

# Case Study on Lead Paint in Ethiopia

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# Outline

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# Driving factors that led to action on lead paint

- PAN-Ethiopia and IPEN tested Ethiopian paints in 2012/13
  - The highest result was 130,000 PPM
- PAN-Ethiopia was the Ethiopian implementer for the Africa Lead Paint Elimination Project
  - It was a 4 African countries project financed by GEF, implemented by UNEP and executed by IPEN
- More paint tests were conducted
  - The 2015 highest result was 110,000 PPM
  - The 2017 highest result was 100,000 PPM
- The results were presented to concerned stakeholders

# Process that led to passage of lead paint regulation


- From the very inception, the project was implemented in consultation with the then MEFCC, now EFCCC
- MEFCC and PAN-Ethiopia presented the results to the paint industries, policy makers journalists and civil society organizations
- MEFCC drafted a regulation (under the environmental pollution control proclamation) and presented it to the Prime Minister's Office
- The policy formulators gave comments, PAN-Ethiopia and MEFCC gave explanation and a final draft was ratified by the Council of Ministers

# Elements of passed lead paint regulation

- The regulation is formulated:
  - To all paints and items that use lead paint as input
  - It has a 90 PPM limit
  - It is a legally binding national regulation
  - The regulation has a compliance mechanism to the extent of revoking the license of paint manufacturers

# Factors that contributed to success

- The main factors that helped to get the regulation passed
  - Regular pain tests and scientific evidences
  - Media outreach
  - The support from GEF/UNEP and the approach followed by IPEN
  - Good awareness in government of the need to eliminate lead from paint
  - Industry was supportive



THANK YOU !!!