

## CHEMICALS IN CHILDRENS' CONSUMER PRODUCTS

RESULTS FROM A SURVEY IN EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA

### Are there toxic chemicals in the toys your children are playing with?

Toys are very big global business. The majority of the toys on the market - many millions of them - are manufactured in China. Chemicals and heavy metals in toys, such as lead, cadmium, arsenic and mercury threaten the health of young children.

Join us to learn about the unsettling findings and urgent recommendations of a ground-breaking study of hundreds of toys and childrens' consumer products (e.g., jewelry, cosmetics). The event will launch Toxic Toys: An Insight into Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, which contains the findings of the Toxic Metals in Childrens' Toys study.

One thing is clear: there is an urgent need for stricter controls on toy manufacturing and trade.



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## PROGRAM

Discussion of findings of Toxic Toys: An Insight into Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Discussion of recommendations, ongoing initiatives and next steps needed

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The Toxic Metals in Childrens' Toys study was carried out under the auspices of the International POP's Elimination Network (IPEN), Eco-Accord (Russia), the Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment, MAM-86 (Ukraine), the Centre for Environmental Solutions (Belarus), Independent Environmental Expertise (Kyrgyzstan) and Greenwomen (Kazakhstan). The study was supported and developed in collaboration with GRID-Arendal, the Norwegian Foundation and co-funded by SSNC.

The overall goal of the study and publication is to launch a large-scale campaign for assessment and reduction of the entry of toys with hazardous toxic substances into national markets in East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and elsewhere.