



QUESTION and ANSWERS
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Assignment Name:

Empowering Artisanal Women Miners to Eliminate Mercury Use and Establishing Women Miners Cooperative in Kuantan Singingi, Riau

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1	Q	Legality Status of Mining Activities in GOLD ISMIA Project Site (Kuantan Singingi, Riau)?
	A	<p>1. UNDP is implementing The Integrated Sound Management of Mercury in Indonesia's Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (GOLD-ISMIA) in cooperation with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the governments of Indonesia to eliminate mercury releases from the Indonesian Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM). This is related to Indonesia's obligations to the Minamata Convention. This project is a collaboration between the Government of Indonesia (Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK), the Agency for Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). These three institutions are called the Project Management Unit Team (PMU) ISMIA Gold</p> <p>2. In terms of project site selection, the project has conducted a preliminary study during the project formulation and full aware about conditions in the field related to the legal status of small</p>

		<p>scale gold mining activities (ASGM), including the situation in Kuantan Singingi, Riau. Regarding the relevance of the empowerment program especially women miners, given the current conditions, it is certainly very relevant. Although the main objectives and target of this project is to eliminate mercury that has an impact on the environment and health but the action will be taken are certainly comprehensive and holistic as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strengthening institutions and the policy/regulatory framework for mercury-free ASGM; b. Increasing the access of mining communities to finance to enable the procurement of mercury-free processing technologies; c. Increasing the capacity of mining communities for mercury-free ASGM through the provision of technical assistance, technology transfer and support for formalization; d. (iv) raising awareness and disseminating best practices and lessons-learned on mercury phase-out in the ASGM sector.
2	Q	How the project could achieve that objective? Please be informed some activities that has been conducted by project and currently being carried out as well:
	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Completed Gender Mapping (which shows the facts in the field that women also participate and play an important role in small scale gold mining value chain activities b. Reviewed policies related to ASGM activities c. Developing appropriate and environmentally friendly technology that is currently being reviewed by BPPT and KLHK d. Facilitating selected groups in obtaining a Regional AMDAL and will be followed by supporting miners group to obtain a Mining License (IPR) in accordance with government regulations through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (KemenESDM) e. Facilitating the preparation of the Regional Action Plan for Mercury Reduction and Eradication (RAD-PPM)

		f. Establishing a mechanism for financing cooperative groups in the target area
3		Additional Information
		<p>Kuansing District has been selected as the result of the government review and this issue has been coordinated with the local government. The project has obtained support and acknowledgment from the provincial, district level, as showed through information below:</p> <p>https://probatam.co/2019/11/14/bupati-mursini-dukung-sepenuh-hati-program-gold-ismia-demi-kesejahteraan-masyarakat/</p> <p>http://riaugreen.com/view/Kuansing/45695/Kuansing-Terpilih-Jadi--Percontohan-Proyek-Gold-Ismia-Dari-UNDP.html#.XxmMNvgzY1I</p> <p>In addition, one of requirement as mentioned in the tender document under INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT (page 22) that the selected company/institution should work closely and coordinate with the UNDP GOLD-ISMIA Field Facilitator and GOLD-ISMIA Focal Points in every activity in the project site.</p> <p>The community empowerment activities especially for women mining groups are very relevant to be implemented since this project also supports and facilitates the ASGM communities and fostering to obtain legal status and using the environmentally friendly technologies that contribute to the sustainability of river ecosystems and the environment. In this regard, UNDP places gender mainstreaming as one of important elements of GOLD ISMIA to ensure our intervention will benefit equally to all people, men and women. We have recognised the capacity and vulnerability of men and women' roles at ASGM. We have identified the occurrence of gender problems at ASGM and will attempt to help to address it. Moreover, we look for opportunities to strengthen the sustainability of mercury free ASGM and a better livelihood especially for the ASGM miners</p>