

### Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia

# Environmental and Health Impact of Lead in Indonesia

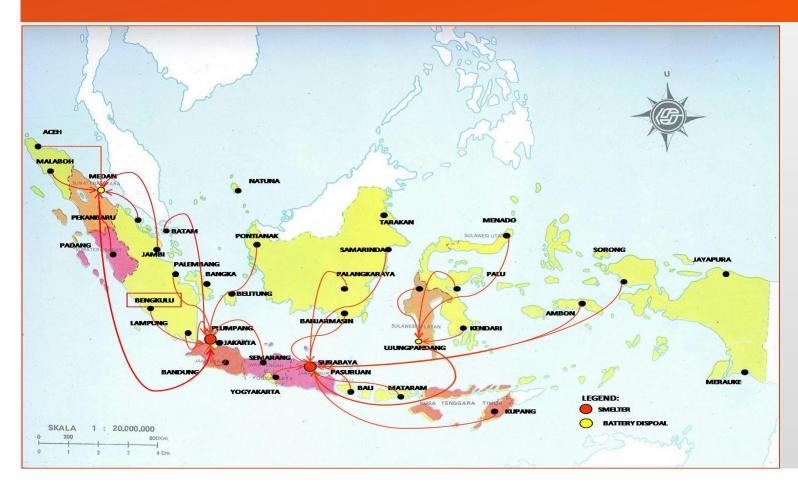
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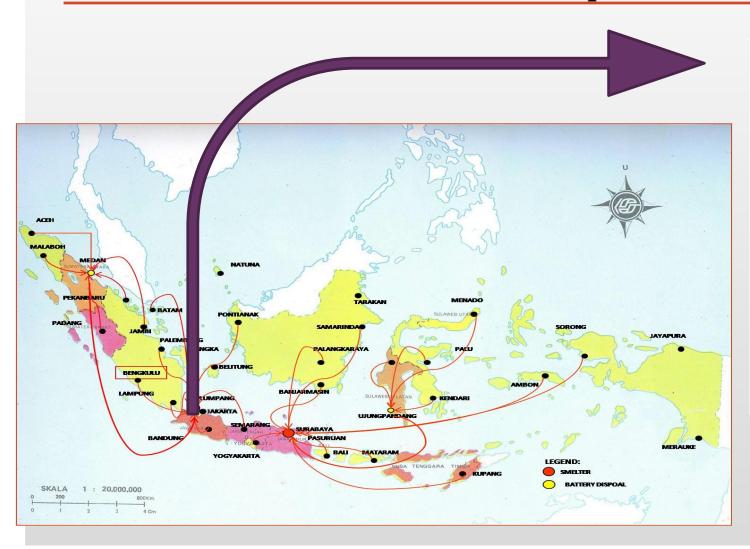


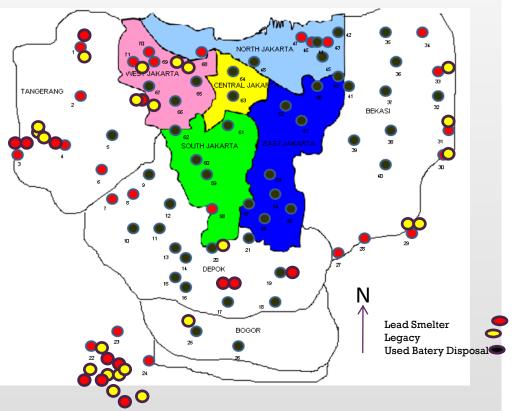
## Pathway of used Batteries in Indonesia:

- Sumatera
- Jawa, Bali and Nusa Tenggara
- Kalimantan
- Sulawesi and Maluku
- Papua

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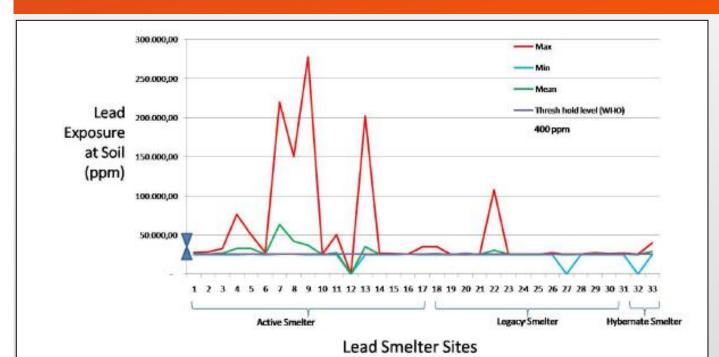
(ULAB Hotspot in Jabodetabek)





Identification of illegal lead based used battery collection and/or smelter in Jakarta and surrounding area

## **Environmental Monitoring of Lead (Pb) in Soil**



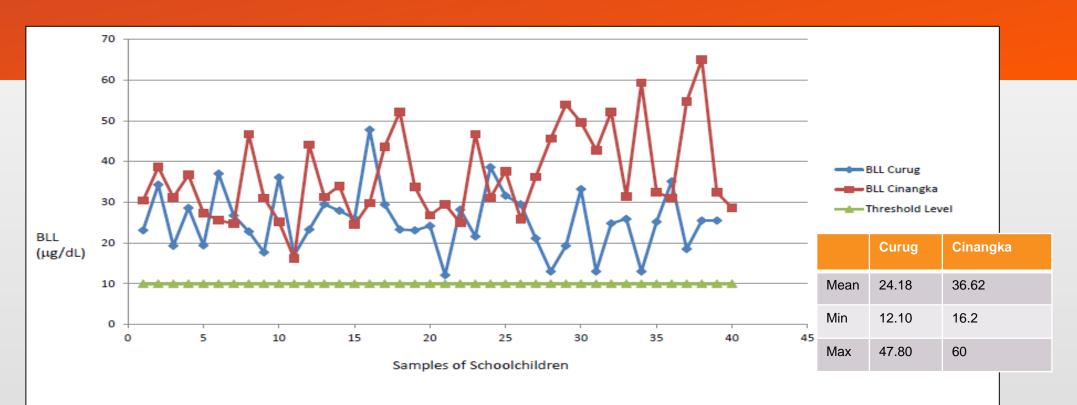
Concentration of Pb in Soil nearby used battery smelter in Jabodetabek (2010)

Air quality in Serpong still shows high levels of lead although gasoline containing lead (TEL) had been abolished in Indonesia since 2006

High level of Pb on the ground at illegal used battery smelter site

Pb Level in children's blood above the threshold

### **Environmental Monitoring of Lead (Pb) in Children's Blood**



Pb Level in children's blood at Cinangka and Curug

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### Contaminated Site in Cinangka, Bogor Regency





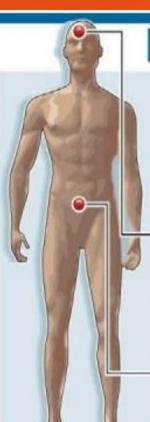




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## **Health Impact of Lead**

### Impact of Lead exposure on human health



Lead poisoning

Lead buildup in the body causes serious health problems

#### Symptoms

- Headaches
- Irritability
- Reduced sensations
- Agressive behavior
- Difficulty sleeping
- Abdominal pain
- Poor appetite
- Constipation
- Anemia

#### Additional complications for children:

Lead is more harmful to children as it can affect developing nerves and brains

- Loss of developmental skills
- Behavior, attention problems
- Hearing loss
- Kidney damage
- Reduced IQ
- Slowed body growth

Source: MedlinePlus/Mayo Clinic

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Lead Poisoning can occur when lead dust is breathed in or through ingesting lead dust or paint chips. Lead interferes with the normal function of the body and is very toxic to the bones, heart, kidneys, and nervous system, including the brain. Lead poisoning in children can stunt their development and cause permanent learning disabilities. Poisonings are generally classified as either acute or chronic. Acute lead poisoning means that a person was exposed to a high concentration of lead in a short period of time. Chronic lead poisoning means that a person was exposed to low concentrations of lead over a long period of time.

#### DANGERS OF LEAD POISONING TO CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN:

Exposure to lead in the womb and lead poisoning in children can have serious mental side effects

Impaired Attention/Concentration Communication Problems Hearing Loss

Learning Disabilities

Lack of Motor Skills

#### SIGNS OF LEAD POISONING:

LEAD IN PLUMBING

MATERIALS:

For many years, pipes, plumbing fixtures,

and soldering contained lead. Today

even "lead-free" plumbing materials may

Mild Side Effects Include: Fatigue Abdominal Pain

More Serious Symptoms Include: Severe Headaches

Nerve Damage

#### LEAD IN THE WORKPLACE: More than 3 million workers in the United States may be exposed to lead at their jobs. The following industries face an increased risk of lead poisoning: Demolition Pipe Fitters Printers 3 MILLION WORKERS

#### DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS:

Products must conform to federal lead paint standards. Every year thousands of children's toys are recalled because they do not meet federal lead paint standards. Toys with lead are especially dangerous because children often suck or chew on them.



#### LEAD PAINT:

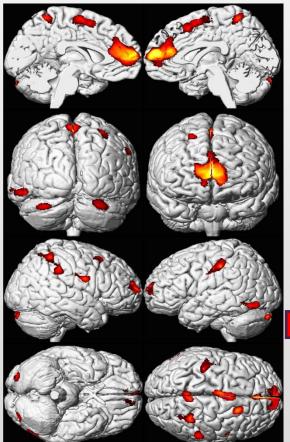
Lead paint was used in homes until 1978. More than 38 million homes may still contain lead paint. Deterioration of lead paint can create lead paint chips and lead dust. Renovation projects in old houses can create lead paint dangers.



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contain up to 8% lead. As plumbing materials corrode lead particles can be released into the water. Memory Problems





- •When lead is absorbed by children, even if it's in a small amount, it can cause disturbances in the early phase of physical and mental growth which then results in reduced intelligence and academic ability.
- •10-20 µg/dL of lead in a child's body could decrease 2 points level of intelligence (IQ)
- •32 million Indonesian children potentially exposed to lead, in particular from smelting facilities processing lead containing used batteries and weathered old layers of paint
- •Prof. Dr. Umar Fahmi Achmadi (Professor of FKM-UI), concluded that every increasing of 1  $\mu$ g/m³ blood, Pb can decline children's IQ (Intelligent Quotient) skor by 0,975

The illustration of volume reduction of adult brain which had lead exposures since his chilhood (colored areas is reduction area)



### **Health Condition**



- Lead levels in the blood (BLL) of children in the village Cinangka relatively high:
  - An average of 36.62 µg / dL
  - Minimum 16.2 µg / dl were found in boys aged 6 years
  - Maximum (above the 60  $\mu$ g / dL) was found in girls aged 7 years
- Children in the area of Cinangka has BLL 100% above normal limits /tolerances are determined by WHO (10 μg / dl).
- Children in the region of Smelter Used Baterries was found suffering from a decrease in IQ, damage to the cells and organs of the brain, anemia, impaired bone growth, impaired kidney function, nervous function damage, mental disability and physical disability.



## Strategy Should be Taken for Handling Lead Contamination

### **EXISTING REGULATION TO CONTROL IMPACTS**

- Act 1945
  - Indonesian people have the right to have a good and healthy environment
- Law Nu. 32 Year 2009 on Environmental Protection and Management
- Gov. Regulation Nu. 101 Year 2014 on Hazardous Waste Management, which states:
  - ULAB is categorized as hazardous;
  - ULAB import is prohibited
- Law Nu. 18 Year 2008 on Solid Waste Management
  - ULAB import is prohibited
- Ministerial Decree for SOP (Standard of Procedure) of Contaminated Site Recovery

### STRATEGY FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION CONTROL IN INDONESIA

Environmental Quality Monitoring

Inspection and Law Enforcement

Increasing the role of University & Research Centre

Develop
mechanism for
product registration
containing of
chemicals

Monitoring of Pollution
Sources, such as: smelter,
paint industry, etc

Subtitution of Non Pb Substances

Decontamination Site of Pb

Conduct Awareness
Campaign/Community
Education



## **Conclusion**

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- Lead pollution is a threat to Indonesia's future
- It is important to increase awareness and the role of stakeholders in order to control lead contamination
- Need to develop an alternative material as a substitute for lead

## Terima Kasih

## Thank you

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