

The Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance)



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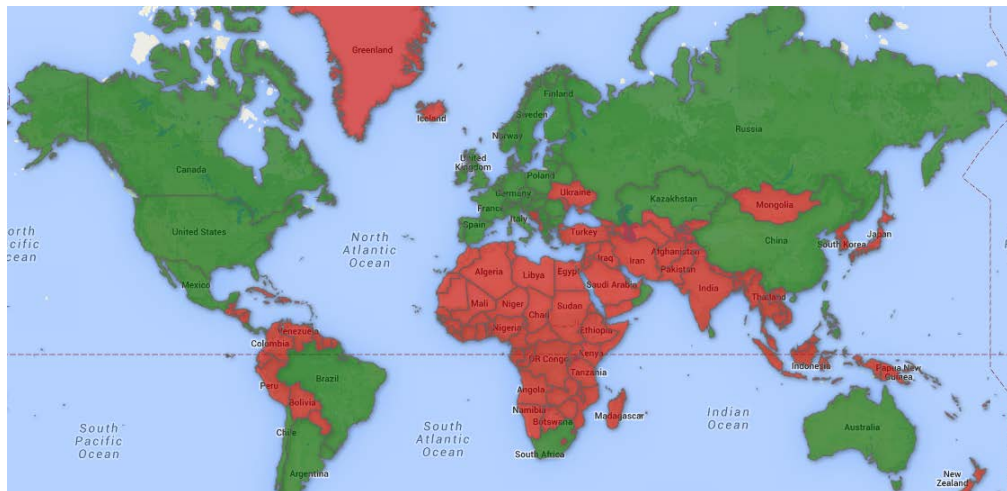
No Level of Lead Exposure Is Safe

- Lead is poisonous, especially harmful to children
 - Children are vulnerable because they absorb more lead
 - Children's exposure is through paint particles, dust and soil
 - Malnutrition exacerbates the impact
- Can cause loss of IQ, learning and developmental disabilities, death
- With the successful removal of lead from gasoline through the UNEP PCFV, lead paint is now a principal pathway for lead poisoning



Lead Paint : A Global Problem

- More than 100 countries worldwide do not have laws limiting lead additives in paint
- Lead paint levels in developing world up to 20,000ppm
- Paint with lower lead levels is often available at comparable costs
- Enforcement and compliance is a concern



About the Lead Paint Alliance

- Lead Paint Alliance is a voluntary partnership
- Jointly led by WHO and UNEP
- Supported by multi-sector UNEP/WHO Advisory Group
- Governments, NGOs, Industry, and Academia are Alliance partners
- GOAL – all countries enact lead paint laws by 2020



Action Plan for 2015-2017

The primary goal of the Alliance is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint.

1. Encourage governments to enact lead paint laws
2. Encourage industry to voluntarily stop the manufacture and sale of lead paint
3. Increase awareness of the health and environmental risks posed by lead paint
4. Increase the number of Alliance partners



The Lead Paint Alliance in 2015

- Nepal, Philippines recently passed laws; Thailand coming soon
- Germany, Moldova, Thailand and Akzo Nobel became Alliance partners in 2015
- Colombia in process of becoming partner
- Alliance Regulatory toolkit launched at <http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/noleadinpaint/toolkit>
- Sub-regional workshop in Africa planned for 2-4 December 2015
- International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action





Thank you

