### IPEN-UNEP Partnership Women and Chemicals

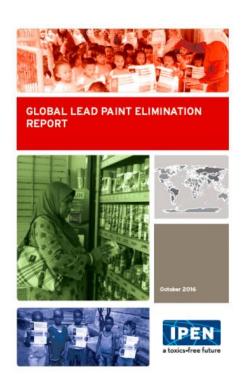
#### IPEN Gender Initiative IPEN Gender Caucus

Olga Speranskaya IPEN Co-Chair

#### Why focus on women and chemicals?

- Elevate gender aspects of chemical safety
- Lack of data
- No gender aspects in environmental assessment
- Differences in gender susceptibility to chemical exposure are not considered
- Low project effectiveness

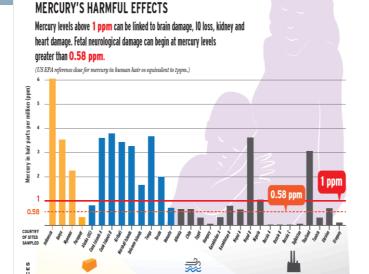
### Impacts of chemicals to women and children



The Womb Is No Protection From Toxic Chemicals -The New York Times

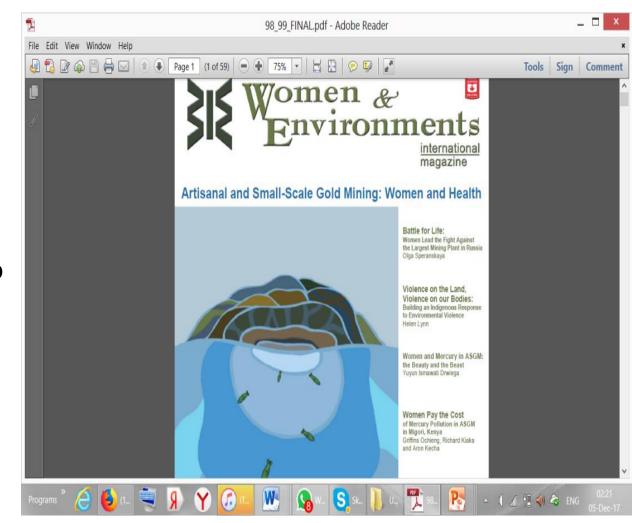
WHO exposure of pregnant women to lead, including lead in paint, can cause serious lifelong damage, such as miscarriage, stillbirth as well as malformations





## Toxic chemicals and occupational exposure: feminization of poverty

How ASGM affects women?



#### **Equality in Decision Making**

This feminization of poverty makes women more vulnerable to toxic chemical exposure, putting their health at risk.





# Raising awareness on women and chemicals issues in the international Chemicals and Health policy processes

