

# EFFECTS OF TOXIC METALS ON THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN

Indigenous children of **Cuninico** and **Espinar** are exposed to **lead, cadmium, mercury, arsenic** and other toxic metals. But the Peruvian State is failing to protect their health

● **Renal and pulmonary impairment**

● **Memory loss**

● **Behavioural changes including reduced attention span and increased antisocial behaviours**

● **Affect brain development causing learning difficulties and reduced educational attainment**

● **Vomiting and diarrhea**

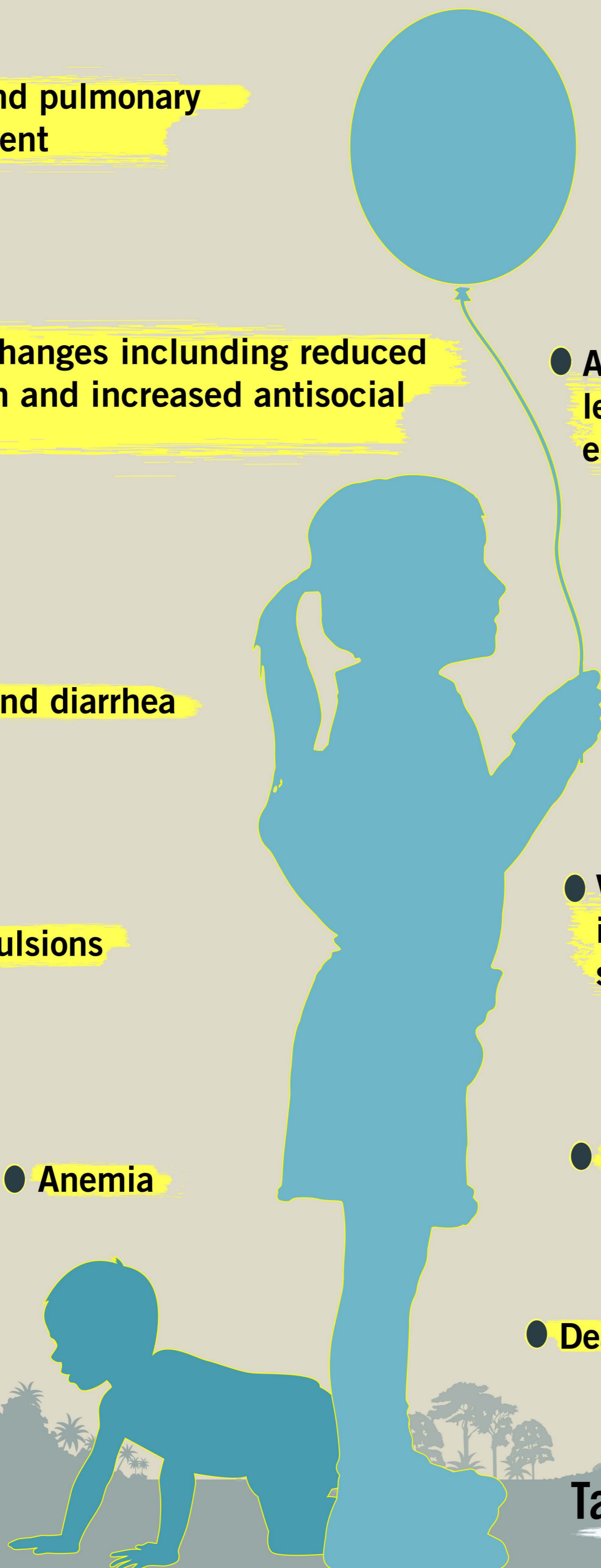
● **Convulsions**

● **Visuo-spatial and motor impairment-difficulties with speech and movements**

● **Anemia**

● **Comas**

● **Death**



**TOXIC STATE**

HEALTH CRISIS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

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Sources: World Health Organization - Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)