



Center for Public Health and Environmental Development

Bridging people with science and technology for healthy living and environmental development

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Subject: **Letter of Intent to be the contributor for GAELP**

First of all let me take this opportunity to introduce our organization Center for Public Health and Environmental Health (CEPHED), Nepal is a nongovernmental organization working in the field of Environment and Public Health since its establishment in the year 2004. Its goal is improved environment management and public health with the vision of bridging people with science and technology for healthy living and environment safety. Its mission is to act as the bridging forum between people with science and technologies to made access to new scientific knowledge, technologies and safety measures of environment and public health sector through research, coordination, capacity building and policy dialogue etc.

With its active engagement in the area of public health and environment, CEPHED has been awarded membership of several international networks such as: Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternative (GAIA); International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN); Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE); Health Care Without Harm (HCWH); Zero Mercury Working Groups of EEB; Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-Law) etc working worldwide in the area of environment and public health.

As CEPHED has been engaged in the research, preparation, production, dissemination of several Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials such as posters, pamphlet, fact sheets, briefing papers, radio jingles and video documentary, actively engaged in organizing series of district level awareness and capacity building programs, interaction program with paints industries, paint dealers, painters and other stakeholder, programs on environment friendly and safe school on heavy metals including lead in paints issues throughout the country etc. are exactly in the line with the goals of the GAELP to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint as well as objectives of the GAELP to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks that such paint pose.

Furthermore, our ongoing activities on lead in paints exactly complementing to achieving the overall goals and objective contributing to the different sectors: A. Health Aspects (A1, A2, A4, A8, A9, A10) ; B. Environmental Aspects (B1, B2, B4, B9, B10, B13); C. Workers Health (C1, C2, C3, C4, C5); D. Legislation and Regulation (D1, D3, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10); E. Outreach to Industry (E1, E2, D4, E6, E8, E9); F. National Contributors (F1, F2, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10) etc and hence willing to affirm our organizational and my personal commitments to be a contributor to this novel cause and initiatives. With this commitment, I sincerely request you to enlist our organization as well as myself as one of the active and vibrant contributors to this GAELP initiative. We will be happy to render any additional information as well as reports of our research, publications on lead in paints issues in Nepal as well as also joining our hand for regional chemical safety initiatives in the South Asia region.

Thanking you all in anticipation,

With best regard

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GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT INFORMATION ON BECOMING A CONTRIBUTOR

The Global Alliance is a voluntary collaborative initiative to focus and catalyze the efforts of a diverse range of stakeholders to achieve international goals to prevent children's exposure to lead from paint and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The Global Alliance is a joint undertaking of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

- Making a commitment to achieving the overall goals and objectives of the work of the Global Alliance.
- Contributing financially and/or in-kind technical expertise to the development & implementation of activities which help in achieving the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance.
- Working in accordance with the operational framework for the work of the Global Alliance
- Being identified publically as a contributor on the Global Alliance website.
- Networking, sharing information & participating with other contributors in the Global Alliance.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

The overall goal of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The broad objective is to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks that such paint pose. The participation of representative and interested experts from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non governmental organizations including civil society, regional bodies, philanthropic organizations, academia, the media and the private sector is encouraged.

The work of the Global Alliance is organized in five focal areas:

- ① Environmental aspects,
- ② Health aspects,
- ③ Worker's health,
- ④ Legislation and regulation, and
- ⑤ Outreach to industry.

HOW TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Organizations and individuals should complete the attached questionnaire to provide information on the specific initiatives being undertaken in support of the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance. The completed questionnaire should be accompanied by a letter of intent setting out the commitment of the contributor to the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO BOTH:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT UNEP AND WHO AT THE ABOVE ADDRESSES.
[HTTP://WWW.UNEP.ORG/HAZARDOUSSUBSTANCES/](http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/)



GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN CAPITALS AND IN BLACK

Mr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prof	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY NAME		SAH							
FIRST NAME		RAM CHARITRA							
TO WHICH SECTOR DO YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF OR YOUR INSTITUTION (ONE ANSWER ONLY)		A) Government						<input type="checkbox"/>	
		B) Intergovernmental organization						<input type="checkbox"/>	
		C) Non-governmental organization						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		D) Other <small>(e.g. academia, media, private sector, interested individuals, etc.)</small>						<input type="checkbox"/>	
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TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	Financial (estimated amount _____)	
	In-kind (please describe below _____)	✓
	Materials (please describe below _____)	✓

Please describe in the space below the activity that you would like recognized as a contribution. Wherever possible, please select which one of the descriptions from the list in the annex most closely aligns with your proposed contribution

Please provide below a short description of the activity that you would like to have recognized as a contribution

A1, A2, A4, A8, A9, A10, B1, B2, B4, B9, B10, B13
C1, C2, C3, C4, C5
D1, D3, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10E1, E2, E4, E6, E8, E9,
F1, F2, D3, F4, F5, F6, F9, F10

My contribution most closely aligns with the work described in the annex section A B,C,D E and F (please select which ones that apply and give number of activity)

PLEASE SIGN THE FORM BELOW	
Name	Ram Charitra Sah
Signature	
Date	29 October 2011
PLEASE ATTACH YOUR LETTER OF INTENT TO THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE	

ANNEX

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THAT MAY DESCRIBE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A	Health Aspects (including lead toxicity and human exposure, but excluding workers health)
√ A1	Exchange information on the effects of lead on health
√ A2	Exchange information on pathways of exposure to lead paint for children and adults
A3	Provide technical expertise in the design and implementation of studies to estimate the distribution of levels of lead in blood in the populations of other nations
√ A4	Encourage nations to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
A5	Build capacity and sharing information to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
A6	Build capacity and providing training to develop and maintain high-quality laboratory testing for lead in blood
A7	Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
√ A8	Discuss and building capacity on how to reach health providers, caretakers and parents on how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint hazards as part of efforts to minimize exposures to all sources of lead exposure in the household
√ A9	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
√ A10	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
B	Environmental Aspects
√ B1	Encourage nations to conduct monitoring to estimate the prevalence of lead in the environment (for example, in water, soil and animals)
√ B2	Exchange information on lead levels in paints in various countries
B3	Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
√ B4	Encourage nations to conduct housing surveys to estimate the prevalence of lead paint in their housing stock
B5	Develop guidelines with descriptions of simple analytical methods and test kits to identify lead paints
B6	Build capacity and providing information and knowledge in human and laboratory equipment to facilitate laboratory tests for lead paint
B7	Exchange information on methods to make housing and other buildings with lead paint safe for occupancy by children and pregnant women
B8	Minimize risks of previously applied lead paint in buildings by using effective containment
√ B9	Enhance the elimination of lead paint in schools and other buildings where children will be present, given children's susceptibility to lead
√ B10	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
B11	Exchange information on safe disposal of lead paint waste
B12	Develop approaches to manage and store waste containing lead paints
√ B13	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
C	Workers Health (including home-owners repairs)
√ C1	Exchange information on safe methods to conduct repair or renovation activities on the interior and exterior of homes and other buildings that contain lead paint to minimize exposures to residents and workers and to minimize releases to the environment (including from wastes) that may contribute to future exposures
√ C2	Discuss steps to teach renovators, painters and other professionals how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint
√ C3	Exchange information on steps to warn workers of their vulnerability and exposure to lead in small-sized and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in developing countries
√ C4	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
√ C5	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance

D		Legislation and Regulation
√	D1	Exchange information on national, provincial, State and local regulations and legislation on lead concentrations in paints permitted in various countries
	D2	Develop guidelines for establishing national standards, including those that would permit the use only of lead-free paints
√	D3	Encourage nations to require that only lead-free paint may be used in construction activities or renovations being supported with government funds
√	D4	Provide guidance for and information on effective enforcement of national standards, including on how to avoid smuggling of lead paint
√	D5	Build the legal enforcement capacity of environmental health officers in ministries, local authorities and mines
	D6	Provide international support to developing countries by devising further methods to enact comprehensive legislation to phase out lead paint completely
√	D7	Exchange information and providing international support to strengthen and harmonize existing national legislation that focuses on protecting public health in relation to the phase-out of lead paint
√	D8	Build capacity and providing information and knowledge to help officials in a range of ministries to test for lead paint
√	D9	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
√	D10	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
E		Outreach to industry (including informal sector and small and medium enterprises)
√	E1	Exchange information on labelling and certification systems with regard to the presence and concentrations of lead in paint
√	E2	Discuss and providing technical assistance on steps that could be taken to phase out lead from paints and surface coatings such as lacquers, veneers and powder coatings worldwide
	E3	Encourage the use of financial incentives to support the use of lead-free paints
√	E4	Share knowledge on the availability of substitutes to replace lead compounds in paints
	E5	Assess the feasibility of the voluntary phase-out of the production of lead in paint in cooperation with business and industry, including at the (sub)regional level
√	E6	Encourage wholesalers and retailers to halt sales of lead paints
	E7	Exchange information on suggestions for warning labels on new cans of paint alerting users to the health risks that could result if the surfaces being prepared for repainting contain lead paints
√	E8	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
√	E9	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
F		National Contributors (including activities to champion the implementation of GAELP goals and objectives at national and local levels)
√	F1	Translate GAELP-related materials into national or local languages
√	F2	Disseminate GAELP-related materials nationally or locally
	F3	Establish a GAELP-related web site in national or local languages with links to the GAELP web site
√	F4	Test the lead content of paints sold or used nationally or locally and disseminate results
√	F5	Mobilize national or local support for lead paint elimination within civil society and/or the health professions
√	F6	Undertake communications activities aimed at raising public awareness about lead paint and its hazards and at promoting consumer avoidance of lead paints
	F7	Provide information to national or local manufacturers of lead paints on how to efficiently reformulate their paints
	F8	Contribute to the establishment of regional or national voluntary third-party paint certification and labeling programs
√	F9	Engage in policy dialogue to promote legislation or regulations to prohibit the manufacture, import, sale and use of lead paints
√	F10	Monitor compliance with national legislation, regulations or standards controlling the lead content of paints manufactured, imported, sold or used nationally and locally