

**Question for written answer E-002979/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Children poisoned in Nigeria

Nigerian health officials reported 28 children were killed and another 37 got sick from drinking water poisoned by lead in an area of artisanal and small-scale gold mining sites in Niger state, in northwestern Nigeria. The likelihood is that many more children in the area have been exposed and suffer a wide range of insidious health effects given that no level of lead exposure is considered safe.

Does the VP/HR intend to hold talks with the Government of Nigeria on which measures should be taken in order to reduce exposure to lead, and on developing long-term plans for clean-up?