevant government ministries/agencies
- Paint industry representatives
- Public interest stakeholders



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Promulgate Regulation and/ or a Mandatory Standard



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Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement



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Summary

1. Data collection, analysis & dissemination
2. Awareness activities
3. Consistent messages about the harm and cost of lead exposure and the need for controls
4. Outreach to Ministries and Officials
5. Outreach to the paint industry and relevant industry associations
6. Outreach to health and public interest stakeholders
7. National stakeholder dialogue on the formulation of regulation and or a mandatory standard to control the lead of paints
8. Promulgation of regulation and/or a mandatory standard
9. Compliance monitoring and enforcement



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Building National Lead Paint Elimination Working Groups



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Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint ACTION PLAN for 2015-2016:

“Encourage the formation of national alliances (whose participants might include: government officials; health sector representatives; representatives of the private sector; public interest organizations; and/or others) to assist their governments in establishing national limits on lead paint.”



**Building National Lead Paint
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Purpose of National Working Group

Assist the government in establishing national regulatory controls on lead paint



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Members of National Working Groups

- Government officials from one or more Ministry/Agency
- Representatives of the national paint industry and/or industry association
- Representatives of relevant and interested NGOs and/or other public interest stakeholders



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Support for the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint's Goals & Objectives

Overall Goal: to prevent children's exposure to lead via paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead in paint

Broad Objective: to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks from such paint



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Cooperation to Establish and Implement National Lead Elimination Program

- Conduct a study on the lead content of paints for sale on the national market
- Present study findings to relevant national ministries/agencies, political leaders and others
- Provide information on the hazards of lead paint and the need for national regulatory controls
- Outreach to the national paint industry
- Promote stakeholder dialogue on national regulatory controls on lead in paint.



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Cooperation to Mobilize Resources, if needed, to establish and implement a national lead paint elimination program



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Questions for Discussion

Is it important for your country to establish a national legal framework to control the manufacture, import, sale and use of lead paint?

In your country, what would it take to eliminate lead paint, and what activities would be most valuable?

Would it be useful to create a National Working Group on Lead Paint in your country?

If so, would you be willing to participate in it and/or take the lead in creating it?

Do you see the need for a study on the lead content of paint for sale on the market in your country? If so, would you be willing, with assistance, to help carry out such a study?

What are the obstacles to establishing a national legal framework to control lead paint in your country, and what might be some possible strategies to overcome them?



Discussion

Thank you!



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