



## Project Implementation Report

(01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

<b>Project Title:</b>	Enabling activities to review and update the national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
<b>GEF ID:</b>	9841
<b>UNIDO ID:</b>	130031
<b>GEF Replenishment Cycle:</b>	GEF-6
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Botswana
<b>Region:</b>	AFR - Africa
<b>GEF Focal Area:</b>	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
<b>Implementing Department/Division:</b>	ENV / IPM
<b>Executing Agency(ies):</b>	Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), Department of Waste Management and Pollution Control (DWMPC)
<b>Project Duration (months):</b>	12 months
<b>Extension(s):</b>	2
<b>GEF Project Financing:</b>	USD 200,000
<b>Agency Fee:</b>	USD 19,000
<b>Co-financing Amount:</b>	USD 219,200
<b>Date of EA Approval:</b>	5/7/2017
<b>UNIDO Approval Date:</b>	7/13/2017
<b>Actual Implementation Start Date:</b>	9/20/2017
<b>Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June 2023:</b>	USD 143,120
<b>Original Project Completion Date:</b>	9/30/2018
<b>Project Completion Date as reported in FY22:</b>	12/31/2021
<b>Current SAP Completion Date:</b>	12/31/2021

<b>Expected Project Completion Date:</b>	11/30/2023 Request for extension to be considered by UNIDO
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	6/30/2024
<b>UNIDO Project Manager<sup>1</sup>:</b>	Vladimir Anastasov

## I. Overview of project status

Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and select corresponding ratings for the current reporting period, i.e. FY23. Please also provide a short justification for the selected ratings for FY23.

In view of the GEF Secretariat's intent to start following the ability of projects to adopt the concept of adaptive management<sup>2</sup>, Agencies are expected to closely monitor changes that occur from year to year and demonstrate that they are not simply implementing plans but modifying them in response to developments and circumstances. In order to facilitate with this assessment, please introduce the ratings as reported in the previous reporting cycle, i.e. FY22, in the last column.

<b>Overall Ratings<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Global Environmental Objectives <b>(GEOs)</b> / Development Objectives <b>(DOs)</b> Rating	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)</i>	<i>Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)</i>
After initial training conducted at the beginning of the project, there were no further activity implemented regarding the inventory. Following several requests for meetings, the national executing agency committed to meeting the target by 30 November 2023 and provided a workplan accordingly. Co-financing from the Botswana Government will support the provision of activities.		
Implementation Progress (IP) Rating	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory (U)</i>
Since the start of this project, funds amounting to USD 75,000 have been received by Botswana government (as National Executing Agency) for the carrying out of the inventory. No progress was made in FY 2023, the inventory was not conducted. However, the national executing agency recently committed to meeting the target by 30 November 2023.		
Overall Risk Rating	<i>Substantial Risk (S)</i>	<i>High Risk (H)</i>

<sup>1</sup> Person responsible for report content

<sup>2</sup> Adaptive management in the context of an intentional approach to decision-making and adjustments in response to new available information, evidence gathered from monitoring, evaluation or research, and experience acquired from implementation, to ensure that the goals of the activity are being reached efficiently

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and assure that the indicated ratings correspond to the narrative of the report

No progress was made in FY 2023, but the national executing agency committed in recent communications to UNIDO to meeting the target in 2023 by 30 November 2023. Botswana co-financing contribution approved by the Ministry of Finance minimises the risk as compared to the previous year

**1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please elaborate on progress, challenges and outcomes of project implementation activities.**

Since the start of this project, funds amounting to USD 75,000 have been received by Botswana government (as National Executing Agency) for carrying out of the inventory. The inventory was not conducted so far. In 2021, a call for expression of interest was launched by the national executing agency and aimed to outsource the services for the inventory. However no local bidders qualified for the advertised project implementation activities.

In June 2023, the executing agency being the Department of Waste Management and Pollution Control initiated the process for the NIP update. A six (6) months revised plan was developed and sent to UNIDO, which runs from June to November 2023. Training of working groups in charge of inventories as the first activity was scheduled for the first two weeks of June. However, preparations for this activity have been suspended until the end of June 2023 due to Government Financial procedures. Funds for the planned activities per advice from the Ministry of Finance will be available as of the beginning of July. Funds approval for the planned activities has just been released by the Ministry of Finance as of 10 July 2023. The schedule for the training of inventory teams has been moved to the last week of July (24 – 28 July 2023).

Currently, the department is working on the desktop information to update the initial 12 POPs chemicals and the country profile.

**2. Please elaborate on progress, challenges and outcomes of stakeholder engagement, using the previous reporting period as a basis.**

In endeavour to implement the current six (6) months' work plan, the executing agency (the Department of Waste Management and Pollution control resuscitated the technical working groups comprising teams members from different stakeholders. The technical working groups are responsible for the upcoming inventory taking exercise. An introductory meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 ahead of the scheduled training week. All relevant stakeholders involved in the inventory taking exercise have shown commitment to see through the exercise to completion.

The training of inventory teams has been delayed due to government financial procedures of which the funds approvals has just been made. Currently, the department together with the relevant stakeholders is working towards inventory taking exercise.

**3. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please report on the progress achieved on implementing gender-responsive measures, as documented in the project document.**

N/A for FY2023

**4. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please elaborate on any knowledge activities / products, as outlined in the project document.**

Communication material was shared during the uPOPs inventory exercise at the districts with landfills and dumping sites (municipalities)

The executing agency has held public education and awareness campaigns on POPs. Posters on POPs and other publicity materials were procured and displayed during the campaigns.

## II. Minor Amendments

1. Please briefly elaborate on any **minor amendments**<sup>4</sup> to the approved project that may have been introduced during the reporting period or indicate as not applicable (NA).

Please tick each category for which a change has occurred and provide a description of the change in the related textbox. You may attach supporting documentation, as appropriate.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Results Framework	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Components and Cost	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional and Implementation Arrangements	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Management	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Schedule	<p>NA No extension for this project was requested in this reporting period. However, national executing agency in Botswana requested a project extension until 30.11.2023, still under consideration by UNIDO.</p> <p>Considering that activities are still ongoing under the execution agreement with the national executing agency in Botswana, financial closure of the project is delayed and expected in June 2024</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity Category	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor Project Objective Change	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguards	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Analysis	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase of GEF Project Financing Up to 5%	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Financing	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of Project Activities	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	NA

<sup>4</sup> As described in Annex 9 of the *GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines*, **minor amendments** are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5%.

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### III. Project Risk Management

1. Please indicate any implication of the **COVID-19** pandemic on the progress of the project.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has affected the project implementation. The inventory taking activity has been stalled due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic which has put movement restrictions across the country.

The project had already been extended because of COVID-19, therefore the arguments presented in the extension request are aligned with the information provided in this section.

2. Please clarify if the project is facing delays and is expected to request an **extension**.

The project has faced delays in the past FY. In an effort to bring the project on track, a projector officer, who is familiar with the project deliverables has been appointed. A revised six (6) months' work plan has been developed and submitted to UNIDO. The executing agency had anticipated the revised completion date as November 2023. As of 10 July 2023, The Ministry of Finance issued a statement of funds approval to help in driving the project objectives as well as to meet to the November 2023 deadline. With training of inventory teams rescheduled for (24 – 28 July 2023), the executing agency is presently requesting an extension to have adequate time to complete the project.

### IV. GEO LOCATION INFORMATION

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate.

Web mapping applications such as [OpenStreetMap](#) or [GeoNames](#) use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking [here](#)

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Geo Name ID	Location and Activity Description
Botswana	24.65	25.90	933773	Nationwide

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate.

Inventory has not been conducted yet

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. **Timing & duration:** Each report covers a twelve-month period, i.e. 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.
2. **Responsibility:** The responsibility for preparing the report lies with the project manager in consultation with the division chief and director.
3. **Evaluation:** For the report to be used effectively as a tool for annual self-evaluation, project counterparts need to be fully involved. The (main) counterpart can provide any additional information considered essential, including a simple rating of project progress.

4. **Results-based management:** The annual project/programme progress reports are required by the RBM programme component focal points to obtain information on outcomes observed.

Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) ratings	
<b>Highly Satisfactory (HS)</b>	Project is expected to achieve or exceed <u>all</u> its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as "good practice".
<b>Satisfactory (S)</b>	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its <u>major</u> global environmental objectives, and yields satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings.
<b>Moderately Satisfactory (MS)</b>	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its major <u>relevant</u> objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modes overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve some of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environmental benefits.
<b>Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)</b>	Project is expected to achieve <u>some</u> of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to <u>achieve only some</u> of its major global environmental objectives.
<b>Unsatisfactory (U)</b>	Project is expected <u>not</u> to achieve <u>most</u> of its major global environmental objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits.
<b>Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)</b>	The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, <u>any</u> of its major global environmental objectives with no worthwhile benefits.

Implementation Progress (IP)	
<b>Highly Satisfactory (HS)</b>	Implementation of <u>all</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be presented as "good practice".
<b>Satisfactory (S)</b>	Implementation of <u>most</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only few that are subject to remedial action.
<b>Moderately Satisfactory (MS)</b>	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
<b>Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)</b>	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
<b>Unsatisfactory (U)</b>	Implementation of <u>most</u> components in <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
<b>Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)</b>	Implementation of <u>none</u> of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

Risk ratings	
Risk ratings will assess the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale:	
<b>High Risk (H)</b>	There is a probability of greater than <b>75%</b> that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.
<b>Substantial Risk (S)</b>	There is a probability of between <b>51%</b> and <b>75%</b> that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face substantial risks.
<b>Moderate Risk (M)</b>	There is a probability of between <b>26%</b> and <b>50%</b> that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only moderate risk.
<b>Low Risk (L)</b>	There is a probability of up to <b>25%</b> that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only low risks.