

AFRICAN LEAD PAINT ELIMINATION PROJECT



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Partners



Funding Agency



Implementing Agency



Executing Agency

National Executing Partners



Tanzania: Agenda for Environment and Responsible Development



Cameroon: Research and Education Centre for Development



Côte d'Ivoire: Jeune Volontaires pour l'Environnement



Ethiopia: Pesticide Action Nexus Association – Ethiopia

Project Facts

- \$ 1 million USD over 2.5 years
- 4 Focus Countries
 - Cameroon
 - Côte D'Ivoire
 - Ethiopia
 - Tanzania
- Enhanced replication activities in 5 additional African countries



Status of Lead in Paint in Africa

- High Lead Content in All Project Countries

Country	Study Year	Number of Paints	% Above 90	% Above 600 ppm	% Above 10,000
Tanzania	2009	20	100%	95%	25%
Ethiopia	2013	23	87%	83%	30%
Cote d'Ivoire	2013	20	70%	65%	25%
Cameroon	2011	60	67%	65%	25%

- New, 2013 Reports Show Little Change

Status of Lead in Paint in Africa

High Lead Content in All Other African Countries Where Paint Analyzed

Country	Study Year	Number of Paints	% Above 90	% Above 600 ppm	% Above 10,000
South Africa	2009	29	38	34	
Nigeria	2009	23	100	100	
Senegal	2009	21	86	76	
Kenya	2012	31	77	71	29
Ghana	2013	18	33	28	17
Tunisia	2013	30	21	63	27
Egypt	2009	20	65	65	
Seychelles	2009	28	68	61	

Project Objectives

- Minimize and ultimately eliminate the manufacture, import, sale and use of decorative lead paints in participating countries
- Expand lead elimination activities to other countries in African



Project Activities – Overall

- Market surveys and paint analysis
- Public awareness through report releases and outreach activities
- Engagement with paint manufacturers – both large and small
- Cooperation with government to develop and enact lead paint regulatory controls



Project Activities – To Date

Unified launch events with government engagement in four countries



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Stakeholder engagement in all four countries

- Government Ministries: (Environment, Health, Industry, etc.) and Standards Bureaus
- Media briefings & coverage
- Discussion with Paint Producers
- Support from Health Professionals & Associations



Project Activities – To Date

- Market survey and paint analysis studies now complete in all countries
- International Lead Poisoning Week of Action activities planned in all four countries



Tanzania Report Release

- 56 Paints analyzed
- More 1/2 above 90 parts per million (ppm)
- Nearly ¼ contained exceedingly high lead levels, above 10,000 ppm
- 7 samples contained levels of lead ranging from 52,000 ppm to 99,000 ppm.



African Replication Activities

- African Regional Workshop, December 1-3, 2015 will bring together additional African countries interested in eliminating lead
- EcoWas Resolution Proposes a mandatory 90 ppm standard