GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 5688	**Umoja WBS:**SB-006447
SMA IPMR ID:30436	**Grant ID:**GFL-11207-14A0003-SB-0006447
Project Short Title: Global BCH III/FSP	
Project Title: UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)	
Duration months planned: 48	
Duration months age: 107	
Project Type: Full Sized Project (FSP)	
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope: Global	
Region:	
Countries: Afghanistan,Albania,Angola,Armenia,Azerbaijan,Bahamas,Bangladesh,Barbados,Belarus,Bolivia,Bosnia and Herzegovina,Botswana,Brazil,Burundi,Cabo Verde,Cameroon,China,Colombia,Croatia,Djibouti,Dominica,Egypt,El Salvador,Eritrea,Fiji,Gabon,Gambia,Georgia,Grenada,Guinea-Bissau,Indonesia,Ivory Coast,Jamaica,Kazakhstan,Kenya,Kiribati,Kyrgyzstan,Malawi,Maldives,Mali,Marshall Islands,Mexico,Mongolia,Montenegro,Morocco,Mozambique,Myanmar,Namibia,Nauru,Nicaragua,Niger,North Macedonia,Niue Island,Pakistan,Palau,Papua New Guinea,Paraguay,Rwanda,Serbia,Seychelles,Solomon Islands,South Africa,Sri Lanka,Suriname,Tajikistan,Tanzania,Thailand,Trinidad and Tobago,Turkey,Turkmenistan,Tuvalu,Uganda,Ukraine,Uruguay,Zambia,Zimbabwe	
GEF Focal Area(s): Biodiversity	
GEF financing amount: $ 4,699,684.00	
Co-financing amount: $ 8,755,491.00	

Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2016-06-21
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2016-09-16
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2016-10-01
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2017-12-11
Date of First Disbursement:	2016-10-24
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	$ 4,168,089.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	$ 4,168,089.00
Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2019-12-10
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2019-12-10
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2020-09-15
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2024-12-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-06-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2025-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The goal of BCH III project is "to provide support to eligible parties for GEF funding to build and sustain individual and institutional capacities for effective participation in the BCH in line with COP/MOP Decisions, specifically BS VI/5 para 2f ". More specifically, the two main objectives are to achieve: 1) Effective participation to the BCH from participating countries, and 2) Stakeholder's inclusiveness.

The project includes the following 4 components:

Component 1: National BCH Institutional Capacity Development including Effective and Inclusive Participation, Production and Sharing of Information

Component 2: National Sustainability of Biosafety Clearing House Mechanisms through the Establishment of Effective National Procedures

Component 3: Regional Networking, Experience and Knowledge Sharing

Component 4: Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.

The project executing agency is UNEP-Law Division project team, working in close coordination with National Executing Agencies (often ministries of environment or national biosafety research centers) in participating countries

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	N/A
Executing Agency (ies)	UNEP-DELC and National Executing Agencies
names of Other Project Partners	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Korean Biosafety Clearing House (KBCH)
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Alex Owusu-Biney
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Evelyn Machaiso
Manager/Representative	Mamadou Kane

Project Manager	Emmanuel Adonsou
Finance Manager	Bernard Koech
Communications Lead, if relevant	N/A

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Foundational: Environmental governance
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Subprogarmme 4: Environmental governance
PoW Indicator(s):	• Governance: (ii) Number of international legal agreements or instruments advanced or developed with UNEP support to address emerging or internationally agreed environmental goals
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	N/A
Link to relevant SDG Goals	• Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	• 2.5 By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels, and promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed

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

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	9000	11000	11000	3216
11.1- Male	4500	5500	5500	1796
11.2- Female	4500	5500	5500	1420

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 2024	7th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	6th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2022	5th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	4th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2020	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2019	2nd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2018	1st PIR	S	S	L
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Outcome 1: Increased number of national workshops, development of e-learning course and finalization of the BCH III communication campaign

Under Outcome 1 on enhanced use and access of BCH data and effective participation in the BCH, 9 out of 13 targets are achieved (100%). During the reporting period, the total number of workshops held since the beginning of the project increased from 125 to 134 in 44 countries. 101% of Target 1.1 achieved in the current reporting period, from 83% during the previous reporting period. The percentage of countries which completed national BCH capacity building activities and developed sustainability plans increased from 33 to 39 (or 87% to 97.3%) of Target 1.2.

The BCH in collabration with CBD have continued to enhance the front-end development needs of the BCH and to ensure that all important features requested by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol were implemented on the new BCH platform. BCH migrate to its new platform as per COP decisions, (CP-9/2, NP-3/3), the BCH operates on the same platform as the ABSCH. This has resulted in: a) Development of online formats for the 5th National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the 1st National Report on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in all UN languages; b) Migration of the Vue 2 component to Vue 3, which enhanced the capabilities of the BCH and other clearing-houses of the Convention; c) Developed the Laboratories (LAB) Registry page in the BCH as recommended of the Informal Advisory Committee made at its twelfth meeting held in May 2023; d) Export function for record types added allowing users to generate more comprehensive reports, fixed numerous bugs, glitches in both clearing houses, implementation and improvement of specific features of the front-end user interface

of the BCH. The Export function was also developed in the ABSCH, and the Expert function is in the final stage of development for the following record types in the BCH: CNAs, SPCAs, LAWs, DECs, RAs and IRAs, Biosafety Experts, VLR, LAB, LMOs, GENEs, ORGAs, CDIs.

Outcome 1 challenges: Delays in the implementation of national workshops activities and request for a project extension up until 31 December 2024. As of June 2024, out of the 43 countries that have signed SSFAs with the UNEP Law Division to implement national project activities, 37 countries have completed the national workshops and reported accordingly. In this reporting period, 11 participating countries have extended their Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) until 30 June 2024. Five (5) countries—Nicaragua, Solomon Islands, Mongolia, Bahamas, and Nicaragua—have finalized their national workshops and are currently working on the final report. The remaining six countries—Tanzania, Grenada, Barbados, Cape Verde, Gabon, and Cameroon—will need to extend their SSFAs until December 2024 to complete project activities in their respective countries. The project extension up to 31 December 2024 requested by BCH III Project Manager has been granted. The objective of this extension is to allow the completion of the project.

Outcome 2: Improved participants knowledge, increased number of countries who concluded their 3rd workshop and have a VLE course, further impact on national frameworks. 8 out of 9 of targets under Outcome 2 on strengthened national BCH systems and procedures' targets have already been achieved (100%).
A total of 41 out of 44 countries which are implementing national level project activities have completed a third national workshop – organized under the lead of the country and with less support from the Regional Advisor, as national counterparts have built knowledge from the first two workshops. The initial target of 38 countries (50% of 76) was set with the assumption that a total of 76 countries will be implementing national project activities. Therefore, this target is met (100%) as 28 countries, more than half of the 44 countries, have organized and delivered the 3rd workshop by themselves.

Outcome 3: 2nd national workshop organized following a regional training of trainer (ToT) and one survey being developed to assess knowledge-sharing after the ToT.
10 out 12 targets under Outcome 3 on enhanced regional networking and knowledge-sharing have already been achieved (100%). To assess skills or knowledge-sharing by participants of these regional ToTs with colleagues (Target 3.5 is 70% completed). The questionaire for the survey has been developed and reviewed, it will be shared to particpants in 2024. Under Target 3.3, six regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs in six regions developed and organized, focusing on countries that have not signed SSFAs for national activities. In this reporting period, two Regional BCH Training Workshops were held in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions in November 2023 and January 2024 respectively. Plans are underway for preparing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of BCH centers of excellence. The BCH project has continued to improve the skills and e-knowledge of NFPs in using the Biosafety Clearing-House to submit and search for information and support decision-making on LMOs. NFPs have shared various knowledge, methodologies, and findings related to the environmental and health impacts of LMOs. Preparations to organize a BCH/ABS regional workshop for the African regions in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire are underway. In this reporting milestone, Rwanda Biosafety and Biosecurity Organization (www.rbbo.org) plan to organize a workshop and training on the Biosafety Clearing House in 2024 as the result of BCH activities in the country. Preparations to organize a BCH/ABS regional workshop for the African regions (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) are underway.

Outcome 4: Organization of the global Training of Trainers (ToT) and certification of the Regional Advisors

10 out of 13 targets under Outcome 4 on strengthened and institutionalized BCH regional advisory system had already been achieved (100%). Under Target 4.3 - 5 RAs deliver global workshops at CBD COPs 100% accomplishment was already reported in the previous reporting period. Plans for COP 16 which will be held in November 2024 in Cali - Colombia will brings stakeholders from different countries to enhance global and sub-regional networking and knowledge sharing of information parties' obligations, on searching and submitting of information on the BCH and its relevance to the Cartagena Protocol for effective implementation of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH).

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	$ 8,755,491
Actual to date:	8,489,278
Progress	**Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:** All co-finance has been pledged as in-kind and so far, all contributors have provided in-kind support as pledged. Outstanding amount relates to support by countries and PM (Project Manager) support from UNEP.

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2021-03-02
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	ii) A workshop for key Government representatives with responsibilities for implementing the Biosafety Protocol, particularly those that will update and use the BCH as a means of fulfilling the national obligations set forth in the protocol. The representatives included the BCH's National Focal Points (NFPs), National Authorized Users (NAUs), Competent National Authorities (CNAs), and other information providers. The workshop provided participants with a clear understanding of the format of BCH records as well as the procedures for registering and publishing biosafety-related decisions; they will be acquainted with technical BCH responsibilities to ensure common understanding of the requirements to provide the necessary information to stakeholders, and with procedures and institutional mechanisms set forth for an effective participation to the BCH in line with national biosafety policy and biosafety framework; iii) A workshop for key stakeholders on how the information available in the BCH can best be utilized. This workshop introduced BCH training materials and demonstrated how the BCH know-how can be utilized by national educational institutions and other key

	stakeholders, to achieve BCH capacity building sustainability beyond project's duration. Strong stakeholder involvement through the national sub projects, and through networking with regional institutions is ongoing as a key project intervention and per the recommendations of the MTR.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	The Project actively encourages countries to strive for gender balance and the inclusion of all social groups in training workshops and the national BCH task force. The Project itself strives for gender balance and broad social inclusion in all its activities. There is strong involvement of women, youth, men in the delivery of the project through the national training, regional and global workshops. The project is capturing and codifying data to be shared as part of lessons learnt for future global projects with several sub projects at different stages of development. The revised Log frame features a specific indicator to collect gender responsive data. As of June 2024, the participation of women in the BCH national workshops activities were 1316 in total across 39 countries.

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?** No **If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?**
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?**
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?** **If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?**

Environmental and social safeguards management	Environmental and social safeguards under this project focus on generating information pathways for parties to gather and update mandatory baseline information and tools on risk assessment, risk management, monitoring and enforcement tools to support decision making systems and build in measures to ensure safeguards. To support such actions, the project has developed trainer of trainers' materials, webinars and video guides on information inputs and access of safeguards information on the BCH.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	Countries interest in new training materials (confirmed with BCH Training Needs Assessment in July 2020), resulted in the development of new training material specific to the new BCH III virtual workshop setting and to the launch of the new BCH platform (https://bch.cbd.int/en/)by the Secretariat of the CBD. These new training materials are available on UNEP servers, that hosts a revamp and modernized Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). During this reporting period, the training materials were updated, new ones prepared, and missing ones inserted on the VLE to include all protocol articles related to the BCH as well as to new relevant COP-MOP decisions with information-sharing requirements. Training manuals were updated ensuring that they reflected the new revamped version of the Biosafety Clearing House platform and are aligned with the project's objectives. The updated training materials included: a) Stakeholder curricula: e.g. National Data Entry (CC01), NGOs and Civil Society (CC03), Industry Group (CC04), Scientists, Academics, Biosafety Organizations (CC05), Customs and border control (CC06) etc. New categories of training materials e.g. videos/webinars and banners were updated and included in the new version for ease identification. b) Training manuals: An Introduction to CPB (MO01), Introduction to BCH (MO02), Surfing the BCH Central Portal" (MO03), Registering Information in the BCH Central Portal (MO06), Information-sharing Obligations on Becoming a Party to the Protocol (MO10) etc. (Reference:- https://bch3-vle.unep.org/).
Main learning during the period	It is extremely important that the Parties continue to use the training materials developed and made available on the virtually learning platform for continuous learning and feedback to enrich understanding and obligations on the BCH and Information Shairng under Article 31 It is crucial to continuously engage National Focal Points (NFPs) and other stakeholders to enhance their skills and e-knowledge in using the updated Biosafety Clearing-House online platform. During this period, the NFPs and National Authorised Users (NAUs) benefited from two regional Training of Trainers workshops that took place in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions. They were able to share knowledge, experiences and lessons learned from differrent countries.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	The BCH III project in partnership with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), successfully developed and published 2 testimonial videos in Kenya (https://www.unep.org/gef/news-and-stories/video/global-biotech-knowledge-base-puts-safety-first) and in Belarus (https://www.unep.org/gef/news-and-stories/story/global-biotech-knowledge-base-puts-safety-first), to demonstrate the significant contribution of the BCH project in supporting countries to fulfil their obligations under the Cartagena Protocol.

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
Effective participation to the BCH from participating countries, and Stakeholder's inclusiveness							S
Enhanced access and use of BCH data, effective and inclusive participation in the BCH system	1.1 No. of national workshops (WS) / 150 national WS.	1.1 BCH I project: Over 400 national workshops in 139 countries and 3,200 participants trained in the use of the BCH. BCH II project: 108 national workshops in 49 countries and 2,800 participants trained (including 916 national institutions).	N/A	1.1 150 national trainings on mandatory national information on the BCH, defining BCH institutional responsibilities and procedures, and increasing information sharing and awareness on LMOs delivered (3 workshops per country).	100%	Completed. 134 (101.5%) national training on mandatory national information on the BCH delivered in 44 countries that are implementing national project activities).	S
	1.2 No. of countries which submitted completion report, including sustainability plans.	No countries have sustainability	N/A	1.2 50% of countries (38 countries)	100%	Completed : 39 vs 38 countries as planned have completed national activities and developed sustainability	S

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		plans in place.		complete national BCH capacity building activities and develop sustainability plans.		plans.	
	1.3 Percentage of participants from public institutions in 1st and 2nd workshops.	No baseline reference.	N/A	1.3 At least 50% of the total number of participants in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are from public institutions.	100%	Completed. 77.38% of the total 2082 stakeholders in the 1st and 2st workshops were public institutions. The rest included participants from the private sector, customs, and other stakeholder groups.)	HS
	1.4 Percentage of women participants (aggregated No. of women participants for all countries 1st and 2nd workshops).	No baseline reference.	N/A	1.4 At least 50% of the participants in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are women.	90%	In Progress: 45.05% out 50% of women participated in first and second national workshops.	S
	1.5 No. of CNAs staff trained per country	Out of the 76 project countries, 50 information providers received BCH	N/A	1.5 At least 10 members of staff from the CNAs (public sector) are trained in BCH	20%	The questionnaire of a survey developed and will be conducted at the end of the project	MS

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		trainings during BCH I, while 25 countries will receive BCH trainings for the first time during BCH III		use per country.			
	1.6 No. of countries registered who participated in online forums on VLE.	Reports from SCBD.	N/A	1.6 At least 50% of countries (38) are registered and participate on online forums and courses on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).	100%	Completed. All BCH III countries (76 countries) are actively participating in the project online learning platform VLE. A total number of 181 countries and 2,360 individual participants have used VLE platform.	HS
	1.7 No. of e-courses developed.	Training materials developed by BCH I and BCH II projects currently available (e.g. BCH online help system and published training	N/A	1.7 At least 1 BCH E-learning course is available in 6 UN languages (EN, FR, AR, SP, RU, CH).	90%	Terms of reference developed and approved hiring two consultants to translate BCH training materials into Arabic and French	S

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		materials).					
	1.8 No. webinars * No. of languages.	Number of webinars and languages organized by BCH II project (50 webinars and 4 courses available in 4 UN languages: EN, FR, SP and AR).	N/A	1.8 5 webinars are available in the 6 UN languages on the VLE (30 webinars in total).	57%	In Progress. 17 webinars organized since the beginning of the project and 10 new public webinars in 5 different languages (ENG, FR, AR, ES, RU).	S
	1.9 No. of new training materials developed and disseminated.	BCH training materials at BCH central portal as of 11 March 2015: 9 stakeholders' curricula, 10 training modules, 2 interactive modules, 31 Case studies, 14 Ready reference guides.		1.9 2 to 4 new specific and high-quality training materials are developed and disseminated.	100%	Completed. Training video kit comprising videos on surfing the BCH using the search functionalities, submitting data and records, using the website dashboard, registering for an account on the BCH and type of records and national obligations.	S
	1.10 1 communication strategy and 1 social media toolkit developed by the end	No baseline reference.	n.a	1.10 1 communication strategy and	100%	Completed. Both the communication strategy and the social media toolkit were finalized	S

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	of the project.			social media toolkit with 10-15 messages.			
	1.11 No. of video clips developed * No. of languages.	No video-clips available as part of current the set of training materials at the BCH Central Portal.	n.a	1.11 1 video-clip publicly is available in the 6 UN languages on the VLE.	100%	Completed. A 4 min animated graphics-based introductory video was produced and the script was translated and subtitles added in 5 UN languages. The video provide the practical use of the BCH for a broad audience, using (real-life) case studies (story-mode), the public, participating countries, policy-makers, regulators, biosafety experts, private sector and UNEP.	S
	1.12 No. of success stories published.	No success stories available as part of current the set of training materials at the BCH Central Portal.	N/A	1.12 1 success story publication on BCH III project impact at the national level is produced.	100%	Completed: 2 articles accompanying the video below (Target 1.13) published during the last reporting period.	S
	1.13 No. of communication media on lessons learned.	No communication medium on lessons learnt available as part of current the set of training		1.13 1 communication medium on lessons learnt from national workshops is produced.	100%	Completed. The finalized videos were published during the last reporting period.	HS

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		materials at the BCH Central Portal.					
Strengthened national BCH systems and organizational procedures for biosafety information	2.1 Percentage of knowledge increase based on knowledge assessments.	Basic tests of BCH knowledge done before each national BCH training workshop.	N/A	2.1 At least 25% increase in participants' knowledge on the CPB and BCH after workshops at the national level (1st and 2nd workshops).	100%	Completed. On average, there is a 26% relative knowledge increase among participants who participated in the national workshops.	S
	2.2 No. countries who have organized their 3rd workshop.	No baseline reference.	N/A	2.2 50% of countries (38) organize and deliver their 3rd workshop by themselves.	100%	Completed. Target exceeded as 41 out of 44 countries which are implementing national project activities have organized and delivered their 3rd workshop by themselves.	S
	2.3 No. of countries which have disseminated training materials via national BCH portal, national e-learning courses, or any other means of publication.	Help section on BCH Central portal, national BCH portals (if any).	N/A	2.3 60% of countries (46) disseminate training materials via the national BCH portal, national e-learning courses, or any	100%	Completed. Currently, there are 85 VLE training courses (global, regional, and national) available in 4 languages which directly link to the BCH Central Portal. These include nationally accessible training modules containing all available training materials for 51 countries.	S

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				other means of publication.			
	2.4 Percentage increase of national records added	1,774 national records registered as of 11 March 2015 and 1,813 as of October 2016.	N/A	2.4 At least 5% increase of national records in the BCH Central Portal at the end of the project. (Baselines: 1,774 national records registered as of 11 March 2015 and 1,813 October 2016).	100%	Completed. 187% increase since March 2015 and 86% increase since October 2016. There are currently 9627 national records on the BCH for the 76 participating countries.	S
	2.5 No. of countries which developed a national BCH portal.	Data from SCBD.	N/A	2.5 At least 10 countries develop a new national BCH portal.	100%	Completed. There is a total of 37 countries with BCH national portals.	S
	2.6 No. of countries with national BCH procedures established.	Project countries NBFs and national biosafety policy (if any).	N/A	2.6 50% of project countries (38) have established national procedures to gather	100%	Completed. The project has supported more than 134 national workshops in 44 Countries (101.5%). These workshops established national procedures to gather information and uploaded on the BCH in line with their NBFs and national biosafety policy.	S

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				information and put on to the BCH consistent with their NBFs and national biosafety policy.			
	2.7 No. of countries with defined CNAs and NFPs responsibilities.	Project countries NBFs and national biosafety policy (if any).	N/A	2.7 50% of project countries (38) have established clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPs and CNA staff.	100%	"Completed. So far, 93.18% (41) out of 44 countries have established clear responsibilities for (BCH-NFPs and CNAs).	S
	2.8 No. of countries with training systems.	Project countries' NBFs, and NBSAPs, national biosafety policies.	N/A	2.8 60% of countries (46) adopt a training system for BCH capacity building, in keeping with national policies.	100%	Completed. 67% of countries (51) have established and adopted a national BCH training course in the Project Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).	S
	2.9 No. of countries that have strengthened or developed polices and legal frameworks.	No baseline reference.	N/A	2.9 At least 10 countries have strengthened or developed	70%	In Progress. Kenya, Botswana, Maldives, and Nicaragua provided concrete examples of policy actions taken. A follow-up survey conducted by the project in 7	S

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				polices and legal frameworks as a direct/indirect result of national BCH capacity building activities.		project countries indicated that there has been an increase in policy actions taken by the respective country or institution to participate in the BCH and information structures to promote information flow and access to BCH (61%).Uruguay - updated the information on Cartagena protocol on their ministry's website.Nicaragua - used the remaining funds from BCH project to support the actualization of Law 705 on LMOs risks in Nicaragua.Solomon Islands - invested resources in data collection related to BCH Rwanda: Rwanda Biosafety and Biosecurity Organization (www.rbbo.org) communicated the plan to organize a workshop and training on the Biosafety Clearing House to biosafety professionals, locally and in East African region.	
Enhanced regional networking and knowledge sharing for effective management of the BCH	3.1 No. of regional workshops.	BCH I project: 17 regional and sub regional workshops,	N/A	3.2 6 regional roadmaps (strategies) developed to enhance the availability and exchange of information between	100%	Completed. As of end of June 2024, there have been 9 sub-regional workshops in the 6 project regions.	HS

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				countries from the same region for improved BCH implementation and compliance with national and international obligations under the CPB.			
	3.2 No. of regional roadmaps developed.	BCH II project: 6 regional workshops for 60 countries.	N/A	3.2 6 regional roadmaps (strategies) developed to enhance the availability and exchange of information between countries from the same region for improved BCH implementation and compliance with national and international obligations	100%	Completed. The above mentioned 9 sub-regional workshops resulted in 9 corresponding regional roadmaps (strategies).	HS

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				under the CPB.			
	3.3 No. of regional workshops developed and organized for countries outside SSFA	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.3 4 regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs in 4 regions developed and organized, focusing on countries that have not signed SSFAs for national activities.	100%	Complete: 4 regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops recently one includes workshops held in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions.	S
	3.4 No. of national capacity building activities organized in countries who have not signed SSFAs.	No baseline reference.		3.4 2 national capacity building activities organized per region as a result of Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops for NFPs and NAUs.	100%	Completed. 2 national capacity building activity was organized in Bhutan, following Asia ToT. Following the Caribbean ToT, national workshops were organized in Jamaica in June 2022, with the help of Regional Advisors.	HS
	3.5 No. of ToT participants who have shared knowledge or skills.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.5 At least 10 regional ToT participants have shared	70%	In Progress. 2 Regional Advisors have developed a survey to assess knowledge sharing. The survey has been shared with participants .	MS

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				knowledge or skills acquired during the ToTs with other stakeholders or colleagues at the national level.			
	3.6 No. of new case studies.	31 Case studies registered on the BCH training materials section as 11 March 2015.	N/A	3.6 A minimum of 2 new case studies are developed for each of the 6 regions (12 case studies in total).	100%	Completed. During the 6 regional BCH workshops, the regions developed 10 new case studies, considering local and regional realities. During the national workshops, 31 more case studies were developed and shared.	HS
	3.7 No. of new regional experts identified.	Data from SCBD.	N/A	3.7 A minimum of 2 new regional experts identified per region to be listed in the BCH roster of experts (12 regional experts in total).	100%	Completed. During the regional workshops in Africa and Asia, participants identified 14 regional experts that could be potentially listed in the BCH. During the national workshops, 54 experts were identified and registered in national, regional, global rosters (or in process) - including the CPB Roster	S
	3.8 No. of new NFPs trained.	Number of BCH-NFPs who	N/A	3.8 At least 50 new NFPs are	100%	Completed. 60 BCH NFPs have been trained in finding information and registering	S

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		never received BCH training in the 76 project countries. During BCH I project 50 BCH-NFPs were trained.		trained in finding and registering BCH information at the regional level.		BCH information during the regional workshops. 37 NFPs from 29 countries from all UN regions were trained at the Global Workshop on Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) operations for NFPs and NAUs at the margins of COP/MOP-10.	
	3.9 No. of new key stakeholders identified.	List of stakeholders from BCH II project for each country as indicated in RAs Reports on ANUBIS	N/A	3.9 At least 100 new key stakeholders and experts are identified by countries, who will collaborate with the BCH III and participate in national public awareness workshops.	100%	Completed. 130 stakeholders have been collectively identified by countries who have attended regional workshops.	S
	3.10 No. of regional institutions identified.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.10 4 regional institutions with a coordinating role identified for registration on the portal.	100%	Completed. Over 20 institutions have been identified during the regional workshops for eventual registration on the BCH.	S
	3.11 No. of VLE developed and maintained.	No baseline reference.	N/A	3.11 1 accessible	100%	Completed. The VLE has a RA forum which is linked to all training materials.	S

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
				virtual learning platform (VLE) developed and maintained, containing all material shared during national, regional, ToT and global workshops.			
	3.12 No. of regional BCH nodes established (using where appropriate built-in sites of SCBD) interoperable with Central BCH.	Regional BCH in Africa using SCBD built-in site (UEMOA).	N/A	3.12 4 new regional BCH nodes established (using SCBD built-in sites when possible).	75	In Progress. 3 new regional BCH nodes were established for CEE, Caribbean, and Asia.	S
Strengthened and Institutionalized BCH Regional Advisory system supporting parties to effectively participate in biosafety information sharing mechanisms	4.1 No. of active RAs	Number of RAs who delivered national, regional, global training workshops during BCH I and BCH II. More than 45 RAs for BCH I.	N/A	4.1 20 RAs deliver national workshops.	100%	Completed : 6 Regional Advisors have delivered national workshops.	S
	4.2 No. of RAs who facilitated regional workshops	See above.	N/A	4.2 15 RAs deliver regional workshops.	100%	Completed. 15 RAs have delivered regional training workshops.	S

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	4.3 No. of RAs who facilitated global workshops	See above.	N/A	4.3 5 RAs deliver global workshops at CBD COPs.	100%	Completed. 5 RAs have delivered global workshops.	S
	4.4 No. of RAs who contributed to the design, preparation, and translation of training materials.	Data from BCH II project reports on ANUBIS	N/A	4.4 1 RA per region (6 RAs in total) contribute to the design, preparation, and translation of training materials.	100%	Completed. So far, 8 RAs have been engaged for the design, preparation, and translation of Training materials.	S
	4.5 No. of RAs listed on UNEPs website.	RAs short CVs are currently published on UNEP site, but not on any other official network of experts.	N/A	4.5 20 RAs listed on the UNEP website, with their resumes and contact information.	90%	Completed. Currently, 18 RAs and their bios are listed on the UN Environment Programme website as available experts.	S
	4.6 No. of RA ToTs organized.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.6 2 global Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops organized for RAs.	100%	Completed. The 2 ToTs' objective was completed in June 2022, after the organization of Dubai's ToT	S
	4.7 No. of virtual training sessions held.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.7 10 virtual interactive	100%	Completed. 10 virtual interactive discussions and training sessions	S

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				discussions and training sessions organized for RAs.		(webinars) have been organized. The latest one being the training and launch of the new BCH platform by the Secretariat of the CBD.	
	4.8 No. of RAs who were trained in new training methodologies.	No baseline reference	N/A	4.8 20 RAs acquainted with new training methodologies (webinars, Virtual Learning Environment).	100%	Completed. 24 RAs were trained during the Regional Advisors Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in 2015. Currently, only 17 RAs are available to work for the BCH III project.	S
	4.9 No. of RAs with certification.	No BCH experts certified by UNEP yet.	N/A	4.13 At least 15 RAs have obtained UNEP certification.	100%	Completed. The certification of RAs was done during the Global ToT, held in June 2022.	S
	4.10 Availability of VLE on UNEP website beyond the project's duration.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.10 VLE platform is sustainable beyond project completion by ensuring continuity through UNEP ownership.	100%	Completed. The migration of the VLE platform to the UNEP Law Division website was completed in July 2020.	S
	4.11 Percentage of workshops with regional/global collaboration (based on	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.11 40% of national and regional	95%	In Progress. 38% of the 104 national training workshops entailed collaboration with global or regional	S

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	workshops' list of participants).			training workshops entailed collaboration with regional and/or global initiatives and organizations.		institutions (these have attended 40 workshops).	
	4.12 No. of centers of excellence identified and available to continue Biosafety capacity building activities in the region.	No baseline reference	N/A	4.12 At least 1 center of excellence per region (6 centers in total) is identified and approached to continue biosafety capacity building activities after the project	100%	Completed. 103 Centers of Excellence who are catering for BCH/Biosafety capacity buildings in the respective regions were identified during the national workshops. A consultant will be hired to develop the ToR and MoU for the establishment of centers of Excellence	HS
	4.13 No. of agreements concluded with SCBD on new BCH.	No baseline reference.	N/A	4.13 2 agreements concluded with SCBD to provide support on the migration of the BCH to its new platform	100%	Completed: BCH moved to its new platform as per COP decisions, (CP-9/2, NP-3/3), the BCH operates on the same platform as the ABSCH.	S

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				and to reduce barriers that make it more difficult for users to use BCH,			

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

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
1 Global Sustainability of BCH and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements' sharing Mechanisms through the Regional Advisors System.	Output 1.1 National training activities organized and delivered	2024-12-31	85%	100%	Target exceeded: 134/132 national trainings have been delivered in 44 countries, 41 countries have completed three workshops and develops sustainability plans. 4 out of 41 countries have organized more than 3 workshops namely Zimbabwe, Albania, Armenia and Cape Verde). The primary challenge encountered was a low response rate from countries that are currently in the process of implementing national workshops, these are Grenada, Barbados, and Tanzania leading to a delay in finalizing the necessary information. Efforts were made to encourage greater	S

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
					engagement and participation from these countries to mitigate the impact of the delay.	
	Output 1.2: Key national Biosafety stakeholders trained in registering and finding information on the BCH	2024-12-31	96%	96%	Target 1.3 : At least 60% of the total number of stakeholders in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are public institutions. Achieved 100%.Target 1.4: At least 50% of the participants in the 1st and 2nd national workshops are women. 90.1% Achieved.	S
	Output 1.3: BCH capacity building and e-participation of NFPs and CNAs strengthened and enhanced	2024-12-31	50%	60%	Progress on target 1.5: The questionnaire for the survey has been developed and reviewed. A survey will be conducted at the end of the project. 20% AchievedTarget 1.6: Exceeded target, 76/38 countries are registered and actively participating in the project VLE. 100% Achieved	S
	Output 1.4: Interactive e-learning environments comprising courses and webinars in the 6 UN languages are established	2024-12-31	64%	80%	ToR developed and approved for hiring two consultants to translate BCH training materials into Arabic and French.	S
	Output 1.5: Outreach materials on success stories and lessons learnt produced and disseminated	2024-12-31	90%	100%	Completed. Training video kit comprising seven videos on surfing the BCH, using the search functionalities, submitting data and records, using the website dashboard, registering for an account on the BCH and type of records and national obligations. Two testimonial videos	S

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
					produced showcasing two success stories/cases of the BCH III Project (Kenya and Belarus), accompanied by originating interview transcripts and printable infographic materials.	
	Output 2.1 National knowledge on the BCH is improved	2018-01-31	100%	100%	On average, there is a 26% relative knowledge increase among participants who participated in the national workshops.	S
	Output 2.2 Enhanced number of countries who have organized and delivered their third national workshop on their own	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target 2.2 exceeded as 41 out of 44 countries which are implementing national project activities have organized and delivered their 3rd workshop by themselves.	S
	Output 2.3 National BCH trainings and materials developed	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded with 51/46 target countries disseminated training materials via the national BCH portal.	S
	Output 2.4 The number of BCH national records reported on in the BCH Central Portal is increased	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded with 51/46 target countries disseminated training materials via the national BCH portal.	S
	Output 2.5 The number of new BCH portals created is increased	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded with 37 from the target of 10 countries which have developed a national BCH portal.	S
	Output 2.6 National procedures to gather information are established, and roles of CNA NFPs clearly identified	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target achieved with 43 from 38 target countries who have established national procedures and 40/38 countries with clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPS and CAN (Updates June 2024: Target achieved with 43 from 38 target	S

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
					countries who have established national procedures and 41/38 countries with clear responsibilities for BCH-NFPS and CAN)	
	Output 2.7 National policies and legal frameworks are strengthened	2024-12-31	70%	90%	Target 2.8 60% of countries (46) adopt a training system for BCH capacity building, in line with national policies. Outcome 1.2, indicator target 2. Achieved 100%Target 2.9 At least 10 countries have strengthened or developed policies and legal frameworks as a direct/indirect result of national BCH capacity building activities In Progress Result from surveys that will be distributed to stakeholders will reveal the results. The questionnaire has been developed and approved, waiting for distribution.	S
	Output 3.1 Regional trainings organized and delivered	2018-01-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded: 7 regional workshops delivered in 6 regions and 7 corresponding regional roadmaps (strategies) developed.	S
	Output 3.2 Regional training of trainer's workshops for NFPs and NAUs organized and delivered	2024-12-31	57%	100%	Target achieved: As of June 2024, there have been 4 regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops recently one includes workshops held in Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe regions.	S
	Output 3.3 Tailored regional training materials developed and disseminated	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded: 41 new case studies were developed in the 6 regions.	S
	Output 3.4 Additional key stakeholders and experts identified for national implementation	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded: 14 new regional experts identified and 60/50 new NFPS trained.	S

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
	Output 3.5 Regional stakeholders and institutions identified	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Target exceeded: 130 key stakeholders identified by countries and 20/4 regional institutions identified for registration on the BCH portal.	S
	Output 3.6 Capacity building activities' material available after national, regional and global workshops	2016-10-31	100%	100%	Target achieved: 1 Virtual Learning Environment Platform (VLE) containing all training materials has been developed and maintained	S
	Output 3.7 Cooperation is enhanced on BCH nodes	2024-12-31	75%	75%	3 of 4 regional nodes established for CEE, Caribbean, and Asia.	S
	Output 4.1 Trainings at the national, regional, and global levels facilitated through the Regional Advisors' Network	2024-12-31	99%	99%	19 out of 20 active Regional Advisors (RAs) delivering workshops, 15 RAs delivered regional workshops, 5 RAs delivered global workshops, 8 contributed to material translation.	S
	Output 4.2 Expertise and visibility of the Regional Advisors (RA) Network enhanced via capacity building activities and UNEP certification	2024-12-31	96%	98%	18 RAs listed on UNEP website, 2 global Training of Trainers organized, 10 virtual interactive trainings organized for RAs, 24 RAs trained, 16 RAs obtained UNEP certification.	HS
	Output 4.3 Sustainability of the VLE is assured beyond project duration	2024-10-31	50%	100%	Target achieved: The VLE platform is available on UNEP website beyond project duration	S
	Output 4.4 Participation of key regional and global organizations in regional and national training activities is increased	2019-01-31	64%	95%	38% of national training workshops entailed collaboration with regional/global institutions.	S
	Output 4.5 Centers of Excellence that are available to undertake biosafety capacity-building activities after the project has ended are identified and approached	2024-12-31	90%	100%	103 regional centers of excellence have been identified. Consultant hired to develop the term of reference for the	S

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
					establishment of centers of excellences.	
	Output 4.6 Agreements governing institutional support arrangements developed and signed	2016-10-31	100%	100%	2 agreements concluded with SCBD to support the migration of the BCH to its new platform. A 3rd agreement was concluded to support the CBD for COP/MOP side event.	S

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	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Moderate
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Moderate
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

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
1. Change in national Governments and officials occurring during the project impacted negatively on the implementation [IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE]	Outcomes 1-2	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	In countries where a change in national Governments and officials occurred during the project. we ensured that we assisted the

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										incoming contact point to pick up tasks quickly. During national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government. Measures are put in place to continuously monitor and engage new stakeholders
2. Lack of national consensus on the relevance of biosafety. including a difference in understanding or significance of decisions in relation to new technologies	Outcomes 1-2	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	=	Activities at the national level encourage and facilitate dialogue on LMOs and biosafety through workshops and other information and awareness raising activities.
3. Fast-moving progress in the private sector for (the adoption of LMOs even in the absence of a regulatory framework)	Outcomes 1-2	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	During national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government.
4. The need to relate outputs to long term expected outcomes	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	"During the trainings. the benefits of using the BCH and ensuring that available information is up to date are thoroughly explained and discussed. Case studies are used to illustrate the various social. economic. and environmental incentives.A BCH communications

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										strategy is being currently implemented to better communicate the benefits of using the BCH at the national. regional. and global levels."
5. Weaker institutional and public support and need for inclusiveness in meeting the BCH obligation	Outcomes 1-2	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	=	During regional and national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders. including academia. private sector and international organizations were involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government.
6. Measures to ensure effective application of a holistic approach. integrating biosafety activities and mainstreaming into relevant sectorial and national policies. strategies and programmes.	Outcomes 1-2	M			M	M	M	M	=	During regional and national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government.
7. Political unrest in countries may affect the implementation of the project.	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	A robust Virtual Learning Environment has been set up and has been used to deliver trainings.
8. Harsh environmental conditions in countries affect timeline to implement the project.	N/A	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	The project continues to invest in the sustainability of the VLE to ensure it is also available beyond the project duration.
9. Unclear responsibilities or overlapping functions. which lead to management problems.	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	=	During the CVIVID-19 pandemic. the project developed additional options for online delivery of capacity building activities.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
10. Steering Committee members lack of commitment and fulfilment of their terms of reference.	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	=	N/A
11. A substantial part of pledged co-financing may not materialize.	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	The management structure is stable with roles and responsibilities clearly defined and understood. Internal communication is strong and fluid.
12. Project duration may be insufficient for effective implementation in 76 countries if project initiation and internalization processes prove slow-moving. It is also expected that it will be very time-consuming to get all 76 countries to sign and submit their Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) - UNEP's chosen legal instrument for the execution of national-level activities using GEF funding under a threshold of less than $50.000;	Outcomes 1-2	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	A Steering Committee consisting of all relevant bodies being represented meets periodically and provides effective direction/inputs
13. Private sector not interested to provide support and collaborate.	All outcomes & outputs									A Steering Committee consisting of all relevant bodies being represented meets periodically and provides effective direction/inputs
14. Organisations that wish to disrupt deployment of LMOs whether for cultivation or for food. feed or processing choosing not to be involved or actively working against achievement of the project goals	All outcomes & outputs	H	M	M		L	L	L	=	It has taken a few countries a long time to sign the SSFAs with UNEP for the implementation of national activities. Countries who decided not to sign SSFAs for the implementation of BCH III national activities can still participate in regional and global

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										project activities. Also. the delay in the fielding of a project manager caused some delays in the beginning of project.
15. Budget	All outcomes					M	M	M	=	Due to varying status in signing off and the delays during the COVID period minor changes have to be made through budget revisions
Reporting	All Outcomes	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	=	Variations in timing of the countries in signing agreements to enable UNEP disbursing funds which leads to different timelines in reporting on progress
		N/A	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	

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
1. Change in national Governments and officials occurring during the project that make continuity difficult	In countries where a change in national Governments and officials occurred during the project. we ensured that we assisted the incoming cadre to pick up tasks quickly. During	Continuous	Similar interventions and document lessons and best practices. Extra time dedicated to following up with NFPs. for timely workshop planning.	Throughout remaining Project cycle	Project Management Unit

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government. Measures are put in place to continuously monitor and engage new stakeholders.				
2. Lack of national consensus on the relevance of biosafety. including a difference in understanding or significance of decisions in relation to new technologies	Activities at the national level encourage and facilitate dialogue on LMOs and biosafety through workshops and other information and awareness raising activities.	Development of a communication campaign. with videos and social media toolkit. supports national stakeholders to better communicate the benefits of biosafety and the BCH at the national. regional and global level	Sharing the communication campaign materials as broadly as possible. with the support of the Secretariat of the CBD	Completed	UNEP Team in partnership with ICGEB
3. Weaker institutional and public support and need for inclusiveness in meeting the BCH obligation	During regional and national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders. including academia. private sector and international organizations were involved	Continuous		Continuous	Regional Advisors

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
	and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government.				
4. Measures to ensure effective application of a holistic approach. integrating biosafety activities and mainstreaming into relevant sectorial and national policies. strategies and programmes	During regional and national activities. Regional Advisors ensured that a wide spectrum of Biosafety related stakeholders was involved and consulted to maintain a level of pressure on the government.	Continuous		Continuous	Regional Advisors
5. Project duration may be insufficient for effective implementation in 76 countries if project initiation and internalization processes prove slow-moving. It is also expected that it will be very time-consuming to get all 76 Countries to sign and submit their Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) - UNEP's chosen legal instrument for the execution of national-level activities using GEF funding	It has taken a few countries a long time to sign the SSFAs with UNEP for the implementation of national activities. Countries who decided not to sign SSFAs for the implementation of BCH III national activities can still participate in regional and global project activities. Also. the delay in the fielding of a project manager caused some delays in the beginning of project.	As per MTR. the project has shifted national activities for countries that indicated that they are not interested in receiving funding. The project redirected funding to organize regional Training of Trainer workshops to enable National Focal points and National Authorized Users of the BCH to quire skills in the development and execution of national biosafety capacity building activities.	Planning for regional Trainer of Trainers workshops. Two to three regional ToTs are being orgnanized in the Pacific and Central Eastern Europe regions. Depending on budget availability. one additional regional workshop will be organized in Africa.	Continuous	Regional Advisors

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
under a threshold of less than $50.000					
6. Budgeting	In line with the MTR recommendations. project budget was reviewed and amended for unutilized funds to be reprogrammed for regional and sub regional workshops to broaden the reach of the planned activities as an adaptive measure	Regional and sub regional workshops were held to train national focal teams on the use of the new BCH	Regional Training of Trainers (ToTs) workshops held in Pacific and Africa regions.	20 - 24 November 2023. Auckland New Zealand. June 2024 in Abidjan. Cote D'ivoire	Regional Advisors
7. Reporting	N/A	Expedited actions on SSFAs. one on one support to facilitate capture of inputs from sub projects to enable project report on time	Follow ups on a case-by-case basis and dedicated sessions on the margins of training workshops and UNEA 6 to guide projects on reporting timelines and requirements	Throughout the reporting period	Law Division - Project Management Unit

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:	Yes
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

Due to delays in the implementation schedule, a final extension of the project was requested by the project manager until 31 December 2024. The no-cost extension will allow that all activities under the BCH III project are complete, more specifically:

- all national workshops in the 43 countries who signed an SSFA with UNEP (Outcome 1), - Minor amendments made in project costs within the allowable range to allow for regional training meetings for countries in the Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe and Africa

- all regional workshops (Outcome 3),

- training materials, including the finalized video tutorial for the new BCH platform, the e-learning course, and webinars (Outcome 1)
- follow-up surveys to assess the impact of the BCH III project by beneficiary countries (Outcomes 2 and 3).

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 Legal Instrument	Extension	2016-09-16	2016-09-28	2020-12-31	
Amendment 1	Extension	2020-02-10	2020-02-11	2021-12-31	To make room for delays in the signing of SSFAs and execution of sub projects due to COVID restriction and institutional turn overs. workplans were revised
Amendment 2	Extension	2021-07-06	2021-07-08	2023-06-30	Revised workplan to respond the new Theory of Change per the recommendations of the MTR
Amendment 3	Extension	2022-11-01	2022-11-03	2024-06-30	Revised workplan to respond the new Theory of Change per the recommendations of the MTR
Amendment 4	Extension	2024-05-23	2024-06-12	2025-12-31	

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
Délégation Départementale de l'Environnement. de la Protection de la nature et du Développement Durable (MINEPDED)	11.0489	14.1498		P.O. Box 320 YaoundéImmeuble Ministeriel No 2	Cameroon 3rd National Workshop. 9 - 11 August 2023
Ministere Des Eaux. Des Forets. De La Mer. De L'environnement. Charge Du Plan Climat Et Du Plan D'affectation Des Terres	0.4850	9.4205		Boulevard Triomphal Omar Bongo. BP. 3903. Libreville - Gabon	Gabon 3rd National Workshop. 27 - 28 June 2024
MUST. Central Library Online Test Center 409. Ulaanbaatar	47.9218	106.9244		MUST. Central Library Online Test Center 409. Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia 3rd National Workshop. 19 - 21 June 2024
Cidade Da Praia. Republica De Cabo Verde - CP 115. Chade Areia. Cabo Verde	17.2580	25.0464		5WMM+8PQ. Ribeira Grande. Cape Verde	Cabo Verde 4th National Workshop. 10 - 11 April 2024
Department of Environment Meeting Room. Dhaka - Bangladesh	23.7798	90.3716		Department of Environment Auditorium - Dhaka. Bangladesh	Bangladesh 3rd National Workshop.June 21. 2023
Movenpick Hotel in the Central Business District of Auckland. New Zealand	-36.8443	174.7671		Auckland. New Zealand	Pacific Regional BCH Training Workshop. 20 - 23 November 2023
Meyra Palace Hotel. Ankara -Turkey	39.8927	32.8107		İşçi Blokları. MAHHALLESİ. Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cd. 06520 Çankaya/Ankara. Türkiye	Central and Eastern Europe BCH Training Workshop. January 2024

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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