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Reporting from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10547	Umoja WBS: C&W: SB-020494; IW: SB-021403
SMA IPMR ID: 122562	Grant ID: C&W: S1-32GFL-000816; IW: S1-32GFL-000815
Project Short Title: Circular Cities Beyond Plastics	
Project Title: Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean Cities Through a Circular Economy Approach	
Duration months planned:	48
Duration months age:	48
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	N/A
Project Scope:	Regional
Region:	Latin America and Carribbean
Countries:	Colombia,Jamaica,Panama
GEF Focal Area(s):	International Waters,Chemicals and Waste
GEF financing amount:	\$ 7,000,000.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 35,407,240.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2022-06-02
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2022-11-28
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2022-12-22
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2023-08-15
Date of First Disbursement:	2023-01-18
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2026:	\$ 2,248,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 1,032,101.00

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2026-06-01
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2026-12-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2026-12-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2027-06-22
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2027-06-30

1.2 Project Description

The Circular Cities project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) GEF International Waters and GEF Chemicals and Green Chemistry Units as the GEF Implementing Agency and Cartagena Convention Secretariat as the project's Executing Agency. The project is implemented in Jamaica, Panama and Colombia.

The project has the objective to reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.

The project consists of the four following components:

Component 1: City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities.

Component 2: Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities.

Component 3. Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy.

Component 4: Capacity Development and Knowledge Management.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Industry and Economy Division, Ecosystems Division
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Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Cartagena Convention Secretariat
names of Other Project Partners	INVEMAR (Colombia's IP): Coordinator – Janet Vivas ANCON (Panama's IP): Coordinator – Adiliz Barrera MWECC (Jamaica's IP): Coordinator – Melissa Curtis
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Isabelle Vanderbeck Ludovic Bernaudat
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UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Eric Nganga Anuradha Shenoy
UNEP Support Assistants	
Manager/Representative	Laverne Walker
Project Manager	Alejandra Gámez
Finance Manager	Paul Obonyo
Communications Lead, if relevant	Santiago Jaramillo Herrera

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Chemicals and pollution action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	• Pollution: (i) Number of Governments that, with UNEP support, are developing or implementing policies, strategies, legislation or action plans that promote sound chemicals and waste management and/or the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the existing framework on chemicals and waste • Pollution: (ii) Number of Governments developing or implementing policies, strategies and mechanisms to prevent or reduce waste and ensure environmentally sound waste treatment or disposal, including in the context of disaster or conflict-related environmental emergencies, with UNEP support • Pollution: (iii) Number of policy, regulatory, financial and technical measures developed with UNEP support to reduce pollution in air, water, soil and the ocean • Pollution: (iv) Reduction in releases of pollutants to the environment achieved with UNEP support
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	This project contributes to priority area 3, "resilience to climate change and shocks and sustainable natural resource management", as outlined by the UN Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for the Caribbean. In Jamaica, the project contributes specifically to outcome 6, "Natural Resource Management - Caribbean countries manage natural resources and ecosystems to strengthen their resilience and enhance the resilience and prosperity of the people and communities that depend on them" within the country's MSCDF outcomes. In Colombia, the project supports the UNCT's 3rd strategic axis, "technical assistance for sustainable development goals (SDGs) catalysts" and in Panama outcome 3, "integrated environmental management and disaster risk reduction", outlined by the country's UNCT.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	• Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all • Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable • Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns • Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development • Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	• 6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally • 11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality

	and municipal and other waste management • 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment • 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse • 14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution • 17.16 Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries, in particular developing countries
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2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

	Targets - Expected Value				
Indicators	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	Materialized to date	Remarks
6- Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated		9382	9382	180	Through the project's awareness-raising and sensitization actions, an estimated 400 tonnes of plastic waste were prevented from becoming marine litter. Assuming that approximately 30% of this

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					plastic waste is recycled, an estimated 120 tonnes of plastic could be considered recycled:400 tonnes × 30% = 120 tonnes of plastic recycledApplying the emission factor of 1.5 tCO₂e per tonne of plastic recycled indicated in the Project Document, the intervention could potentially contribute to avoiding:120 tonnes × 1.5 tCO₂e/tonne = approximately 180 tCO₂e avoided.As the mitigation of

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					reported GHG emissions is expected to primarily result from the implementation of the circular economy pilots under Component 2, additional emission reductions are expected as these pilots advance and generate measurable results. Furthermore, the policy action plans being developed under Component 1 are expected to contribute to long-term GHG emission reductions by

	Targets - Expected Value				
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					promoting enabling policies and measures that support circular economy implementation. However, these action plans are still under development, and their potential contribution will be assessed as they progress.
7-Number of shared water ecosystems (fresh or marine) under new or improved cooperative management		2	2		The project has not yet finalised its national policy action plans or executed any national pilots. This is however progressing. Under component 3, the regional inter-city

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					network and industry roundtables are active with eight additional cities in the regions joining and actively participating.
9- Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced		54.9	54.9		As the project progresses with the implementation of Component 1 (policy action plans and financial instruments) and Component 2 (circular economy pilot projects), the indicator will be progressively achieved.
9.1-Solid and liquid Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type)		54.9	54.9		As the project progresses with the implementation

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					of Component 1 (policy action plans and financial instruments) and Component 2 (circular economy pilot projects), the indicator will be progressively achieved.
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments		990,162	990,162	500000	Through the awareness-raising and outreach activities implemented by the implementing partners—such as the Jornada Comunitaria de Reciclaje y Sensibilización Ambiental, communication campaigns including El

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					Hombre de Plástico in Panama, and other public engagement initiatives—the project has reached and benefited approximately 500,000 stakeholders during the reporting period.
11.1- Male		430,856	430,856	200000	Of the beneficiaries highlighted above, approximately 40% are male (200,000)
11.2- Female		559,306	559,306	300000	Of the beneficiaries highlighted above, approximately 60% are female (300,000).

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10- Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced		1.16	1.16		As the project progresses with the implementation of Component 1 (policy action plans and financial instruments) and Component 2 (circular economy pilot projects), the indicator will be progressively achieved.
5.3- Amount of Marine Litter Avoided (retired)		5065	5065	400	The indicator is expected to be achieved through the formulation of the policy action plans under Component 1, the implementation of the circular economy pilots under

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					Component 2, the Call to Action and awareness-raising activities under the Intercity Network (ICN) in Component 3, and the awareness-raising and communication activities under Component 4. As a result of the awareness-raising activities implemented by the project partners under Components 3 and 4—including beach clean-ups, educational initiatives, communication campaigns, and other outreach

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					activities—approximately 400 tonnes of marine litter have been prevented from entering the marine environment.
6.2- Greenhouse gas emission mitigated outside the AFOLU sector		9382	9382	180	Through the project's awareness-raising and sensitization actions, an estimated 400 tonnes of plastic waste were prevented from becoming marine litter. Assuming that approximately 30% of this plastic waste is recycled, an estimated 120 tonnes of plastic

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					from the implementation of the circular economy pilots under Component 2, additional emission reductions are expected as these pilots advance and generate measurable results. Furthermore, the policy action plans being developed under Component 1 are expected to contribute to long-term GHG emission reductions by promoting enabling policies and measures that support

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					circular economy implementation. However, these action plans are still under development, and their potential contribution will be assessed as they progress.
7.3- Level of National/Local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees		2	2		The participating countries are currently developing the policy action plans through a participatory process involving the relevant stakeholders. During the reporting period, the policy action plans had not yet been

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value				Remarks
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	Materialized to date	
					finalized.
7.4- Level of engagement in IW LEARN through participation and delivery of key products		2	2	2	The project has participated in the 10th GEF International Waters Conference (IWC-10). It is also planning to participate in IWC-11 to be held in October 2026. An Expression of Interest (EOI) has been submitted for an interactive session to showcase the project's key achievements, lessons learned, and approach to promoting the long-term sustainability of project outcomes. The

	Targets - Expected Value				
Indicators	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	Materialized to date	Remarks
					project also has an active website in line with IW:LEARN guidance.
9.6- POPs/Mercury containing materials directly avoided		1200	1200		As the project progresses with the implementation of Component 1 (policy action plans and financial instruments) and Component 2 (circular economy pilot projects), the indicator will be progressively achieved.

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2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2026	3rd PIR	MS	MU	M
FY 2025	2nd PIR	MU	U	M

FY 2024	1st PIR	MU	MS	M
FY 2023				
FY 2022				
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Progress: Information on progress outcomes of project implementation activities

The project aims to reduce marine plastic pollution and accelerate the transition towards a circular economy in selected cities across Latin America and the Caribbean by strengthening enabling policies, supporting innovative circular economy solutions, promoting regional cooperation, and enhancing knowledge, capacity, and stakeholder engagement. Despite initial implementation delays, solid progress was achieved at regional level and for 2 project countries across all four project components. For one of the project countries, national activities are still to be initiated. Component 1 Solid progress was made in strengthening the policy and institutional foundations required to support circular economy implementation at the city level. Colombia and Panama completed participatory assessments of existing policy and legal frameworks related to circular economy and plastic waste management, identifying strengths, gaps, opportunities, and barriers that will inform the development of city-level Policy Action Plans. Jamaica has not yet completed this assessment but has a preliminary list of policies to be improved and/or developed, these will be reviewed based on the assessment. Throughout this process, the UNEP plastics unit provided continuous technical support through coordination meetings, technical guidance, review sessions, and methodological assistance to ensure consistency and alignment with the project's objectives and expected outcomes. The resulting policy action plans are expected to provide a robust framework for the adoption of enabling policies that reduce marine plastic pollution and support the transition to circular economy approaches. Both Jamaica and Panama have identified the policies they intend to improve or develop. In Panama, a consultant has been contracted to support ANCON in developing a National Circular Economy Policy, including a specific chapter on single-use plastics, as well as policy action plans for both Colón and Panama City. In addition, they will develop a Guideline for the Reduction of Plastic Use in the Commercial and Logistics Sector for Panama City and Colón. They will also prepare a Draft Administrative Resolution for the Management of Marine Plastic Waste from Small Vessels. In Jamaica, the project will support the formulation of a National Single-Use Plastics Policy, the review and update of the National Solid Waste Management Policy (NSWMP), and the review and update of the Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy. In Colombia, based on the diagnoses conducted in both cities, the project team is currently working with the cities to identify the policy instruments they would like to improve or develop. Component 2 Progress was also achieved in advancing the design and preparation of circular economy interventions that will be implemented under the project. Technical guidance was provided by the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- Plastics unit to the implementing partners in Colombia and Panama to identify and formulate upstream and downstream pilot interventions using participatory approaches with local stakeholders. To facilitate transparent implementation of these

pilots, a standardized Request for Proposals (RfP) template was developed by the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- Plastics unit to support participating cities in procuring eligible waste collectors and recyclers. In parallel, the UNEP Industry and Innovation branch- plastics unit also designed a Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs) reporting template to establish a consistent methodology for monitoring project results, with further expansion planned to incorporate all project components in collaboration with GRID-Arendal. Engagement with the private sector also advanced considerably during the reporting period. UNEP CCS - through its sub-contractor (Collective Leadership Institute) - conducted Industry Round Tables in four participating cities, creating a platform for dialogue between project partners and private sector representatives to identify opportunities, challenges, and potential partnerships for the implementation of circular economy solutions. These consultations informed the development of a structured Private Sector Engagement Approach to guide project countries and cities on the collaboration with businesses throughout project implementation and contribute to the long-term sustainability and scalability of project interventions. Capacity-building efforts were further strengthened through the delivery of the in-person workshop "The Art of Stakeholder Engagement", which enhanced stakeholder engagement and facilitation skills among implementing partners and national counterparts' by the UNEP Plastics unit to all three project countries and its cities at the PSC meeting in May 2026. Panama has decided on the approach to be used for the development of the circular economy pilots. The approach will be implemented through the Industry Roundtables, which are currently developing the Terms of Reference for a call for proposals to select the most impactful downstream and upstream circular economy pilots. The selected pilots will receive technical guidance and seed funding for their implementation. This approach was endorsed by UNEP CCS and the Industry and innovation Branch-Plastics Unit, as it creates synergies among stakeholders and provides a clear purpose and function for the Industry Roundtables. Colombia has contracted a consultancy firm that is both a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) and an environmental consulting firm specializing in circular economy and waste management. The initial formulation of the pilots has been discussed with the consultancy, including the possibility of building on the collective EPR plan, REPACK, potentially by strengthening the existing plan to increase the quantities of plastic collected, recycled, and upcycled. Several meetings were held with representatives from the cities during Q1 and Q2 2026 to jointly plan and define the circular economy pilots. Although Jamaica has not yet officially started the project implementation phase, with guidance from UNEP CCS, the country has already identified the downstream circular economy interventions it intends to implement. These include strengthening waste management infrastructure in both cities and installing a barrier in one of the most important gullies in Montego Bay to trap and collect waste, including significant quantities of single-use plastics. Component 3 At the regional level, important milestones were achieved in consolidating the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and the Plastic Circular Economy. Communication materials describing the network's objectives, governance structure, and membership were developed and disseminated by the UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office, while the first in-person meeting of network members enabled the validation of key technical and governance arrangements which was held in May 2026. The network also held its second Governing Body meeting virtually in June, during which the representative from the City of Panama was elected as Chair. Additional progress included the development of a performance tracking mechanism to monitor network implementation and results, substantial advancement of the Harmonized Action Plan, and the formal incorporation of eight additional cities into the network, demonstrating growing regional interest and commitment to collaborative action on marine plastic pollution. Component 4 Knowledge management, communication, and capacity-building activities continued to support project implementation throughout the reporting period. The Project Communication Strategy was finalized and actively implemented under the leadership of the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (CCS), with project achievements disseminated through the Regional Seas Newsletter, the project and UNEP CCS website, social media platforms, and other communication channels. The project website was also aligned with IW:LEARN guidance. In coordination with the project countries, the project's branding was updated to 'Circular Cities Beyond Plastics'. Technical support was also provided to countries to strengthen their national communication activities by the Cartagena Convention Secretariat and to ensure consistency with the project's overall communication strategy and key messaging. Both Panama and Colombia have conducted several awareness-raising and

communication activities, contributing to the project milestone of sensitizing 500,000 people on circular economy, marine plastic pollution, waste management, and related topics. In Panama, the project revamped and adapted the communication and educational campaign “El Hombre de Plástico” (The Plastic Man) to raise awareness and provide education to civil society and other stakeholders on plastic pollution and waste management. In addition, several activities were conducted in local schools, including educational activities on waste characterization. During Q2, Panama also developed graphic and visual content to populate the project website, leveraging the Recycling Month activities—including Yo Celebro Reciclando, Pesca de Basura, and monthly recycling drives—as sources of imagery and testimonials. In Colombia, awareness-raising activities were conducted as part of the 2026 ACODAL Congress, including technical presentations, a panel discussion, and an institutional exhibition booth. These activities reached 220 participants and contributed to increasing the visibility of the project's objectives. In addition, 50 participants received certificates of completion for attending the panel discussion entitled “Plastic Circularity Strategies: Advancing Innovation through Sustainable Production and Consumption Models,” which was conducted as part of the project's capacity-building activities. Considerable progress was also achieved in integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations across project implementation. A dedicated GESI Consultant was recruited by the Cartagena Convention Secretariat to lead this process, resulting in the development of a GESI Guidance Note and a modular GESI survey tailored to the context of each participating country. The survey will be implemented during the second half of 2026, and its findings will inform the preparation of the project's GESI Action Plan while supporting the systematic integration of gender and social inclusion considerations into project activities. Monitoring and evaluation A major milestone during the reporting period was the completion of the project's Mid-Term Review (MTR), which assessed implementation progress and identified opportunities to strengthen project delivery during the remaining implementation period. The review's main recommendations included: strengthening the financial and project management capacity of the Project Management Unit by hiring a full-time project manager and dedicated finance officer, increasing the frequency of Project Steering Committee meetings, improving monitoring and coordination mechanisms, identifying closer collaboration opportunities between the industry roundtable and inter-city network, the development of a project sustainability plan, and extending the project implementation period through a no-cost extension until June 2028 to better align project implementation with country-level activities. The review also recommended for countries and cities to consider re-scoping their activities for the remaining project lifetime. The report reconfirmed the project's high strategic relevance to national, regional, and global strategic priorities, as well as those of UNEP's and the GEF secretariat. Project coordination At the end of October 2025, the project fell without a dedicated project manager, the project's technical support staff contract ended in January 2026, and by January 2026 the executing agency also lost its dedicated finance officer. In April 2026, a temporary project manager was hired while a finance officer was appointed to support project execution. A dedicated project management assistant was assigned in January 2026. During the absence of these roles, the Cartagena Convention Secretariat supported the project with existing staff through co-finance. The Project Management Unit (PMU) at the Cartagena Convention Secretariat maintained regular coordination with contracted project countries through biweekly meetings to monitor progress, provide technical guidance, resolve operational issues, and support implementation planning. The PMU also convened regular coordination meetings with UNEP technical assistance teams, including the Latin America and the Caribbean Office (LACO), and the UNEP Plastics Unit, ensuring effective coordination, technical alignment, and integration across project activities. The Project Steering Committee (PSC), held in Panama City during the second quarter of 2026, endorsed the MTR recommendations and approved key strategic decisions to strengthen project implementation. These include agreement on the MTR recommended no-cost extension through June 2028, and the approval of the updated PSC Terms of Reference with a better reflection of the national execution partners. The PSC also requested project and annual workplans and forecasts to be resubmitted for approval with the requested changes incorporated, as well as a project budget revision. These should reflect the approved project extension and are pending approval in 2026 Q3. In addition, both Panama and Colombia are holding regular Steering Committee meetings at the national and city levels, using a participatory, bottom-up co-design approach for the design and implementation of project activities. Although implementation in one country has

experienced delays, the relevant agreement between Cartagena Convention Secretariat and the country is expected to be finalized during the early part of the third quarter of 2026. Once implementation formally begins, they will contribute to the achievement of the project's regional objectives alongside the other participating countries. Overall, the project has made strong progress in establishing the policy, institutional, technical, and collaborative foundations necessary to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy and reduce marine plastic pollution across participating cities. While several country-level interventions remain under preparation and will be implemented during the next reporting period, the policy frameworks, pilot designs, regional cooperation mechanisms, stakeholder engagement processes, communication activities, and knowledge products developed to date have created important enabling conditions for achieving the project's long-term environmental and socio-economic objectives, within the context of the PSC approved project extension. The PIR outcome ratings take into account the PSC approved project extension to June 2028. While the new project workplan reflecting the project extension is being updated for approval in Q3 2026, PIR output ratings are based on the last approved workplans from 2025.

Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Over the past year of project implementation, the project encountered several challenges that affected the pace of implementation. 1. Human resource constraints within UNEP CCS had a significant impact on project implementation. The project lost the Project Manager at the end of October 2025 and the project's technical support staff contract ended in January 2026. The executing agency also lost its dedicated finance officer in January 2026. This left the project with no dedicated support for a few months (covered by in-kind support of existing executing agency staff). However in April 2026, a temporary project manager was onboarded for a six month period whilst the Executing Agency seeks to recruit a full time replacement Project Manager. Also a dedicated project management assistant was assigned in March 2026. 2. While two of the three participating countries signed agreements with the regional executing agency (UNEP CCS) in 2025 and started work on the ground, one country has yet to start project implementation. This increases the risk of the project not delivering on its outcomes and objectives by the project end date. The country has reconfirmed their continuous commitment to the project, despite national elections resulting in government restructuring exercises, and having been hit by an extreme weather event during the end of 2025 and start of 2026. This commitment was reconfirmed at the PSC meeting in May 2026. 3. Noting the overall risk related to project outcomes and objectives delivery - resulting from the delayed start of project activities in the project countries at national and city level in 2025 with activities in one country yet to commence - the project's Mid Term Review recommended a 18 month extension to the project. This recommendation was endorsed by the Project Steering Committee at their third meeting in May 2026 in Panama City. 4. As indicated in the MTR report, the 5% cap on PMC creates structural challenges for complex multi-country regional projects involving multiple executing partners, extensive monitoring and reporting requirements, and complex governance arrangements. 5. National execution partners have indicated challenges related to reporting on the project's Global Environment Benefits. The project has provided initial guidance and will collaborate with the GEF Plastic Reboot programme in Q3-Q4 2026 to establish a more in-depth tracker and organise relevant training workshops with project partners. 6. Given the lag in project implementation, re-engagement of co-finance partners (especially at national and city level) is necessary while some of the projects under which funds were committed were no longer operational. The EA is actively re-engaging identified partners through the executing partners in the countries and the UNEP LACO office, while new co-finance sources are also being identified.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 35,407,240
Actual to date:	12,950,351
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges: As of 30 June 2026, USD \$12,950,351 cofinance has been invested, forming = ~ 37% of the total project cofinance according to the following categories: In kind : \$10,850,814, Grant :\$573,700,Other: \$1,482,263, Public Investment: \$43,574. Given the lag in project implementation, re-engagement of co-finance partners (especially at national and city level) is necessary while some of the projects under which funds were committed were no longer operational. The EA is actively re-engaging identified partners through the executing partners in the countries and the UNEP LACO office, while new co-finance sources are also being identified.

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2026-05-18
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	According to the information provided in the project's Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan, the following progress and challenges have been observed during the reporting period with respect to the key stakeholder groups identified in the Appendix: Progress: In both Colombia and Jamaica, the public sector has been identified as the stakeholder group with the highest level of interest and influence in the project. Throughout the reporting period, government institutions in Colombia remained actively engaged in project implementation, providing valuable technical inputs and participating in consultations. In Jamaica, the level of government engagement was initially affected by external circumstances, including the Category 5 hurricane that struck the country during Q4 2025 and the subsequent national elections, which resulted in the establishment of a new Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change. These events temporarily delayed government participation in project activities. However, during Q1 and Q2 2026, the level of engagement improved significantly, with the new government counterparts actively participating in project coordination activities.

	In Panama, the private sector was identified as the primary stakeholder group. Through the formulation of the circular economy pilots and consultations conducted as part of the Industry Round Tables (IRTs), the project achieved a strong level of engagement with private sector stakeholders. These consultations helped identify opportunities for collaboration, informed the design of the pilots, and strengthened partnerships to support the implementation of circular economy solutions. Throughout the reporting period, the level of public sector engagement in Colombia remained strong and highly constructive. National and local government counterparts continued to actively participate in the project's implementation through regular consultations, technical discussions, and contributions to the development of project activities. Key stakeholders included the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the cities of Barranquilla, Cartagena, and Santa Marta, and INVEMAR, a quasi-public institution serving as the project's main implementing partner in the country. Government institutions have demonstrated a strong commitment to the project by providing valuable technical inputs and actively participating in the co-creation process, particularly for the formulation of the Policy Action Plans under Component 1. Their contributions have been instrumental in ensuring that the proposed policy measures respond to local needs and priorities while remaining aligned with national circular economy and waste management policies. During Q2 2026, INVEMAR, in its role as implementing partner, decided to appoint a new contractor to support the formulation of financial instruments and the implementation of the circular economy pilots under Component 2. This decision was made to strengthen the technical and administrative implementation of these activities. The new contractor is expected to begin work in August 2026, ensuring the continued progress of the project's objectives. Representatives from all three participating countries and their six target cities actively participated in the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held in May 2026 in Panama City, Panama. Representatives from Colombia's national government participated virtually, while the remaining country and city representatives attended the meeting in person. The PSC provided an important platform to review implementation progress, discuss strategic and technical matters, and strengthen coordination among project partners. Challenges: The public sector in Jamaica was identified as the primary stakeholder group in the Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan. During 2025, the level of interaction and consultation with government stakeholders was limited due to reduced staffing capacity, competing
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	institutional priorities, the impact of a Category 5 hurricane, and the national elections, which resulted in the establishment of a new Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change. Despite these challenges, stakeholder engagement improved significantly during Q2 2026 as new government counterparts became actively involved in project implementation. It is also important to note that the Government of Jamaica decided that the project's national executing agencies would be the municipalities (townships), rather than dedicated non-profit or research institutions, as is the case in Colombia and Panama. Other stakeholders: Regarding the other stakeholder groups identified in the Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement Plan (including the private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations), the level of engagement increased during Q1 and Q2 2026 as the project transitioned from the planning stage to active implementation. This included the engagement of a broad range of stakeholders in the formulation of the circular economy pilots, the development of the Policy Action Plans, consultations through the Industry Round Tables (IRTs), and the incorporation of eight additional cities into the Inter-City Network under Component 3. The level of engagement with these stakeholder groups is expected to continue increasing as project implementation advances and activities are scaled up. In addition, opportunities for collaboration were identified with UNEP's Plastic Reboot Programme, resulting in their support for the production of the project's first video, to be undertaken in Q4 2026–Q1 2027, and the development of the reporting and tracking mechanism for the project's Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs) that will start in Q3 2026. Several project stakeholders have also participated in the Plastic Reboot webinar series. In addition, the project is planning to prepare and deliver a joint session on "Sustainability Beyond Projects" at the IWC11 event, to be held in November 2026. Opportunities for future stakeholder engagement include strengthening collaboration with the adjacent PROMAR project, re-engaging co-financing partners, and mapping additional projects, initiatives, and potential co-financiers actively working in the region, such as MarViva in Panama. This stakeholder and partnership mapping exercise is planned for Q3 2026 and is expected to identify synergies, enhance coordination, and leverage additional technical and financial support for project implementation. Throughout the reporting period, stakeholder engagement activities have not only supported broad participation but have also generated inputs that have informed project implementation and decision-making. Feedback gathered through policy consultations,
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	industry roundtable meetings, Inter-City Network activities and participatory sessions for the identification and design of circular economy pilots has been used to identify stakeholders' priorities, needs and perspectives and to refine proposed project interventions. In particular, discussions with government institutions and private-sector stakeholders have contributed to shaping the Policy Action Plans and the design of circular economy pilot projects, while the exchanges within the Inter-City Network have facilitated the identification and sharing of practical experiences and potential solutions among participating cities. The project will continue to document these outcomes and the ways in which stakeholder feedback influences project implementation and decision-making throughout the remaining implementation period.
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	The Gender Action Plan consists of the following activities: Activity 1: Develop a survey to identify the causes hindering the reduction of gender disparities in the plastic manufacturing and recycling sectors. Status during the reporting period: Achieved. The GESI Consultant joined the project at the beginning of Q2 2026 and, using a participatory approach, developed a modular survey in close collaboration with the three implementing partners to ensure its relevance to the national contexts. During the review process, it was identified that certain terminology and questions related to LGBTQI+ groups need to be adapted to reflect the legal and policy context in Jamaica. The survey is currently being revised accordingly prior to its implementation in the three participating countries. Actions taken and forthcoming: Colombia and Panama are implementing the GESI survey during July 2026 with representatives from the different stakeholder groups involved in the plastics value chain across the project cities. Following the completion of the survey, the GESI Consultant will analyze and interpret the results to identify key findings, opportunities, and gaps related to gender equality and social inclusion. These findings will inform the development of the project's GESI Action Plan and support the integration of GESI considerations into project activities and decision-making processes. The survey will also be implemented in Jamaica once the country-specific adaptations have been finalized. Activity 2: Prepare a gender guidance note to be used by all bodies responsible for participatory and decision-making exercises. Status during the reporting period: Achieved. The GESI Consultant developed a GESI Guidance Note based on the project's logical framework and tailored to the specific social, institutional, and regulatory contexts of the three participating countries. Activity 3: Identify women's groups that can help raise awareness and ensure balanced female/male participation, targeting over 40% female participation.

	Status during the reporting period: Partially achieved. As the project progressed into its implementation phase, several vulnerable and underrepresented groups were identified through the application of the GESI approach, including women waste pickers and recyclers, migrants, LGBTQI+ populations, and other relevant stakeholder groups. The identification of these groups is considered an ongoing process and is expected to continue throughout project implementation as engagement with local stakeholders expands and project activities are implemented. Forthcoming actions: The implementing partners are currently implementing project activities and will continue identifying and engaging women's groups and other underrepresented stakeholders throughout project implementation. The GESI Guidance Note includes a dedicated section on monitoring female and male participation, with practical recommendations to ensure that women's participation remains above the project's target of 40% across project activities. Activity 4: Identify key communication channels that effectively reach women with appropriate messaging. Status during the reporting period: Not achieved. Forthcoming actions: The overall Project Communication Strategy has been finalized and, during the reporting period, each implementing partner adapted it to its national context and available resources. As implementation progresses, the Communications Consultant, in collaboration with the GESI Consultant, will identify the most appropriate communication channels and tailor key messages to effectively reach women and other priority GESI stakeholder groups across the participating countries. The main difference between the Gender Action Plan and the Gender Guidance Note is that the Gender Action Plan outlines specific activities, means of verification, responsible parties, allocated budgets, and country-specific considerations based on the different cultural and social contexts. The Gender Guidance Note, on the other hand, is one of the activities included in the Gender Action Plan and provides practical guidance to the implementing partners on how to integrate gender considerations into their work plans and project activities, including the expected deliverables. The Gender Action Plan is considered a living document, as the implementing partners are expected to gain a deeper understanding of the cultural and social characteristics of their stakeholders as project implementation progresses. Accordingly, the plan will be updated as needed, incorporating gender-related information and lessons learned generated through project implementation and stakeholder engagement.
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	It is important to note that the two National Executing Partners currently implementing the project (Colombia and Panama) are reporting gender-disaggregated data for each meeting and event through their quarterly reports. The data reported to date are attached as an Excel table and show an average participation of 54% women. In addition, among the private-sector representatives who have participated so far in the industry roundtables under Component 2, 53% are women. The participation of women in these activities, consistently representing more than 50% of participants, is contributing to their empowerment by providing them with opportunities to actively engage in discussions, influence decision-making processes, and access opportunities related to the circular economy and recycling sectors. Women have participated in a range of project activities, including public policy consultations, awareness-raising events on the circular economy, and sessions focused on identifying and developing potential circular economy pilot projects. Through these spaces, the project is promoting women's leadership, voice and decision-making influence, while creating opportunities for their meaningful engagement in the transition towards a circular economy. In the next reporting period, women's participation is expected to continue through their engagement in the circular economy pilot projects. In addition, the findings from the GESI survey will provide further evidence on dimensions such as leadership, decision-making influence, economic empowerment and access to opportunities within the circular economy and recycling sectors, which can be reported in the next PIR once the results are available.
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2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage? Yes If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN? Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Sustainable Natural Resource Management Climate Change and Disaster Risks Pollution Prevention and Resource EfficiencyCommunity Health, Safety and Security Cultural HeritageDisplacement and Involuntary ResettlementIndigenous Peoples Labor and working conditions
New social and/or environmental risks	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period? No If yes, describe the new risks or changes?

	NA
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period? No If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken? No complaints/grievances received.
Environmental and social safeguards management	As the project progresses through its implementation phase, the environmental and social safeguards identified in Appendix 5A – SRIF remain relevant for the risks assessed as high, namely: (a) community health, safety and security; (b) labor and working conditions; and (c) climate change and disaster risks. The status of these risks is summarized below. (a) Community health, safety and security: The project was prepared during the COVID-19 pandemic and risks related to reduced support for circular solutions (e.g. reuse) and elimination of single use products due to health concerns were identified. As the pandemic has passed, this risk is now reduced to low. Nevertheless, the mitigation measures previously identified remain valid should another public health emergency arise. At present, the project is not actively implementing measures specifically aimed at mitigating this risk. The project has not carried out any pilots related to upstream or downstream plastic solutions. The project activities during the FY 2026 were mainly focused on the development of policy action plans, the expansion of the inter-city network and private sector roundtables, stakeholder consultations, capacity building, and the improving project communication. In the next year, the project will finalize the pilot selection and develop environmental and social safeguard assessment and mitigation plans (especially the downstream pilots). (b) Labor and working conditions: UNEP guiding principles on selection process and labour and working conditions have been adopted for the project staff with the recruitment of local project staff (e.g. project manager, national consultants, technical experts) following national labour laws and international commitments. Occupational health and safety risks related to the downstream pilots will be mitigated by setting requirements for the procurement of the collection and recycling pilots. This will be led by the PMU at the regional executing agency. The project has identified that the collection and recycling pilots may create a risk of unequal hiring process, and the project will ensure that the selection of collection proposals considers gender balance. The project's gender consultant will provide this specific support. Generally, the project aims to improve the working conditions, health and safety, well-being, income and health insurance of the informal workers on plastic collection and recycling through the transition towards a safe circular plastic economy. The project will collect and treat plastic waste in environmentally sound manner (whereas hazards only take place during primitive recycling processes). It will also support policy development and business action to reduce substandard recycling. In addition, the circular economy pilots and, more broadly, the different components of the project seek to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of groups that have traditionally been excluded or are in vulnerable situations. This is being promoted through participatory consultations, stakeholder engagement and co-

	design sessions, which provide opportunities for these groups to contribute their perspectives, needs and knowledge to the design of project interventions.(c) Climate change and disaster risks:During project design the following was identified: it was expected that the sustainable production of plastics and sound plastic waste management practices implemented through the project will lead to increased resilience against climate change impacts.The highest risks identified from natural hazards present in all 6 cities were wildfires and floods. These were considered truly relevant to plastic pollution as flooding can cause transportation of plastic waste to the oceans and collapsing waste management by increasing leakage. Floods were considered high risk is due to inundations depth above 0.5-2m with high probability of occurrence. Furthermore, wildfires were identified as able to intensify floods but also end up in burning of waste. The project expects that it will lead to a net reduction of GHG emission, as a result of reduced open burning of plastics, more reuse and recycling of plastic waste to avoid consumption of virgin plastics. The circular economy approach for plastics which will be applied by stakeholders along the value chain, will lead to an the increase of efficiency of resources used by the sector.The output 2.2 on solutions to plastic waste collection and recycling at cities was planned to take into account the risks of floods when designing the waste management practices.In October 2025, Hurricane Melissa (a Category 5 storm) struck Jamaica causing severe flooding, widespread infrastructure damage, and major disruptions to communities across the island.The storm also worsened plastic pollution by washing large amounts of plastic waste into rivers and coastal waters. The storm highlighted how extreme weather can amplify existing environmental challenges, including Jamaica’s ongoing struggle with plastic waste management. The project has been working with the Jamaican government to identify how it can support tackling plastic related challenged that were caused by the storm.During the next year, the project will ensure thatsolutions to plastic waste collection and recycling at cities underoutput 2.2take into account the risks of floods when designing the waste management practices.Sustainable production and waste management practices promoted under Activities 2.1.2, 2.1.3, and 2.2.2 are also expected to strengthen resilience to climate-related impacts. The project is also collaborating with local stakeholders, such as the GraceKennedy Foundation and the ocean clean up in Jamaica, which has supported the installation of river barriers and the mapping of flood-prone areas.During the upcoming year, the project is implementing the proposed safeguards and will continue monitoring their effectiveness throughout project implementation.
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2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	In line with the project's Knowledge Management Strategy: The project website was developed as a dedicated sub-site within the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP CCS) website and aligned with the IW:LEARN platform to facilitate knowledge sharing and project visibility: https://www.unep.org/cep/projects/circular-cities-beyond-plastics
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	A dedicated section for the Inter-City Network (ICN) was incorporated into the project website under Component 3, providing information on the Network's objectives, governance structure, participating cities, and key implementation milestones. https://www.unep.org/cep/projects/circular-cities-beyond-plastics-project/inter-city-network The Executing Agency (EA) created a dedicated shared folder within the project's SharePoint site hosted by the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP CCS). This repository contains key project documents and resources intended for use by the implementing partners, facilitating information sharing and collaboration throughout project implementation. During the reporting period, the first project bulletin was developed, highlighting the project's key achievements and latest developments. The bulletin will be issued on a bimonthly basis to keep project partners and stakeholders informed of implementation progress, major milestones, and upcoming activities. https://www.unep.org/cep/news/blogpost/circular-cities-beyond-plastics-bulletin The EA also held several discussions with the UNEP communications division to clarify the process for managing and archiving the knowledge products generated by the project. As a result, it was agreed that selected knowledge products will be uploaded to UNEP's Knowledge Repository to ensure their long-term accessibility and dissemination. The first project knowledge product has already been reviewed and approved for inclusion in the repository. https://wedocs.unep.org/items/29a72615-59ea-4865-82ff-f0d63892577a The project has identified further avenues for ensuring the sustainability of the knowledge generated under this project and will make the necessary arrangements in the next year. As project implementation progresses, new knowledge management needs are expected to emerge in response to the implementation of activities and the generation of project outputs and knowledge products. These needs will be assessed on an ongoing basis to ensure that appropriate knowledge management mechanisms and tools are developed and implemented as required. Broadly, knowledge management within the project will focus on: • Documenting lessons learned and best practices. • Sharing and disseminating project outputs to key audiences to support the replication and scaling-up of successful approaches. These actions are incorporated into the Project Communication Strategy and will be implemented throughout the project implementation phase. As project activities progress and additional knowledge products are generated, new knowledge management needs will be identified and addressed to ensure the effective capture, dissemination, and use of project knowledge.
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Main learning during the period	Several key learnings surfaced over the reporting period in relation to knowledge management, public engagement and communications: • Each country has its own political, social, and cultural context, which influences the terminology and level of acceptance of certain sensitive concepts, such as LGBTQI+ groups. In Jamaica, for example, some marginalized groups are not widely recognized as vulnerable populations. Therefore, it is essential to adopt a context-specific and adaptive approach, carefully considering the terminology used in each country to ensure that communications are appropriate, culturally sensitive, and aligned with the local context. • The terminology and level of understanding of certain technical concepts related to the circular economy vary across countries. Therefore, it is important to understand the local context before conducting technical workshops or engaging in discussions on circular economy and waste management with different stakeholders. Tailoring the language and approach to the specific audience and country context can help ensure effective communication, meaningful participation, and a shared understanding of key concepts. • For UNEP executed projects, early and continuous engagement with the communications division is crucial to ensure effective dissemination of knowledge products.
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Reflows

Reflows (for NGIs only)	N/A
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2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	One of the key highlights under Component 3 was the first in-person Intercity Network Meeting, held in Panama City, Panama, on 20–21 May. Representatives from 13 cities participated in the meeting, which aimed to present the proposed Action Plan model, the initial approach for the monitoring mechanism, and legislative frameworks from Puerto Montt (Chile) and Buenos Aires (Argentina). The meeting also showcased examples of actions to address plastic pollution implemented by Montevideo (Uruguay) and Barranquilla (Colombia). In addition, participants discussed the next steps for strengthening the Intercity Network. The related story can be found here: https://www.unep.org/cep/events/un-environment-event/first-intercity-network-plastics-circular-economy-meeting
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	Another important milestone was the Stakeholder Engagement Workshop delivered by Closed Loop Initiative (CLI), the contractor responsible for Component 2, Activity 2.3 (Industry Round Tables), held on 21–22 May. The workshop brought together public and private sector representatives from the six participating cities to strengthen their knowledge and capacities on effective stakeholder engagement. Participants also defined the initial steps for organizing their first in-person Industry Round Tables. The related story can be found here: https://www.unep.org/cep/events/un-environment-event/art-stakeholder-engagement-workshop-planning-industry-roundtable An important communication campaign conducted in Panama was the revamping of the communication and educational campaign developed by ANCON, called “El Hombre de Plástico” (The Plastic Man). The campaign targets different types of stakeholders, including civil society. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTVXTqLOxM8 In addition, the national execution partners regularly share updates on the progress of their activities through their social media channels and websites: https://www.instagram.com/p/DUbqq4pj-jG/ https://www.instagram.com/reel/DVLomDsiqYT/ https://www.instagram.com/reel/DYkbXSeRfTN/ https://www.facebook.com/Anconorg/videos/-dentro-del-marco-del-proyecto-de-ciudades-circulares-m%C3%A1s-all%C3%A1-del-pl%C3%A1stico-en-c/2277708056370282/
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.	Indicator 5.3 Amount of Marine Litter Avoided	0		5,065 metric tons/tonnes Marine Litter Avoided	400	The project has raised awareness among approximately 500,000 people. The following estimation is made: Number of people reached: 500,000 Average plastic waste generated per person per year: 40 kg Share of plastic waste that is mismanaged: 20% Share of mismanaged plastic waste that becomes marine litter: 10% Based on these assumptions: Potential plastic waste generated by the people reached 500,000 people $\times$ 40 kg/person/year = 20,000 tonnes of plastic waste per year Potential mismanaged plastic waste 20,000 tonnes $\times$ 20% = 4,000 tonnes of mismanaged plastic waste per year Potential plastic entering the marine environment 4,000 tonnes $\times$ 10% = 400 tonnes of potential marine litter per year	MS
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business	Indicator 6.2 Emissions Avoided Outside AFOLU	0		9,382 tonnes of CO ₂ e indirect	120 tCO ₂ e	Through the project's awareness-raising and sensitization actions, an estimated 400 tonnes of plastic waste were prevented from becoming marine litter. Assuming that approximately 30% of this plastic waste is recycled, an estimated 120 tonnes of plastic could be considered recycled: 400	MS

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commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.						tonnes × 30% = 120 tonnes of plastic recycled Applying the emission factor of 1.5 tCO ₂ e per tonne of plastic recycled indicated in the Project Document, the intervention could potentially contribute to avoiding: 120 tonnes × 1.5 tCO ₂ e/tonne = approximately 180 tCO ₂ e avoided.	
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.	Indicator 7.3 Level of National/Local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees	0		At least 2 shared water ecosystems benefiting from local reform on the management of plastic pollution	0	The participating countries are currently developing the policy action plans through a participatory process involving the relevant stakeholders. During the reporting period, the policy action plans had not yet been finalized.	MS
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.	Indicator 7.4 Level of engagement in IWLEARN through participation and delivery of key products	0		At least 2 shared water ecosystems engaged in IWLEARN through participation and delivery of key products	2	The project has participated in the 10th GEF International Waters Conference (IWC-10). It is also planning to participate in IWC-11 to be held in October 2026. An Expression of Interest (EOI) has been submitted for an interactive session to showcase the project's key achievements, lessons learned, and approach to promoting the long-term sustainability of project outcomes. The project also has an active website in line with IW:LEARN guidance.	S
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region	Indicator 9.1 Solid and liquid Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed	0		54,9 tonnes of Solid and liquid Persistent	0	The project will begin developing and implementing its monitoring framework for this indicator in Q3 2026. Therefore, no	MS

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by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.	(POPs type)			Organic Pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type)		formally monitored values will be reported at this stage. However, based on the preliminary estimates presented below, some progress towards the indicator can be considered to have been made. Assuming that plastic waste may contain between 0.01% and 0.1% of POPs by weight, the potential amount of POPs avoided can be estimated as follows: At 0.1% POPs content: 400 tonnes of plastic × 0.001 = 0.40 tonnes of POPs potentially avoided (400 kg). Based on this preliminary estimate, the 400 tonnes of plastic waste prevented from becoming marine litter could potentially correspond to approximately 0.40 tonnes of POPs avoided, removed, or prevented from entering the environment. These figures are indicative and will be further assessed and validated once the project's monitoring framework is developed and operational	
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing	Indicator 10 Reduction, avoidance of emissions of POPs to air from point and non-point sources	0		1.16 grams of toxic equivalent gTEQ emission eliminated	0	The project will begin developing and implementing its monitoring framework for this indicator in Q3 2026. Therefore, no formally monitored values will be reported at this stage. However, based on the preliminary estimate presented below, some progress towards the indicator can be considered to have been made. Using an indicative	MS

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marine plastics and plastic pollution.						emission factor of 1,000 µg TEQ per tonne of plastic burned (equivalent to 0.001 g TEQ per tonne of plastic), the potential avoided emissions are estimated as follows: 400 tonnes of plastic waste × 0.001 g TEQ/tonne = 0.40 g TEQ potentially avoided. Based on this preliminary estimate, the 400 tonnes of plastic waste prevented from becoming marine litter could potentially contribute to avoiding approximately 0.40 grams of toxic equivalent (g TEQ) emissions, assuming that the avoided waste would otherwise have been managed through uncontrolled burning practices. These figures are indicative and will be further assessed and validated once the project's monitoring framework is developed and operational.	
Reducing marine plastics and plastic pollution in the Latin America and the Caribbean region by facilitating circular actions at the city level to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, in line with government and business commitments on addressing marine plastics and plastic pollution.	Indicator 11 Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	0		990,162 direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	500,000	Through the awareness-raising and outreach activities implemented by the implementing partners—such as the Jornada Comunitaria de Reciclaje y Sensibilización Ambiental, communication campaigns including El Hombre de Plástico in Panama, and other public engagement initiatives—the project has reached and benefited approximately 500,000 stakeholders during the reporting period. Of the beneficiaries highlighted above, approximately 40% are male (200,000) and 60% are female (300,000).	S

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1: Circular economy policies developed or adopted by city-level governments to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in targeted cities	Number of cities with new policies/strategies developed or existing policies improved	0		6 cities with new policies/strategies developed or existing policies improved, with municipal capacity in policy planning strengthened.	30%	During the latest reporting period, four cities (two in Colombia and two in Panama) assessed their existing policies related to circular economy and plastic waste management, identifying key gaps, progress achieved, and areas for improvement.Based on the findings of these assessments, the cities will formulate their policy action plans during the following year. These plans will aim to address the identified gaps and strengthen enabling conditions for circular economy implementation and improved plastic waste management.The project cities have now identified the policies they intend to improve or develop.	MS
1: Circular economy policies developed or adopted by city-level governments to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in targeted cities	Sub-outcome indicator: Number of new policies adopted and existing policies improved per city	0		1 new policy adopted and 2 existing policies improved per city	25%	During the latest reporting period, four cities (two in Colombia and two in Panama) assessed their existing policies related to circular economy and plastic waste management, identifying key gaps, progress achieved, and areas for improvement.Based on the findings of these assessments, the cities will formulate their policy action plans during the following year. These plans will aim to address the identified gaps and strengthen enabling conditions for circular economy implementation and improved plastic waste management.The project cities have now identified	MS

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						the policies they intend to improve or develop.	
2: Circular economy innovations and practices adopted by the private sector to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in targeted cities	Number of businesses engaging in the project and/or adopting best practices or sustainable business solutions	0		120 businesses engaging in the project and/or adopting best practices or sustainable business solutions	35%	During the reporting period, the first consultation sessions with the private sector were conducted by UNEP CCS through a contractor, the Collective Leadership Institute (CLI) in the three participating countries. In Colombia, 81 businesses were invited and will continue participating in the Industry Round Tables to support dialogue and collaboration on circular economy and plastic waste management initiatives. In Panama, 16 businesses participated in the consultation process, while in Jamaica, 13 businesses were engaged. These initial consultations represent a key step in establishing collaboration with private sector actors and will provide inputs for the development of the Industry Round Tables and the identification of opportunities to strengthen circular economy approaches in the participating countries.	S
2: Circular economy innovations and practices adopted by the private sector to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in targeted cities	Sub-outcome indicator: Number of business solution pilots conducted per city	0		2 pilots conducted per city	25%	During the reporting period, the formulation phase of the circular economy pilots started in Panama with the participation of the private sector. In Colombia, the formulation process is expected to start during Q3 2026. In Jamaica, the circular economy pilots have been identified for the downstream component, including	MS

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						the installation of a waste collection system in a gully, accompanied by environmental education activities and improvements to waste management infrastructure. The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) is expected to be signed during Q3 2026..The progress of the pilots will continue to be monitored as the countries advance with the necessary preparatory activities and implementation arrangements.	
2: Circular economy innovations and practices adopted by the private sector to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in targeted cities	Sub-outcome indicator: Number of roundtable meetings organised	0		12 industry roundtable meetings organised (1 per city every 2 years)	40%	During the reporting period, the UNEP Plastics Unit developed a private sector engagement strategy tailored to the specific contexts and needs of each participating country.In addition, the first consultation sessions with the private sector were conducted by UNEP CCS through a contractor, the Collective Leadership Institute (CLI) in the three participating countries.In addition, an in-person stakeholder engagement workshop was conducted by UNEPC CCS through a contractor, the Collective Leadership Institute (CLI) for key representatives from both the private and public sectors for 6 cities of the project (Colon, Panama City, Barranquilla ,Cartagena, Montego Bay and Kingston) to strengthen their capacities and prepare	MS

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						them for the implementation of their first Industry Round Tables.Among the participants were recycling and circular economy companies, representatives from the participating cities and municipalities, and representatives from the National Executing Agencies in the three countries..The workshop provided participants with practical guidance on stakeholder engagement approaches and supported the preparation of the initial steps for establishing effective dialogue platforms with industry actors.	
3: Increased capacity and cooperation among LAC cities through the LAC Inter-city Network on marine plastics and plastic circular economy	Number of cities joining the inter-city network	0		15 cities joining the inter-city network by Y4	14	During the reporting period, eight additional cities joined the Intercity Network, in addition to the six project cities already participating in the project.At the time of submission of this report, the Intercity Network comprises 14 cities, strengthening regional collaboration and knowledge exchange on plastic pollution prevention, circular economy approaches, and sustainable waste management.	HS
3: Increased capacity and cooperation among LAC cities through the LAC Inter-city Network on marine plastics and plastic circular economy	Number of governments, private sector stakeholders, NGOs involved in the inter-city network	0		120 governments, private sector stakeholders, NGOs involved in the inter-city network by Y4	84	During the reporting period, 14 government representatives from the 14 participating cities were directly involved through their participation in the Intercity Network Committee.In addition, as part of the Intercity Network knowledge-sharing webinar series, 70 private sector	HS

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						stakeholders, NGOs, and civil society representatives were sensitized on topics related to circular economy and plastic waste management. These activities contributed to strengthening regional collaboration, promoting knowledge exchange, and enhancing stakeholders' understanding of approaches to address plastic pollution through circular economy solutions.	
3: Increased capacity and cooperation among LAC cities through the LAC Inter-city Network on marine plastics and plastic circular economy	Number of global and regional initiatives collaborating with the network	0		At least 8 global and regional initiatives collaborating with the network by Y4	1	During the reporting period, the project initiated discussions with a WWF representative based in Mexico and is currently exploring a potential collaboration with the Plastic Reboot Programme. Further opportunities for collaboration with other regional initiatives, such as the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, will be explored during the next implementation year to identify synergies and strengthen partnerships that support the project's objectives.	MS
4: Improved regional awareness and capacity in applying circular economy approaches to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution	Number of stakeholders trained	0		1000 stakeholders trained in total	150	Through the consultation process with the private sector during the industry roundtable meetings and the first in-person Inter-City Network meeting held in Panama City, a total of 150 people were sensitized. The indicator is expected to be further achieved once the national and regional trainings have been conducted. Please note that the national trainings	MU

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						are scheduled to take place during 2027, while the regional training is planned for the final year of the project.	
4: Improved regional awareness and capacity in applying circular economy approaches to reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution	Sub-outcome indicator: Number of knowledge assets disseminated and applied in the region	0		At least 5 knowledge assets disseminated and applied in the region	70%	To date, the project has developed five knowledge assets as part of the implementation of different project activities. These knowledge products are the following: Component 1: Private Sector Engagement Approach Private Sector Engagement Strategy Overview of Policy Frameworks and Examples of Policy and Financial Instruments Component 2: Good Practices on Downstream Innovations and Solutions for Plastic Waste Collection and Recycling Good Practices on Upstream Innovations and Solutions to Eliminate, Reduce, and Reuse Plastic Materials Currently, these knowledge assets are being stored in UNEP's Knowledge Repository, and additional platforms for knowledge dissemination and accessibility are being explored to ensure regional uptake. The knowledge assets should be uploaded to several platforms during Q3 2026.	S
5 Project partners adopt and act upon project results and lessons	Evidence of continuous improvement and changes implemented by Project SC	0		PSC members demonstrate learning has been integrated into programming by	80%	Through the knowledge assets generated by the project, as well as the continuous feedback and guidance provided by the UNEP Implementing Agency's team, the Project Steering Committee (PSC) members have advanced in	S

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				Y4		the formulation of the policy action plans and the development of the circular economy pilots. Regular PSC meetings have been held to monitor progress, provide strategic guidance, and support decision-making. Continuous improvements and adjustments to project implementation have been introduced based on the discussions and decisions of the PSC, which are documented in the respective PSC meeting records. In addition, the recommendations from the Mid-Term Review (MTR) were presented to and approved by the PSC and are being considered in the ongoing implementation of the project. In addition, the national execution partners have conducted awareness-raising and educational campaigns targeting their stakeholders, demonstrating the application and dissemination of knowledge generated through project activities. In Panama, an important communication and educational activity was the revamping and adaptation of ANCON's "El Hombre de Plástico" (The Plastic Man) campaign, which targets different stakeholder groups, including civil society. In addition, educational activities were conducted in local schools, including waste characterization exercises aimed at	

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						raising students' awareness of waste management, plastic pollution, and circular economy principles.	

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

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1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 1.1 Policy action plans developed and submitted for Approval by municipalities to promote circular economy approaches for plastics	2026-12-31	10%	35%	In Panama and Colombia, technical assessments of the existing policy frameworks related to circular economy and plastic waste management were completed for the participating cities. The assessments were carried out by the national executing partners (ANCON and Invemar). These assessments identified the current policy landscape, key achievements, and remaining gaps. As a next step, both countries are expected to develop policy action plans that address the identified gaps and strengthen the enabling environment for the implementation of circular economy approaches. Jamaica and Panama have identified the policies to be improved and/or developed. Colombia is still working on their identification. Activities in Jamaica are expected to commence in Q3 2026 following the signing of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which is also	MS

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					anticipated during the same period.	
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.1.1 Conduct global review of policy framework with recommendations for LAC	2024-11-01	100%			
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.1.2 Develop policy action plan for six cities	2026-03-31	25%		In Panama and Colombia, technical assessments of the existing policy frameworks related to circular economy and plastic waste management were completed for the participating cities. The assessments were carried out by the national executing partners (ANCON and Invemar). These assessments identified the current policy landscape, key achievements, and remaining gaps. As a next step, both countries are expected to develop policy action plans that address the identified gaps and strengthen the enabling environment for the implementation of circular economy approaches. Jamaica has identified the policies to be improved and/or developed. Activities are expected to commence in Q3 2026 following the signing of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which is also anticipated during the same period..	
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 1.2 Targeted policy interventions carried out to improve circularity	2026-12-31	10%	15%	At present, both Panama and Colombia are in the process of developing their policy action plans following assessments of the existing legal and regulatory frameworks in the implementing cities. The implementation phase will be	U

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					guided by the recommendations and actions identified in these policy action plans. Therefore, implementation activities will commence once the policy action plans have been finalized and approved.	
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.2.1 Identify global best policy practices and propose recommendations for LAC	2024-11-01	100%			
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.2.2 Support the implementation of selected policies in six cities	2025-12-31	0%	25%	Although the participating countries are still in the early stages of formulating their policy action plans, the UNEP plastics unit team has already provided several rounds of technical guidance and support to help identify existing policy instruments that can be strengthened, as well as opportunities for the development of new ones. As a result of these technical support sessions, Jamaica has completed the identification of the policy instruments to be improved and/or formulated. Similarly, an initial identification of priority policy instruments has been achieved in Panama and Colombia, providing the foundation for the subsequent development of their policy action plans. During the next reporting period, UNEP plastics unit will continue providing technical assistance to support the	

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					development, refinement, and subsequent implementation of the policy action plans, ensuring they effectively promote circular economy approaches and improved plastic waste management.	
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 1.3 Implementation plans for financial instruments developed to facilitate responsible plastics management	2026-03-31	10%	20%	Although the participating countries are still in the early stages of developing their financial instrument plans, the UNEP plastics unit team has initiated technical support to guide this process. Initial discussions have focused on identifying financing needs, potential financing mechanisms, and opportunities to support the implementation of circular economy measures and improved plastic waste management. During the next reporting period, UNEP plastics unit will continue providing technical assistance to support the design, refinement, and implementation of the financial instrument plans, enabling the participating countries to advance the development of financing mechanisms that facilitate the implementation and long-term sustainability of circular economy interventions.	U
1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.3.1 Identify global best practices on financial instruments	2024-11-01	100%			

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1 City Led Promotion of Circular Economy Policies to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 1.3.2 Develop implementation plans for selected financial instruments	2026-03-31	0%	20%	Although the participating countries are still in the early stages of developing their financial instrument plans, the UNEP plastics team has initiated technical support to guide this process. Initial discussions have focused on identifying financing needs, potential financing mechanisms, and opportunities to support the implementation of circular economy measures and improved plastic waste management. During the next reporting period, UNEP plastics team will continue providing technical assistance to support the design, refinement, and implementation of the financial instrument plans, enabling the participating countries to advance the development of financing mechanisms that facilitate the implementation and long-term sustainability of circular economy interventions.	
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 2.1 Approaches developed and tested to facilitate more circular design, production, and consumption of plastics	2025-12-31	10%	25%	The participating countries are currently identifying and designing upstream pilot interventions through a participatory approach involving the project cities. Throughout the reporting period, the UNEP Plastics unit conducted several technical coaching sessions to support the identification and refinement of potential upstream pilot ideas. These sessions also provided a platform to discuss the feasibility of the proposed interventions, including	MU

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					their potential benefits, implementation challenges, and opportunities for scaling and replication.As the pilot design process continues, substantial progress is expected during the next reporting period, with the participating countries advancing the selection, detailed design, and preparation for the implementation of the upstream pilot interventions.	
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.1.1 Identify global best practices on business upstream innovations	2025-03-31	100%			
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.1.2 Identify business upstream interventions in six cities	2025-31-12	10%	25%	During the reporting period, Panama defined the implementation mechanism for both the upstream and downstream circular economy pilots. The selected approach consists of providing seed funding through ANCON to support the implementation of pilot interventions. The formulation of the corresponding calls for proposals is currently underway.In Colombia, different implementation options for the pilots are currently being assessed, and the most appropriate mechanism is expected to be defined during the next reporting period.In Jamaica, the pilot formulation process will begin once the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) has been signed, which is expected to take place during Q3 2026.	

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2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.1.3 Pilot test business upstream interventions in six cities	2026-12-31	0%	15%	The pilot projects will be implemented once the pilot formulation process has been finalized. However, execution mechanisms are being set up. As the participating countries are currently in the process of designing the pilot initiatives, substantial progress is expected during the next reporting period.	
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 2.2 Approaches developed and tested to improve collection and recycling of plastic waste	2025-12-31	10%	25%	The countries are currently identifying and designing downstream pilot interventions through a participatory approach involving the implementing cities. As this process progresses, substantial advancements are expected to be achieved during the next reporting period. With the UNEP Plastic Unit's technical guidance and coaching, Jamaica has already selected its downstream circular economy pilot interventions. Their implementation is expected to commence in Q3 2026 following the signing of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which is also anticipated during the same period.	MU
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.2.1 Identify global best practices on collection and recycling	2025-06-30	100%			
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.2.2 Pilot test solutions to improve collection and recycling in six cities	2026-12-31	0%	15%	The pilot projects will be implemented once the pilot formulation process has been finalized. As the participating	

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Pollution in Targeted Cities					countries are currently in the process of designing the pilot initiatives, substantial progress is expected during the next reporting period.	
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Output 2.3 Industry roundtable on plastic circular economy established and roundtable meetings organized with collaboration between business stakeholders facilitated	2025-12-31	5%	35%	During the reporting period, the participating cities conducted their first consultation sessions with private sector stakeholders and received training on stakeholder engagement to strengthen their capacity to facilitate inclusive and effective dialogue. The first Industry Round Table for each participating city is expected to take place during Q3 2026, marking the beginning of structured collaboration between the public and private sectors to advance circular economy solutions and improve plastic waste management.	MU
2 Private Sector Led Promotion of Circular Economy Actions to Reduce Marine Plastics and Plastic Pollution in Targeted Cities	Activity 2.3.1 Establish the industry roundtable and organize roundtable meetings	2025-12-31	0	50%	During the reporting period, the participating cities conducted their first consultation sessions with private sector stakeholders and received training on stakeholder engagement to strengthen their capacity to facilitate inclusive and effective dialogue. The first Industry Round Table for each participating city is expected to take place during Q3 2026, marking the beginning of structured collaboration between the public and private sectors to advance circular economy	

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					solutions and improve plastic waste management.	
3 Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy	Output 3.1 Inter-city network operationalised	2025-31-12	50%	80%	During the reporting period, the Intercity Network was operationalized through a series of activities aimed at establishing its membership, governance arrangements, knowledge exchange mechanisms, and initial planning framework. A series of webinars were conducted with cities participating in the Network, and eight additional cities joined the Network, expanding its membership beyond the six project cities. An in-person knowledge exchange meeting was also held, providing an opportunity for participating cities to exchange experiences and strengthen collaboration. In addition, key governance arrangements, as well as the Network's mission and vision, were reaffirmed, and a draft Action Plan template was developed to guide the Network's future activities.	HS
3 Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy	Activity 3.1.1 Strategy, governance, vision, and missions of the inter-city network developed	2025-06-30	100%			
3 Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy	Activity 3.1.2 Establish the inter-city network	2025-06-30	100%			
3 Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy	Output 3.2 Inter-city network expanded with more participating cities	2025-12-31	0%	80%	At the moment, eight more cities, in addition to the six implementing cities, are part of the intercity network.	S

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3 Inter-City Network on Marine Plastics and Plastic Circular Economy	3.2.1 Develop a harmonized action plan for cities and expand the network	2025-12-31	0%	60%	The harmonized action plan template was developed, and the cities are currently reviewing it.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Output 4.1 Information, Education and Communication (IEC) strategy for the project developed and implemented using IW: LEARN platform, GGKP and GPML platforms	2026-12-31	10%	40%	The implementation of the project communication strategy is an ongoing activity. The cities have contextualized the strategy and are currently implementing it with the guidance of the UNEP-CCS communications consultant.	S
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Activity 4.1.1 Establish a project website	2025-06-30	100%			
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Activity 4.1.2 Develop and implement the project communication strategy	2026-12-31	20%	50%	The communication strategy was finalised. The implementation of the project communication strategy is an ongoing activity. The cities have contextualized the strategy and are currently implementing it with the guidance of the UNEP-CCS communications consultant.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Activity 4.1.3 Compile and disseminate project knowledge products via various platforms	2026-12-31	30%	55%	The project is uploading the knowledge products generated through the implementation of project activities to UNEP's knowledge repository. Other platforms are currently being evaluated for knowledge sharing and dissemination.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Output 4.2 Targeted capacity building activities conducted	2025-12-31	0%	15%	Through the consultation process with the private sector during the industry roundtable meetings and the first in-person Inter-City Network meeting held in Panama City, a total of 150 people were sensitized. The indicator is expected to be	MU

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					further achieved once the national and regional trainings have been conducted. Please note that the national trainings are scheduled to take place during 2027, while the regional training is planned for the final year of the project.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Activity 4.2.1 Develop capacity building events and training	2025-12-31	0%	15%	Through the consultation process with the private sector during the industry roundtable meetings and the first in-person Inter-City Network meeting held in Panama City, a total of 150 people were sensitized. The indicator is expected to be further achieved once the national and regional trainings have been conducted. Please note that the national trainings are scheduled to take place during 2027, while the regional training is planned for the final year of the project.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Output 4.3 Long-term monitoring conducted by cities on the implementation of circular economy approaches and associated reduction in plastic pollution	2026-12-31	0%	30%	For Component 2, the UNEP Plastics unit in Paris developed a proposal for monitoring the Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs) under component 2. In addition, a contract was established with GRID-Arendal to further develop the GEB monitoring template.	
4 Capacity Development and Knowledge Management	Activity 4.3.1 Develop monitoring indicators and methodologies for progress monitoring	2025-12-31	0%	30%	For Component 2, the Industry and Economy Division's Innovation Branch in Paris developed a proposal for monitoring the Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs) under component 2. In addition, a contract was established	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					with GRID-Arendal to develop the GEB monitoring template.	
5 Monitoring and Evaluation	Output 5.1 Monitoring and evaluation of project outcomes and outputs to include quarterly financial reporting	2026-12-31	40%	60%	The annual narrative and financial reports were submitted on time and were fully aligned with the information recorded in Umoja and the progress of project implementation. Due to the departure of the Project Manager and the Technical Project Support, there were delays in the submission of the Q1 2026 narrative and financial reports. Nevertheless, all previous reporting requirements had been met on time.	S
5 Monitoring and Evaluation	Output 5.2 Mid-term and terminal evaluations results shared with stakeholders	2026-12-31	0%	100%	The Mid-Term Evaluation was conducted during Q1 2026 and shared with stakeholders during Q2 2026.	MS

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Moderate	Substantial
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Moderate
3 Implementation schedule	Substantial	Substantial
4 Budget	Moderate	Substantial
5 Financial Management	Moderate	Moderate
6 Reporting	Moderate	Substantial
7 Capacity to deliver	Moderate	Moderate

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	All outputs	N/A	M	S	H			H	↓	Increased as: the Project Manager departed in October 2025, the FMO left in Q1 2026, and the technical project support also concluded in Q1

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										2026. Nevertheless, the EA has continued to provide overall project management support, and a temporary project manager was onboarded in Q2 2026. A new Finance and Management Officer (FMO) is expected to join the project in Q3 2026, further strengthening the project management structure while temporary support is currently provided. A new full time project manager is expected to be onboarded in September 2026.
Implementation schedule	All outputs	N/A	S	S	S			S	=	Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation and the current implementation status across the three participating countries, a no-cost extension was approved by the PSC and is currently being processed. Nevertheless, no updated workplan was yet approved, so the project is not progressing according to the last PSC approved workplan.
Community Health. Safety and Security (SS4)	All outputs	M	M	M	M			M	=	
Labor and Working Conditions (SS8)	All outputs	M	M	M	M			M	=	The collection and recycling pilots may create labour risks and an unequal hiring process, and the project will ensure that the selection

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										of collection proposals considers gender balance.
Budget	All outputs	N/A	L	S	M			M	↓	A budget revision is currently being undertaken as part of the proposed no-cost extension of the project.
Impacts to human health due to COVID-19	All outputs	H	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Decreasing local support and delays in actions due to COVID restrictions	All outputs	M	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Temporary suspension of policies on reducing SUPPs, reversal of initiatives that supported reusables due to COVID	Output 1.1	H	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Increased of plastic waste due to increased use of single use plastic products due to COVID	Output 2.2	M	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Restricted travel due to COVID	All outputs	M	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Closing of recycling businesses due to COVID	Output 2.2	M	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Decreased ability of private companies to participate or contribute co-financing due to COVID-19 lockdown	Output 2.1, 2.2, 2.3	M	N/A	L	L			L	=	COVID-19 no longer an acute risk/threat to project activities.
Policies only developed but not implemented or without practical solutions, which can be a risk as low policy implementation and enforcement will weaken the incentive structure for all other stakeholders to take actions	Output 1.1, 4.3	H	N/A	M	M			M	=	This remains a risk to the project. In all project countries national legislation exists on e.g., SUPP bans, however enforcement is varied and the project is actively implementing mitigation activities. The project will also develop a sustainability plan.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
City authorities fail to mobilise private sector partners during policy development and implementation	Output 1.1, 1.2, 1.3	M	N/A	M	L			L	↓	This remains a risk, however low as private sector engagement under the project has strongly increased -- a capacity building in-person workshop on industry roundtables is planned for Q4, focusing on private sector engagement.
Failure of private sector to participate in the project, with low engagement from the large corporation; lack of industry or key corporations' engagement	Output 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3	L	N/A	M	L			L	↓	This remains a risk, however low as private sector engagement under the project has strongly increased -- a capacity building in-person workshop on industry roundtables is planned for Q4, focusing on private sector engagement.
Interventions through the private sector (component 2) fail to be sustained or replicated within and between cities.	Output 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.3	M	N/A	M	L			L	↓	This remains a risk; however, implementing partners are maintaining continuous engagement with the private sector and will adopt a co-creation approach for the development of the pilots in collaboration with private sector stakeholders.
Failure of informal waste sector to participate	Output 2.2	M	N/A	M	M			M	=	The informal waste sector looks very different in each of the 3 countries. In Colombia/Panama the risk is low, however in Jamaica there is limited informal waste sector, so the risk is moderate.
Cultural resistance from the citizens to	Output 2.1, 4.1	M	N/A	M	M			M	=	Cultural preferences differ in the 3

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
accept new measures or adopt innovative solutions										project countries. In Jamaica this risk is substantial, as culturally there are barriers to overcome. In the other project countries the risk is lower.
Civil society (including NGOs, CSOs, education establishments) unwilling to participate	Output 4.1	L	N/A	L	L			L	=	Across the 3 project countries there is already reasonably strong civil society engagement in project activities through the national and local execution partners.
Inadequate data available to support activities	Output 4.3	M	N/A	L	M			L	↑	Data collection in some project countries (Colombia) is much more robust than others (Panama, Jamaica). Data collection will need to be strengthened in the latter two via country execution partners, to ensure activities build off a sound scientific basis.
Risks related with HR, administrative or organizational arrangement	All outputs	M	N/A	M	M			M	=	Rotation of personnel within the Project Management Unit (PMU) remains a risk. However, several contingency measures have been implemented, including the continued support provided by CCS's PMO to ensure continuity in overall project management.
Flooding can exacerbate plastic pollution due to transportation of plastic waste to the oceans and collapsing waste management by increasing waste leakage; floods	Output 2.2, 4.3	H	N/A	M	M			M	=	During the rainy season/hurricane season flooding remains a significant natural risk and threat to waste collection in cities.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
considered high risk is due to inundations depth above 0.5-2m with high probability of occurrence.										
Financial management	All outputs	N/A		M	M			M	=	A budget revision will be undertaken. The Finance and Management Officer (FMO) left during Q1 2026; however, temporary support is being provided and a new FMO is expected to be onboarded during Q3 2026.
Reporting	All outputs	N/A	N/A	H	M			M	↓	The discrepancies between the expenditure records of the execution partners, the Executing Agency (EA), and the Implementing Agency (IA) have now been reconciled and aligned with the financial data recorded in Umoja. However, reporting between the EA and national execution partners remains challenging.
Capacity to deliver		N/A	N/A	M	M			M	=	The national execution partners in Colombia and Panama, despite experiencing some minor delays in the implementation of certain activities, have demonstrated a strong capacity to deliver the planned activities. In Jamaica, the national execution partner is the Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change, working together with the

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										municipalities of the participating cities. Given their multiple ongoing responsibilities and the challenges they have already faced in engaging with the project, the risk associated with their capacity to deliver the project activities could be considered moderate.
Climate Change and Disaster Risks (SS2)	All outputs	M	M	M	M			M	=	
	All outputs	M	S	S	M			M	↓	During the reporting period, the project achieved several important results, particularly under Components 3 and 4. Nevertheless, some implementation delays were experienced under Components 1 and 2. In light of the proposed no-cost extension, it is anticipated that all planned activities and indicators will be achieved. However, it should be noted that, due to the length of legislative and policy approval processes in the participating countries, some public policies may be formulated during the project period but not formally adopted or implemented before the project's completion.

4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
Implementation schedule	Signature of PCA with Jamaica. Contracting of Colombia (PCA signed end June 2025) and disbursement of funds pending as of 15 July 2025.	An FMO was onboarded but left UNEP-CCS during Q1 2026. The PMA has been effectively supporting the project, and a new FMO is expected to be onboarded during Q4 2026. Project funds were disbursed to Colombia. The implementation schedule has been updated to incorporate the PSC-approved project extension, including the actions undertaken during the current year and those planned for the remaining implementation period. In addition, the project will develop a sustainability plan in collaboration with the implementing partners.	Signature of the agreement with Jamaica. Formal approval of the no-cost extension. Technical guidance to be provided by UNEP CCS and the Plastic Unit for the development of the sustainability plan.	Q3-Q4 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution, UNEP CCS / temporary Project Manager to support the Jamaican government counterparts. Executing Agency (UNEP CCS): preparation of the no-cost extension documents. Implementing Agency (UNEP): approval of the no-cost extension. UNEP CCS and the Plastic Unit: technical guidance for the development of the sustainability plan.
Capacity to deliver	Agreement with Jamaica remains unsigned/ pending as of 3 September. It was	Continued support from the Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution	Agreement with Jamaica remains unsigned/ pending. It was sent to the country	Q3 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution, temporary project manager

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	sent to the country executing partner in early April 2025. This remains a very high risk for the project. Engage CCS leadership and IA to identify further mitigation measures (e.g., identify new country execution partner in Jamaica, identify new country for project execution, amongst others)	and the temporary Project Manager was provided to the new Ministry (MWECC) and municipalities on administrative and technical matters. Several meetings were held to support them in the preparation of their definitive work plan and financial forecast. Follow-up messages and calls were also conducted to support the signing of the PCA.	executing partner in early April 2025. It is expected to be signed during Q3 2026. Cabinet already approved the PCA.		
Budget	Finalise discussion with IA on PMC expenditures. Align on percentage of staffing (PMC) to be allocated	The PMC expenditures were reviewed between EA and IA.	A budget revision is being undertaken by UNEP-CCS to ensure sustainable delivery of project within GEF rules.	Q3 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution, temporary project manager
Community Health. Safety and Security (SS4)	Reduction in plastic waste will reduce stagnant water collecting in e.g., plastic containers which are vectors for disease (i.e., mosquitos). Communities are expected to see a decrease in vector-borne diseases with a reduction in plastic pollution. Continue ensuring safety in pilot	Reducing plastic waste in cities under Component 2 remains pending, as the national executing partners in Colombia and Panama initiated the formulation of the circular economy pilots; however, the pilots had not yet been implemented during the reporting period.	Continue community health and safety in pilot solutions under Component 2 and the project at large.	Q4 2026	Temporary project manager, UNEP plastics unit

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	solutions under Component 2 and the project at large.				
Labor and Working Conditions (SS8)	The Executing Agency will ensure that the recruitment of local project staff (e.g. project manager, national consultants, technical experts) meet national labor laws and international commitments. A gender consultant will be hired under the project to give specific support.	The Executing Agency has ensured that the recruitment of local project staff (e.g. project manager, national consultants, technical experts) meet national labor laws and international commitments. A gender consultant was hired and is actively working with national execution partners. Under component 2, the consultant hired by the UNEP plastics unit and the gender expert is ensuring labour and working rights are incorporated in pilot design.	The Executing Agency will continue to meet national labor laws and international commitments. Also under pilot activities under component 2	Q4 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution, temporary project manager, FMO
Policies only developed but not implemented or without practical solutions, which can be a risk as low policy implementation and enforcement will weaken the incentive	Continue to engage government stakeholders identified and propose opportunities to strengthen enforcement through project deliverables.	Continued engagement with national and city-level government stakeholders across 6 cities and 3 countries, to ensure project design aligns with local needs, realities and policy	Continue to engage government stakeholders identified and propose opportunities to strengthen enforcement through project deliverables.	Q4 2026	Temporary project manager

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
structure for all other stakeholders to take actions		priorities. Enforcement remains central to these discussions.			
Failure of informal waste sector to participate	The project manager will work with country execution partners to appropriately identify integration/engagement of the informal sector.	Site visits in Colombia and Jamaica were undertaken in the reporting period by the Project Manager, to understand the informal waste sector in the country.	The project manager will work with country execution partners to appropriately identify integration/engagement of the informal sector, mainly in Jamaica.	Q4 2026	Temporay project manager
Cultural resistance from the citizens to accept new measures or adopt innovative solutions	Engagement of local communications focal points across the 3 country executing partners, to specifically identify tools to shift behaviors at national/city levels.	Ongoing implementation of the communication strategy by the communications consultant hired by UNEP CCS. Consultation meetings with the private sector to identify ways to overcome existing barriers.	Engagement of local communications focal points across the three country executing partners to identify tools and approaches to support behavior change at the national and city levels. Consultations with public and private sector stakeholders to identify ways to overcome potential resistance.	Q3 2026	Temporary project manager , communications consultant, focal points at country level within country executing partners, representatives from the private sector, national- and city-level public representatives
Risks related with HR, administrative or organizational arrangement	Identification of additional support needs (including additional PMA support), and solutions to enhance delivery.	An FMO was onboarded within UNEP-CCS to facilitate and reduce response times for administrative and financial	A new FMO will be onboarded during Q3 2026 and will support the project with 30% of his/her time allocation. A Project	Q3 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
		requests. However, the FMO departed during Q1 2026. A part-time Project Management Assistant (PMA) was subsequently onboarded to provide support to the project, and a temporary Project Manager joined the project in April 2026.	Manager will be contracted to support the project for the remainder of the implementation period.		
Flooding can exacerbate plastic pollution due to transportation of plastic waste to the oceans and collapsing waste management by increasing waste leakage; floods considered high risk is due to inundations depth above 0.5-2m with high probability of occurrence.	Identification of civil society/government partners in Panama and Colombia with similar mapping, as undertaken in Jamaica.	Both national executing partners identified potential partners working on marine litter issues in the target cities.	Continue engaging with organizations currently working on marine litter and plastic waste to identify and assess potential synergies and opportunities for collaboration.	Q3-Q4 2026	National Executing Partners and Temporary Project Manager
Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Clarity on specific roles should be provided, and EA responsibilities should be managed at EA level.	The Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution supported the overall management of the project during Q4 and Q1 2026. During Q2 2026, a temporary project manager	The onboarding of the full time Project Manager will be undertaken during Q4 2026.	Q4 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution,

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
		was onboarded to provide technical support to the project.			
Financial management	Transparency and clarity on are to be improved. The project manager, project Management Officer should work with FMO.	The FMO left UNEP-CCS during Q1 2026; nevertheless, the PMA has continued to provide support to the project, and FMOs based in Nairobi and Geneva has also provided support to UNEP-CCS.	A new FMO will be onboarded to support the project during Q4 2026.	Q4 2026	Programme Management Officer for Marine Pollution,
Reporting	Currently financial reporting within the EA remains very challenging/time consuming. The PM, Project Management Officer and FMO to align on the way forward for reporting, to seek efficiencies.	The reporting process was improved through a collaborative mechanism between the PMA and the temporary Project Manager.	The FMO, PMA, and temporary Project Manager will continue working together to identify solutions to optimize and streamline the reporting process.	Q4 2026	Temporary Project Manager, Project Management Officer, PMA, FMO and FMOs at IA

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

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% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

During the PSC meeting on 18-19 May 2026, a no-cost project extension of 1.5 years to 31 December 2028 was approved with all technical implementation by implementing partners to be finalized by June 2028. The Executing agency is preparing the project extension package (incl. updated workplans, forecasts and budget revisions) for PSC approval, so all current project agreements and annexes can be amended accordingly.

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original agreement		2022-12-20	2022-12-21	2026-12-31	N/A

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 Description	Activity Description
Cartagena. Colombia	10.4	-75.5	3687238		Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Cartagena. Colombia.
Barranquilla. Colombia	10.963889	-74.796389	3689147		Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Barranquilla. Colombia.
Kingston. Jamaica	17.971389	-76.793056	3489854		Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in
Montego Bay. Jamaica	18.466667	-77.916667	3489460		Reduce marine plastics and

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Montego Bay. Jamaica
Panama City. Panama	8.983333	-79.516667	3703443		Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Panama City. Panama
Cólon. Panama	9.357222	-79.898611	3712076		Reduce marine plastics and plastic pollution in Latin American and the Caribbean cities through a circular economy approach in Cónon. Panama

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

N/A

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