

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







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







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







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







Program Messages

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







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







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







Outreach to:

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







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







Promulgate Regulation and/or a Mandatory Standard

- Is there any existing chemicals regulation to build on?
- How is the regulation/standard monitored and enforced?
- What is the consequence of non-compliance?







Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement







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







Elements of a National Lead Paint Elimination Program







Purpose of National Working Group

Assist the government in establishing national regulatory controls on lead paint







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







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







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.







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







Thank you!





