

Updated workplan/timelines up to September 2024 - Development and promotion of non-POPs alternatives to DDT

Component 1

Component 1: Legislation, policy framework and institutional capacity (UNEP)				
Outcome 1: Efficient system for fulfilling legal requirements at the various stages of the lifecycle of alternatives to DDT				
Output 1.1: Regulatory mechanisms throughout the lifecycle of alternatives to DDT in place	Expected Output	Execution Partner(s)	Period for execution	Remarks
Activity 1.1.1: Establish an inter-ministerial working group to follow and guide the implementation of the activities.	One working group established to review and be able to officially endorse the proposed regulatory reforms.	UNEP	October-December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Working Group (TWG) constituted by MoEF&CC in July 2018 with extension until Dec 2022 (1st TWG meeting convened on 6th July 2022). 1st TWG meeting held on 06.07.2022. TWG/sub-committee meeting for Component 1 held on 28.12.2023 to review the report (UNEP Law Division and Enviro Legal Defence).
Activity 1.1.2: Identify the legal requirements at each stage of the lifecycle for the alternatives to DDT.	Report outlining current regulatory framework for DDT and alternatives in India and draft proposals for strengthening it.	UNEP Law Division	June 2019 – September 2024 (input due by January February/March 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gap analysis report and action plan prepared through consultant (ELDF) and submitted to MoEF&CC in October 2021 and re-shared in April 2022. The documents were also discussed at the 1st
Activity 1.1.3 Identify gaps in the legal framework	Action plan for regulatory reform discussed with key stakeholders	UNEP Law Division	June 2019 – September 2024	

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Based on the last TWG meeting, no regulatory gaps were found in regard to CIB&RC registration for the three alternatives to DDT (LLIN, Bt- based Bio-pesticide and Neem based pesticide)
Provisional CIB&RC registration received for LLINs by HIL (India) Limited.
Application for CIB&RC registration submitted for Bt-based bio-pesticide by HIL (India) Limited and is under consideration.
Application for CIB&RC registration for neem based pesticide will be submitted by HIL (India) Limited.

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throughout the lifecycle for the alternatives to DDT	and endorsed by the inter-ministerial working group.		(input due by January <u>February/March</u> 2024)	TWG meeting on 6 July 2022. Inputs on the gap analysis and action plan were expected from the Ministry by December 2022, to enable revisions by UNEP Law Division in time for completion by August 2023.
Activity 1.1.4: Identify the potential for strengthening and streamlining the legal requirements at each of the stages of the lifecycle	Regulatory reforms for DDT alternatives achieved.	UNEP Law Division	January 2020 – September 2024 (input due by January <u>February/March</u> 2024)	<p>The success of the activity depended on responsiveness and action by the Government. Inputs and feedback were not received.</p> <p>In December 2023, it was agreed to continue the implementation of activities 1.1.2, 1.1.3, and 1.1.4 until September 2024, subject to receiving urgent feedback (no later than January-March 2024) from the Ministry on the action plan and gap analysis report submitted in 2021. Otherwise, the activity will be deemed completed and closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The modalities for the work regarding this component will be decided by consultation between UNEP and MoEF&CC.</u>

	Communication materials in the format of a series of videos are produced.	UNEP Law Division	November 2021 - May 2023	<p>Funding utilized for this additional output (requested by the Ministry in project review meeting held on 4th October 2019) were taken from Component 5, Activity 5.1.2 (<i>Establish project management information system for dissemination of relevant data / information</i>) of the last workplan (submitted October 2022), where it was specified that “UNEP and UNIDO to coordinate with their project partners for providing content for website”.</p> <p>As agreed, the output “communication materials” replaces the output on the dedicated website for the project, as the funds for the latter were utilized for the communication materials.</p>
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A dedicated website regarding the project shall be developed and all approved reports / documents and communication materials/ media content to be uploaded on the said website.
The website created is to be linked to MoEF&CC website..

Outcome 1: Efficient system for fulfilling legal requirements at the various stages of the lifecycle of alternatives to DDT				
Output 1.2: Guidance documents for producers, registration holders and users on the legal requirements for alternatives to DDT	Expected Output	Execution Partner(s)	Period for execution	Remarks

Activity 1.2.1: Develop guidance documents for producers, registration holders and users on the legal requirements for alternatives to DDT	Three (3) draft guidance documents for: neem-based products (1); BT-based products (1); and LLINs (1)	UNEP Law Division	October 2020 – February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three draft guidance documents were prepared by The Just Environment Charitable Trust (aka ToxicsLink) and shared by UNEP with Ministry on 7 Oct 2022 for inputs by 30 Oct. Reminder sent on 6 Dec for inputs by 30 Dec 2022. The guidance documents were discussed at the TWG meeting on 6 July 2022. Final versions were to be concluded in October 2022 and shared with MoEF&CC. Toxics Link organized three regional consultations (Odisha, West Bengal and New Delhi) to seek feedback by stakeholders. UNEP shared the stakeholder consultation summary with the Ministry on 7 Oct 2022. ToxicsLink finalized the three guidance documents based on feedback received during the stakeholder consultations. The three guidance documents were disseminated through 6 dissemination workshops in 6 Indian states (Raipur, Pune, Agartala, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow). A roundtable meeting was held on 13 December 2023 in New Delhi and convened
Activity 1.2.2: Testing by potential user of the guidance.	Consultations (3) with potential users	UNEP Law Division	April 2021 – August 2022	
Activity 1.2.3: Finalize the guidance documents for alternatives to DDT	Efficient and fast fulfilment of the legal requirements for alternatives to DDT	UNEP Law Division	April 2021 – December 2023	

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“The modalities for the work regarding this component will be decided by consultation between UNEP and MoEF&CC. Guidance documents to be shared with the concerned Ministries/ Departments for their inputs/comments.”

				representatives from MoEF&CC, other Indian ministries, government departments and institutions, as well as concerned stakeholders in the private sector (mainly industry), NGOs, and UNEP, UNIDO, WHO representatives.
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