



FAO-GEF Project Implementation Report 2021 – Revised Template

Period covered: 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021



1. Basic Project Data

General Information

Region:	<i>Latin America & the Caribbean</i>
Country (ies):	<i>Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
Project Title:	<i>Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides including POPs, Promotion of Alternatives and Strengthening Pesticides Management in the Caribbean</i>
FAO Project Symbol:	<i>GCP/SLC/204/GFF</i>
GEF ID:	<i>5407</i>
GEF Focal Area(s):	<i>Chemicals (Persistent Organic Pollutants – POPs)</i>
Project Executing Partners:	<i>Coordinating Group of Pesticides Control Boards of the Caribbean (CGPC)</i>
Project Duration:	<i>FSP</i>
Project coordinates: (Ctrl+Click here)	<p><i>This section should be completed by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Projects with 1st PIR</i> <i>-Projects could re-submit the coordinates if they have changed, or if the PMU now has more updated coordinates</i> <p><i>Site coordinates worked on during this reporting period (2020 – 2021) to be added to those that were submitted in the previous PIR (2019 – 2020):</i></p> <p><i>Trinidad and Tobago project field activity coordinates during the reporting period:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Food Spray Field trial in tomato at Maloney: 10.6026314, - 61.32944514</i> <i>- Food Spray Field trial in cabbage at Orange Grove: 10.6168150, - 61.3764240</i> <p><i>Trinidad and Tobago Health Phone App field testing (some communities):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Warren Community, Cunupia - 10°34'52"N; 61°22'52"W</i> <i>- Gran Couva - 10°23'56"N; 61°21'42"W</i> <i>- Montserrat - 10°25'02"N; 61°20'34"W</i> <i>- Exchange - 10°25'27"N; 61°27'34"W</i> <i>- Tabaquite - 10°22'57"N; 61°17'54"W</i> <i>- M2 Ring Road, La Romain - 10°14'06"N; 61°29'48"W</i> <i>- Orange Grove, Trincity - 10°37'41"N; 61°22'30"W</i> <i>- Aranguez, - 10°38'24"N; 61°26'09"W</i> <i>- Maloney - 10°36'48"N; 61°19'12"W</i> <i>- Cedar Grove, Mayaro - 10°16'52"N; 61°02'05"W</i> <i>- Lopinot/Bon Air - 10°38'04"N; 61°19'23"W</i> <i>- Cumoto/Caratal - 10°20'58"N; 61°24'47"W</i> <i>- Kernaham, Manzanilla - 10°21'36"N; 61°00'59"W</i>

	<p><i>Jamaica project field activity coordinates during the reporting period:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Spray – Thetford (Latitude 17.941954, Longitude -77.08252) - Empty Container Management (ECM) survey – Douglas Castle (Latitude 18.18688, Longitude -77.27152) - Phone Health App field testing– Junction (Latitude 17.90970, Longitude -77.60630) <p><i>Barbados ECM Survey district coordinates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River, Spring Hill - 13°18'20"N; 59°36'38"W - Gibbon Bog District - 13°03'53"N; 59°31'39"W <p><i>Antigua and Barbuda PCBs safeguarding:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APUA Friars Hill - 17°08'10" N; 61°50'12"W - APUA Cassada Gardens Old Power Station - 17°07'40" N; 61°48'47"W - West Indies Oil Company - 17°08'25" N; 61°50'20"W <p><i>Barbados PCBs safeguarding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portvale Sugar Factory 13°11'29" N; 59°36'57" <p><i>Suriname PCBs safeguarding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NV EBS Onderstation Maketraite – Sub-station, Plutostraat 05°50'29" N; 55°08'23"W - NV EBS Saramaca straat Power Plant (Gate 4) - 05°49'16"N;55°09'48"W - NV EBS Livorno Storage Site (Yard) - 05°47'39"N; 55°10'02"W <p><i>Trinidad and Tobago PCBs safeguarding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PowerGen Company Ltd – Turbine Basement, Port of Spain – 10°39'23"N; 61°31'07"W - Caroni 1975 Ltd – Brechin Castle Sugar Factory (Pilot plant – East) 10°24'42"N; 61°67'32"W
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Milestone Dates:

GEF CEO Endorsement Date:	August 12 th , 2015
Project Implementation Start Date/EOD :	26-May-2016
Proposed Project Implementation End Date/NTE¹:	September 30 th , 2019
Revised project implementation end date (if applicable) ²	December 31 st , 2021
Actual Implementation End Date³:	

¹ As per FPMIS

² In case of a project extension.

³ Actual date at which project implementation ends - only for projects that have ended.

Funding

GEF Grant Amount (USD):	4,357,500
Total Co-financing amount as included in GEF CEO Endorsement Request/ProDoc⁴:	26,368,739
Total GEF grant disbursement as of June 30, 2021 (USD m):	3,589,059
Total estimated co-financing materialized as of June 30, 2021⁵	37,493,667

Review and Evaluation

Date of Most Recent Project Steering Committee Meeting:	5 th PSC Meeting – Wednesday 24 th June, 2020 6 th PSC Meeting – Wednesday 15 th June, 2021
Expected Mid-term Review date⁶:	July 2018
Actual Mid-term review date:	January – June 2019
Mid-term review or evaluation due in coming fiscal year (July 2021 – June 2022)⁷:	No
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	Currently ongoing at time of report-writing
Terminal evaluation due in coming fiscal year (July 2021 – June 2022):	No
Tracking tools/ Core indicators required⁸	Yes

Ratings

Overall rating of progress towards achieving objectives/ outcomes (cumulative):	S
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⁴ This is the total amount of co-financing as included in the CEO document/Project Document.

⁵ Please see last section of this report where you are asked to provide updated co-financing estimates. Use the total from this Section and insert here.

⁶ The MTR should take place about halfpoint between EOD and NTE – this is the expected date

⁷ Please note that the FAO GEF Coordination Unit should be contacted six months prior to the expected MTR date

⁸ Please note that the Tracking Tools are required at mid-term and closure for all GEF-4 and GEF-5 projects. Tracking tools are not mandatory for Medium Sized projects = < 2M USD at mid-term, but only at project completion. The new GEF-7 results indicators (core and sub-indicators) will be applied to all projects and programs approved on or after July 1, 2018. Also projects and programs approved from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018 (GEF-6) must apply core indicators and sub-indicators at mid-term and/or completion

Overall implementation progress rating:	S
Overall risk rating:	Medium

Status

Implementation Status <i>(1st PIR, 2nd PIR, etc. Final PIR):</i>	5 th PIR
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2. Progress Towards Achieving Project Objectives and Outcome (DO)

(All inputs in this section should be cumulative from project start, not annual)

Project objective and Outcomes (as indicated at CEO Endorsement)	Description of indicator(s) ⁹	Baseline level	Mid-term target ¹⁰	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2021	Progress rating ¹¹
Objective(s): <i>To promote the sound management of pesticides in the Caribbean throughout their life-cycle in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the global environment</i>						
Outcome 1: <i>Known stocks of POPs, other obsolete pesticide and PCB stocks in 11 countries in the region disposed of in an environmentally sound manner</i>	<i>Tonnes of hazardous wastes destroyed in an environmentally sound manner</i>	<i>210.4 tonnes safeguarded by FAO EC project in JAM, SUR, TRI, (GCP/INT/063/EC), including 12 tonnes safeguarded and awaiting export from STL</i>	<i>Inventories completed and confirmed, contract agreed, and safeguarding completed</i>	<i>300 tonnes of OP and 100 tons of PCBs destroyed</i>	<i>319 tonnes of obsolete pesticides including POPs disposed of safely.</i>	S

⁹ This is taken from the approved results framework of the project. Please add cells when required in order to use one cell for each indicator and one rating for each indicator.

¹⁰ Some indicators may not identify mid-term targets at the design stage (refer to approved results framework) therefore this column should only be filled when relevant.

¹¹ Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: **Highly Satisfactory** (HS), **Satisfactory** (S), **Marginally Satisfactory** (MS), **Marginally Unsatisfactory** (MU), **Unsatisfactory** (U), and **Highly Unsatisfactory** (HU).

					<p><i>Commencing February 2021, Waste Contractor POLYECO, contracted by FAO, has been repackaging, safeguarding and exporting PCBs contaminated equipment, waste and oil from 4 project countries (Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados). The field operations were completed on 18 June 2021, except for the export from Trinidad and Tobago. Certificates of receipt have been issued by the disposal facility for the waste shipped from the other target countries. (Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic - The timing of the implementation exercise for safeguarding, repackaging and exportation of the PCBs waste from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago was impacted by travel restrictions, quarantine protocols and movement restrictions for the waste contractor at the national and regional levels).</i></p>	
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Outcome 2: Capacity improved in the region to identify and remediate contaminated sites through the availability of regionally appropriate tools and strategies for identification, characterisation and remediation of pesticide and POPs-contaminated soil	<i>a) number of staff trained in identification and implementation of strategies for remediation of pesticides and POPs contaminated soils</i>	<i>PSMS includes five locations with contaminated soil</i>	<i>Training of at least 22 staff completed</i>		<i>On 10th March 2021, an additional 69 Technicians from 17 Caribbean countries (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago) participated in a virtual training Workshop on the Bioremediation of Pesticide Contaminated Soils</i>	S
	<i>b) number of priority sites selected and for which a strategy and EMP is developed</i> <i>c) % reduction in contamination levels in high priority sites where remediation has started</i>	<i>No awareness of or sharing of contaminated site experience in the region</i>	<i>Three priority sites selected</i>		<i>Draft Pesticide-contaminated soil characterization and remediation guidance manual developed. Being finalized for publication and distribution</i> <i>One site was actually selected Marienburg, Suriname and remediation activities have been taking place. Contaminant levels are currently being monitored by soil sample collection and analysis. Planning for the handover of the site to the Ministry of Agriculture and University of Suriname with continued support from the University of the West Indies Faculty</i>	

					<p><i>of Food and Agriculture is underway.</i></p> <p><i>Vegetable farming area (La Vega) in the Dominican Republic was also identified as potentially contaminated through overuse of pesticides. Attempts will be made to have a look at the situation in the next reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>(Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic - Technicians from the regions were not able to receive face to face and hands on training on soil remediation in Suriname)</i></p>	
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<p>Outcome 3: Risks to the environment and human health from empty pesticide containers reduced through establishing and enhancing container management systems at national level.</p>	<p>a) 50% of farmers triple rinse containers at the end of their life b) Number of countries with data accessible by regulators on empty pesticide containers</p>	<p>No data available – previous awareness raising campaigns not evaluated in terms of behaviours</p> <p>Limited facilities for plastic waste management, with some recycling in BRB, TRI, JAM and GUY</p>	<p>Baseline data collected from 11 countries</p> <p>Presentation of at least 4 options at regional stakeholder meeting</p>	<p>50% of surveyed farmers triple rinse</p> <p>Centralized data on containers collected in at least 2 countries</p>	<p>Agricultural waste management company AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe currently working with three countries (Dominica, Barbados and Guyana) on container disposal and/or recycling strategies/options. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the company has requested additional time until October 2021 to complete work. Permission to extend contract will be requested. Results will be included into the Empty pesticide container management Toolkit already developed for triple rinsing.</p> <p>Empty pesticide container management surveys were also conducted in Guyana, Barbados, Jamaica and Dominica in select agricultural communities. (Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic – the contractor (Agrivalor-Guadeloupe was not able to travel to the target countries (Barbados, Dominica and Guyana) to conduct studies and consultations).</p>	<p>MS</p>
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Outcome 4: <i>Common tools and processes adopted and financed by Caribbean countries for regionally harmonized pesticide registration and control</i>	a) <i>Number of countries adopting new and harmonized regulations</i>	<i>National legislation diverse but most countries have no detailed regulations to support legislation</i> <i>Each country responsible for its own evaluations with no access to regional technical expertise or assistance</i> <i>CGPC programmes and events supported by FAO and other donor contribution</i>	<i>Regional training on evaluation; country data in PSMS</i> <i>Model harmonized pesticide regulations developed and endorsed by the Ministers of Agriculture at COTED</i>	<i>At least 5 countries have begun the process of adopting new regulations</i>	<i>Model legislation was shared with project countries, CGCP, CARICOM and OECS and approved for consideration by COTED-CARICOM Ministers. This has been further updated by the Legal Unit at FAO HQ and was received on 28 May 2021. It is to be reviewed and shared with project countries, CGCP, CARICOM and OECS. . In October 2021 it will be considered by the CARICOM-COTED.</i> <i>The Model legislation has also been translated into Spanish and modified to suit the Dominican Republic legal system. This version was received on 28 May 2021 and is to be shared with the Dominican Republic pesticide regulatory authorities through the Dominican Republic FAO Office. Support for the introduction of the model to and consultation with stakeholders, is planned with the support of the FAO Legal Unit (Planned</i>	S
	b) <i>Number of regional registration recommendations voluntarily adopted by national registration bodies</i>		<i>Evaluation working group established and procedures agreed</i>	<i>Recommendations on at least 5 pesticides</i>		
	c) <i>Budget available for regional pesticide management</i>					

				<p><i>A decreasing contribution from 80% to 20% at project end, of CGPC costs provided through in a sustainable manner from member countries</i></p>	<p><i>for October in the Dominican Republic)</i></p>	
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					<p><i>Cost recovery strategy report and recommendations drafted and currently being reviewed for finalization and presentation to national and regional authorities.</i></p> <p><i>In collaboration with the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) a Pilot evaluation TWG was formed for the evaluation of pesticide product dossiers submitted by pesticide importers, distributors and manufacturers for registration by regional national authorities. The TWG completed the evaluation of 7 pesticide products using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit and developed summary assessments and recommendations for the consideration of national authorities. A draft pesticide product registration application form based on regional Registrar priorities was developed and a report on the work of the Pilot</i></p>	
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					<i>TWG submitted. This work was Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated virtual instead of face-to-face meetings of the TWG.</i>	
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<p>Outcome 5: <i>Alternatives to conventional chemical pesticides upscaled and use of highly hazardous pesticides reduced</i></p>	<p>a) <i>Reduction in number of registrations of HHP or products that cause health or environmental problems</i> b) <i>Reduced use of HHP and chemical pesticides by farmers and home gardeners</i></p>	<p><i>An initial review of countries identified 54 priority active ingredients (HHPs or problems documented in use)</i></p>	<p><i>Registers reviewed to identify HHP in all countries; data collected on health and environmental impacts</i></p>	<p><i>At least 4 products de-registered and overall, 20% reduction in number of registered HHPs</i></p> <p><i>KAP survey repeated and shows 10% reduction in HHP use</i></p>	<p><i>In collaboration with PAN-UK, Draft HHPs regional and national risk reduction plans developed and considered/endorsed by CGPC. They need further refinement and in-depth regional consultation for agreement on initial actionable steps that can be achieved at national and regional levels. Information collection for this activity was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (It was not possible for PAN-UK to travel to the region to conduct consultations and studies. The CGPC is already consulting virtually on actionable steps).</i></p> <p><i>Field testing of alternatives ongoing in Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. Extension of time until September-October 2021 requested by the service providers (UWI TT and UWI JA) for trials to be completed.</i></p>	<p>S</p>
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					<i>Health phone App Survey on acute pesticide poisoning incidents was conducted in Jamaica (February 2021) and Trinidad and Tobago (January – February 2021). Information collected will inform Ministries of Health and Agriculture to advise policy on pesticide use and handling in farming communities.</i>	
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<p>Outcome 6: <i>Project implementation is based on results-based management and project results are shared between project countries and outside stakeholders</i></p>	<p>a) <i>Project outcomes are achieved, disseminated and sustained</i></p> <p>b) <i>Positive media coverage of the project</i></p>	<p>a) <i>Project matrix exists with baseline information and outcome and output indicators and targets</i></p> <p>b) <i>Technical officers promote life cycle management but face weak involvement and support from decision makers</i></p>		<p>a) <i>Project outcomes are achieved and prove to be sustainable.</i></p> <p>b) <i>National and international reports of the project and its findings</i></p>	<p><i>Most project outcomes have been achieved. Delays were experienced due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic - (The annual CGPC Meeting and PSC meeting did not take place face to face. Field activities like the launching of pilot empty pesticide container networks did not take place as originally planned). However, ongoing field activities are nearing completion with extensions requested for wrap up by October 2021. Additional time is also needed to finish the production and publication of manuals, guides and communications materials. All outcomes are sustainable, but ownership must be taken by the CGPC. Funding may be an issue as all economies have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>Support given to the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Virtual meetings of the</i></p>	<p>S</p>
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					<p><i>CGPC during the reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>Support also given to several Webinars on IPM, HHPs and project stakeholder engagements.</i></p> <p><i>All reports submitted as completed and mostly within timeframe requested.</i></p> <p><i>Press releases on project activities issued.</i></p> <p><i>Regular newsletter recommended at MTE up and running.</i></p>	
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Action plan to address MS, MU, U and HU ratings

Outcome	Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?
Outcome 3: <i>Risks to the environment and human health from empty pesticide containers reduced through establishing and enhancing container management systems at national level.</i>	<i>Agricultural waste management company AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe currently working with three countries (Dominica, Barbados and Guyana) on container disposal and/or recycling strategies/options. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the company has requested additional time until October 2021 to complete work. Permission to extend contract will be requested. Results will be included into the Empty pesticide container management Toolkit already developed for triple rinsing.</i>	<i>AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe; National Regulatory Authorities of Dominica, Barbados and Guyana; Regional Project Coordinator</i>	<i>30 November 2021</i>

3. Progress in Generating Project Outputs (Implementation Progress, IP)

(Please indicate progress achieved during this FY as planned in the Annual Work Plan)

Outputs ¹²	Expected completion date ¹³	Achievements at each PIR ¹⁴					Implement. status (cumulative)	Comments Describe any variance ¹⁵ or any challenge in delivering outputs
		1 st PIR	2 nd PIR	3 rd PIR	4 th PIR	5 th PIR		
Output 1 <i>Regional risk reduction and disposal strategy for sound management of obsolete and POPs pesticides completed including EAs and EMPS for all sites</i>	Q2 Y1	11 EAs and related EMPS submitted to project countries					100%	
Output 1.2 <i>Safeguarding, centralization and destruction of obsolete pesticides and PCBs</i>	Q4 Y2		319 tonnes of obsolete pesticides from 11 countries destroyed		Some countries have indicated additional obsolete pesticides stocks and other chemicals, including new stocks	115 tonnes of additional obsolete pesticides stocks reported from 6 project countries.		
	Q4 Y3		PCBs Inventory finalised. Tender for disposal of 20.41 tonnes of PCB	PCBs inventory had to be reviewed and revised because additional	Waste contractor recruited by FAO, verifying inventory quantities with national	32.5 tonnes of PCBs waste repackaged and exported to Europe for disposal from Antigua and Barbuda, Suriname and Barbados.	80%	Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic - Field

			<i>contaminated equipment and 16.15 tonnes of contaminated oil drafted.</i>	<i>quantities were identified and reported. The figure now stands at Total PCBs (Equipment + PCB Oils/Liquid) 72.140 Metric tonnes</i> <i>Tenders issued and bids received which are presently being evaluated</i>	<i>authorities and preparing transboundary shipment Notification documentation</i>	<i>Trinidad and Tobago field work completed and approximately 14 tonnes of waste awaiting shipment (impacted by Covid-19)</i>		<i>operations by the waste contractor in the Caribbean were completed 27 June 2021</i>
<i>Output 2.1 Capacity of national authorities to identify, characterize and remediate contaminated sites is increased and lessons learned shared</i>	<i>Q4 Y4</i>	<i>6 staff from 4 countries trained in sampling methodology – February 2017</i>	<i>9 staff from 6 countries trained in sampling methodology – June 2018</i>	<i>40 technicians/ staff from 12 countries trained in contaminated soil sample methodology – June 2019</i>	<i>35 persons, from Suriname (24 Female) including personnel from Pesticides Division, Extension, Environment,</i>	<i>In March 2021, an additional 69 Technicians from 17 Caribbean countries participated in a virtual training Workshop on the Bioremediation of</i>	<i>90 %</i>	

¹² Outputs as described in the project logframe or in any updated project revision. In case of project revision resulted from a mid-term review please modify the output accordingly or leave the cells in blank and add the new outputs in the table explaining the variance in the comments section.

¹³ As per latest work plan (latest project revision); for example: Quarter 1, Year 3 (Q1 y3)

¹⁴ Please use the same unity of measures of the project indicators, as much as possible. Please be extremely synthetic (max one or two short sentence with main achievements)

¹⁵ Variance refers to the difference between the expected and actual progress at the time of reporting.

					<p><i>University lecturers and students and the Cabinet of the President-Environment Coordination, participated in a 2-day training on application of remediation interventions to the trial plot. Micro-organisms are being documented and plant life pesticide residues are included in the data collected</i></p>	<p><i>Pesticide Contaminated Soils.</i></p> <p><i>Draft Pesticide-contaminated soil characterization and remediation guidance manual developed. To be finalized for publication and distribution</i></p> <p><i>Vegetable farming area (La Vega) in the Dominican Republic identified as potentially contaminated through overuse of pesticides. Attempts will be made to have a look at the situation in the next reporting period.</i></p> <p><i>(Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic - - the technician training had to take place virtually instead of face to face)</i></p>		
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Output 2.2 <i>Low cost remediation strategies and locally available technologies and tools developed for identification, characterization and remediation of contaminated sites and incorporated in EMPs for specific sites</i>	Y 2			<i>Unexpectedly , low levels of organochlorine contamination found at pilot site in Suriname</i>	<i>Remediation interventions include the use of cow manure, charcoal ploughed into the soil and microbial “broth” sprayed on to the soil afterwards. All relatively low-cost and locally available</i>	<i>All results for the trial (soil and plant testing) have been received. Microbial data analysis and reporting not completed as the University of Suriname encountered some challenges. LOA Final initial draft report was submitted at the end of May 2021. (Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic – participation of numbers of technicians because of number limits and protocols.)</i>	90%	Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic
Output 2.3 <i>Demonstration of appropriate remediation strategies at three high priority pilot sites</i>	Y 4		<i>2 high priority pilot sites selected based on threats to receptors and water bodies</i>		<i>One site in Suriname chosen to conduct remediation pilot trial studies. All sampling and interventions are done/applied in collaboration with several agencies including the University of Suriname</i>	<i>Planning taking place for the handover of the site to the Ministry of Agriculture and University of Suriname with continued support from FAO through the University of the West Indies Faculty of Food and Agriculture is underway.</i>		Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

					(ADEK), H2K Agro, Centrum Voor Landbouwkundig Onderzoek (CELOS) and Fish Inspection Laboratory (FIL). Training plan for regional soil technicians developed	Training conducted in March 2021		
Output 3.1 Pesticide container management options identified and assessed and stakeholders engaged	Q2 Y4	6 project countries have submitted baseline data on imported pesticides container types and quantities	Container Management KAP Surveys conducted in Suriname and Antigua and Barbuda.			Empty pesticide container management surveys conducted in Guyana, Barbados, Jamaica and Dominica in select agricultural communities.	60%	Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic
Output 3.2 Container management networks established and pesticide user practices improved	Q2 Y4		Container management network established in Suriname and Stakeholders engaged. Triple rinse posters, leaflets and videos produced and distributed in Suriname and	Container network established from pilot still up and running in Suriname. Other countries planning pilot schemes	Stakeholders engaged in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and St Kitts and Nevis. Exploratory discussions commenced in Jamaica.	Agricultural waste management company AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe currently working with three countries (Dominica, Barbados and Guyana) on container management, disposal and/or recycling strategies/options.	50%	Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

			<i>Antigua. Toolkits produced.</i>					
<i>Output 4.1 Model harmonized regulations on pesticide life cycle management provided to countries for national review and adoption</i>	Q2 Y4		<i>With FAO HQ Legal Unit, Pesticides Legislation Analysis Matrix developed and Pesticides related legislation in 9 English-speaking project countries analysed. Gaps identified which would put them in line The Intl Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management</i>	<i>All project country pesticides legislation reviewed to determine alignment with International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management and FAO Guidelines on Pesticides Legislation.</i>	<i>At time of reporting, draft regional legislation review report being reviewed and finalized; justification for pesticide legislation separate and apart from chemicals legislation being finalized; model pesticides legislation being finalized</i>	<i>Model legislation shared with project countries, CARICOM and the OECS. Approved for consideration by the CARICOM COTED – Agriculture Ministers. Updated version received from FAO Legal Unit May 30, 2021, forwarding to above recipients. Spanish Model legislation for the Dominican Republic received from FAO Legal Unit on May 30, 2021, for forwarding to stakeholders in the Dom Rep.</i>	75%	
<i>Output 4.2 Regionally harmonized pesticide registration mechanisms developed and piloted</i>	Q4 Y4	<i>25 persons trained in use of FAO Registration Toolkit – February 2017 20 participants</i>		<i>16 additional persons trained in the use of the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit – February 2019</i>	<i>In Collaboration with CAHFSa and the CGPC pilot Technical Working Group (TWG) to evaluate pesticide product application</i>	<i>Pilot evaluation TWG completed evaluation of 7 pesticide products and submitted summary assessments, recommendations, and report. Draft pesticide product registration</i>	75%	<i>Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic</i>

		<i>at Harmonization of registration procedures and information sharing workshop – February 2017</i>			<i>dossiers formed and began meeting to establish rules of procedures and priority areas in dossiers to be evaluated/assessed using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit</i>	<i>application form produced based on regional Registrar priorities. (Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic – Meetings of the pilot TWG had to be convened virtually instead of face to face as originally planned.</i>		
<i>Output 4.3 A common system for inspection and control of imported pesticides established to prevent illegal trafficking of POPs</i>	<i>Q1 Y4</i>	<i>25 Customs and Pesticides Inspectors Trained on Pesticides Import/Export and Control - March 2017</i>		<i>Training for Customs and Pesticides Inspectors rolled out at the national level in Suriname, Guyana and Dominica</i>	<i>Draft regional pesticide inspectors' manual developed and 110 pesticides inspectors and technical officers from related relevant agencies in 11 project countries consulted on and trained in the use of the manual</i>	<i>Draft pesticide inspectors manual reviewed and being translated into Spanish and finalized for publication and distribution</i>	<i>80%</i>	
<i>Output 4.4 Sustainable financing identified and committed for regional</i>	<i>Q4 Y4</i>		<i>Cost recovery analysis of pesticides regulatory authorities</i>		<i>Report re-sent to National Project Coordinators to bring to</i>	<i>Report reviewed and commented on by in house economist and subject matter specialist.</i>	<i>75%</i>	

<i>pesticide lifecycle management</i>			<i>conducted using electronic questionnaire s sent out to stakeholders in project participating countries. Followed by visits to 4 project countries for face to face meetings with stakeholders. Report produced.</i>		<i>attention of colleagues in finance departments for possible consideration and submission to Finance authorities</i>	<i>Recommended strengthening for presentation to finance authorities in countries</i>		
<i>Output 5.1 HHP use and risk reduction plan developed for the region</i>	<i>Q4 Y3</i>	<i>Project country registered pesticides lists submitted and ready for review</i>	<i>HHPs on the registered lists of 5 project countries identified using the FAO Pesticides Registration Toolkit. Report Produced</i>	<i>16 persons trained in the identification of HHPs using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit – February 2019</i>	<i>KAP surveys being conducted in Barbados, Dominica to obtain baseline information on HHPs and pesticides use in collaboration with PAN-UK</i>	<i>Consultations conducted throughout project and other regional countries with Regulators and other institutions to develop a Draft HHPs risk reduction plan which was tentatively endorsed by CGPC Members.</i> <i>Phone Health Survey App field tested in Jamaica (334 persons, 50 female) and Trinidad and Tobago (208 persons,</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>Impacted by COVID-19 pandemic – consultations and surveys had to be conducted virtually</i>

						36 female) to collect information on pesticide exposure incidents over the past year.		
<i>Output 5.2 Alternatives to HHPs field tested and demonstrated</i>	Q2 Y4		<i>LoAs signed with The University of the West Indies (UWI) to field test alternatives to toxic chemical pesticides for the management of insect pests and diseases in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.</i>	<i>4 field trials conducted or underway in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, testing alternatives to toxic chemical pesticides 1 farmer field day activity to demonstrate the use of alternatives conducted – March 2019</i>	<i>4 field trials (2 each in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago) completed and reports submitted 4 farmer/student field day activities conducted to demonstrate results of field trials using alternatives to HHPs</i>	<i>Additional field trials established in Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica to field-test HHPs alternative “Food spray” technique in the management of vegetable pests and diseases. Three regional Webinars / Stakeholder engagements conducted in Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and The Bahamas to promote IPM and demonstrate results of completed field trials.</i>	75%	
<i>Output 5.3 Promote previous IPM and support farmers and home gardeners to reduce use of HHPs</i>	Q2 Y4			<i>i) Status of HHPs in the Caribbean reviewed and (ii) information on alternatives to toxic chemical</i>	<i>KAP surveys being conducted in Barbados, Dominica to obtain baseline information on HHPs and pesticides use in</i>	<i>Eleven (11) draft integrated weed, pest and disease management alternatives to HHPs guidelines developed for important food and vegetable crops in the Caribbean.</i>	60%	

				<i>pesticides in Plant Protection in the Dominican Republic including ongoing initiatives compiled.</i>	<i>collaboration with PAN-UK</i>	<i>HHPs national and regional risk reduction plan developed for project countries in consultation with regional stakeholders. Currently being reviewed to determine possibilities for implementation.</i>		
<i>Output 6.1 Project monitoring system operating and providing systematic information on progress in achieving project outcome and output targets in all countries.</i>		<i>Two 6-monthly progress reports submitted</i> <i>1st PIR draft now</i>	<i>One 6-monthly progress report submitted</i> <i>2nd PIR draft now</i>	<i>One 6-monthly progress report submitted</i> <i>3rd PIR draft now</i>	<i>One 6-monthly progress report submitted</i> <i>4th PIR draft now</i>	<i>One 6-monthly progress report submitted</i> <i>5th PIR draft now</i>	<i>80%</i>	
<i>Output 6.2 Mid-term and final evaluation conducted and project implementation adjusted according to recommendations</i>	<i>Q4 Y2</i>			<i>Mid Term Evaluation conducted February - June 2019</i>		<i>Final Evaluation conducted March - June 2021</i>	<i>75%</i>	
<i>Output 6.3 Project lessons are widely disseminated to key national and international audiences</i>	<i>Q4 Y4</i>		<i>Several press releases already disseminated. Container management toolkits produced</i>		<i>2 newsletters and 1 issue brief produced during reporting period. 1 more newsletter presently being put together.</i>	<i>2 newsletters (English and Spanish - August 2020 and March 2021) produced during reporting period. 2-year calendar produced and distributed to</i>	<i>70%</i>	

					<i>Press releases related to all activities disseminated</i>	<i>project countries and select stakeholders.</i>		
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4. Information on Progress, Outcomes and Challenges on Project Implementation

Please briefly summarize main progress achieving the outcomes (cumulative) and outputs (during this fiscal year):

The major achievements during this reporting period were as follows:

- POLYECO completed safeguarding and repackaging of PCBS oils and waste equipment for export from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago at time of report, 32.5 tonnes were exported and received by the disposal facility. 14 tonnes are due to be shipped before end of June 2021. Technical officers were trained in Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago by POLYECO on safeguarding and repackaging procedures and safety. Limited capacity now available in the Caribbean.
- AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe commenced work on empty pesticide container management and disposal/recycling strategies in Barbados, Dominica, and Guyana
- Phone Health App to report and collect information on farmer pesticide exposure incidents field tested in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Information collected to inform Ministries of Health and Agriculture and may initiate a policy “re-think” on pesticide availability, handling and use by small farmers.
- Developed a draft pesticide-contaminated soil identification, characterization, and remediation guidance manual for soil technicians in the Caribbean region. Conducted training for 69 participants throughout the region
- Established additional field trials for the testing of alternatives to HHPs in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago
- Published 2 project newsletters and one project “2-year” calendar
- Conducted 2 stakeholder engagement virtual webinars on the results from field testing of alternatives to HHPs, the Health phone APP (Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago) and Empty pesticide container management study (Jamaica)
- Completed and distributed the Model Pesticide Legislation among project countries, CGPC, CARICOM and the OECS
- Translated into Spanish and adapted the Model Pesticide Legislation for the benefit of the Dominican Republic
- Formed and operated the pilot regional Technical Working Group to evaluate pesticide products applications for registration, using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit
- Developed draft national and regional HHPs risk reduction plans
- Developed 11 Integrated weed, pest and disease management guidelines for coffee, sugar, bananas, vegetable crops and select domestic pests using alternatives to HHPs
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What are the major challenges the project has experienced during this reporting period?

During the reporting period, challenges encountered related to timeliness of implementation of activities due to several factors, primarily the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, project countries respond at different rates to the implementation of activities and response to requests for information to inform on, plan and implement activities. In most cases, NPCs need the support of senior colleagues in the same or other Ministries/Agencies to plan/implement activities. They also require access to policymakers where support decisions/permissions are needed. Despite these challenges, the implementation of the project continued.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has stopped activities that require physical participation and field work. This included meetings of the technical working group to evaluate pesticide registration applications (these were convened virtually); field work and surveys on empty pesticides container management and disposal; and HHPs use (were conducted in Jamaica, Barbados and Dominica observing COVID-19 national protocols); verification of inventories of PCBs wastes and oils; establishment of pilot empty pesticides container management networks in agricultural districts; the training of soil technicians on contaminated soil characterization and remediation (conducted virtually); planning of project steering committee and annual CGPC meetings and, the timing of the project terminal workshop and evaluation.

The project is in the final stages and a further extension of time is anticipated for the completion of ongoing field activities, close of contracts and LOAs, finalization of project communications materials and documentation.

Development Objective (DO) Ratings, Implementation Progress (IP) Ratings and Overall Assessment

Please note that the overall DO and IP ratings should be substantiated by evidence and progress reported in the Section 2 and Section 3 of the PIR.

For DO, the ratings and comments should reflect the overall progress of project results.

	FY2021 Development Objective rating¹⁶	FY2021 Implementation Progress rating¹⁷	Comments/reasons¹⁸ justifying the ratings for FY2021 and any changes (positive or negative) in the ratings since the previous reporting period
Project Manager / Coordinator	S	S	<i>We are on track to achieving project objectives, the timeline of which was delayed due to the occurrence of the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic</i>
Budget Holder	S	S	<i>The project is on track to achieve stated objectives.</i>

¹⁶ **Development/Global Environment Objectives Rating** – Assess how well the project is meeting its development objective/s or the global environment objective/s it set out to meet.

For more information on ratings, definitions please refer to Annex 1.

¹⁷ **Implementation Progress Rating** – Assess the progress of project implementation. For more information on ratings definitions please refer to Annex 1.

¹⁸ Please ensure that the ratings are based on evidence

GEF Operational Focal Point	HS	S	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA: <i>“Considering the challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic, the project’s implementation has been satisfactory.”</i>
		S	GUYANA: <i>“The project employed effective adjustments to the project strategy to allow it to overcome the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and remain on track to achieve project objectives.”</i>
		S	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: <i>“The project experienced delays due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, however, many of the outcomes were achieved and the project team notes they are on track to achieving its remaining objectives by December 2021. The achievements for Trinidad and Tobago are noted such as, the safeguarding and repackaging of PCBS oils and waste equipment for export, the testing of the Phone Health App to report and collect information on farmer pesticide exposure incidents and the additional field trials for the testing of alternatives to HHPs.”</i>
		S	SAINT LUCIA: <i>“Please note that we have reviewed the PIR and Saint Lucia is satisfied with the project outcomes as it was a well crafted project that addressed the life cycle management of pesticides in the region”</i>
	S	S	SURINAME: <i>“Due to COVID 19 some of the activities have been delayed in (the beginning of) implementation but I remain satisfied with the fact that they could still be implemented in order to reach the project objectives. So, I rate satisfactory (S) for both the Development/Global Environment Objectives as well for the implementation Progress. Considering the willingness and creativity of all involved especially the Project Management Team to finalize the project (activities) I have no objection to support their request for an no cost extension. Is the required extension 6 or 4 months? “</i>
		S	JAMAICA: <i>“Considering the challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic, the programme objectives are progressing satisfactorily in Jamaica albeit some delays”.</i>

Lead Technical Officer¹⁹	S	S	<i>I agree with the Project Coordinator's rating and comments. Despite unavoidable delays (largely due to the global COVID-19 pandemic), the project is on track to achieving key objectives.</i>
FAO-GEF Funding Liaison Officer	S	S	<i>The project is entering its final year of implementation and has met its commitments under components 1 (disposing of obsolete stocks) and 2 (improved capacity in the region to identify and remediate contaminated sites). Model legislation will be submitted to COTED-CARICOM during the second semester of 2021. The remaining time will be used to consolidate project results (including capacity building, pesticide container management, and HHP risk reduction plans) and strengthen the exit strategy. The project is expected to meet its objectives.</i>

¹⁹ The LTO will consult the HQ technical officer and all other supporting technical Units.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

Under the responsibility of the LTO (PMU to draft)

This section of the PIR describes the progress made towards complying with the approved ESM plan, when appropriate. Note that only projects with **moderate** or **high** Environmental and Social Risk, approved from June 2015 should have submitted an ESM plan/table at CEO endorsement. This does not apply to **low** risk projects. Please add recommendations to improve the implementation of the ESM plan, when needed.

Social & Environmental Risk Impacts identified at CEO Endorsement	Expected mitigation measures	Actions taken during this FY	Remaining measures to be taken	Responsibility
ESS 1: Natural Resource Management				
ESS 2: Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Natural Habitats				
		Field testing of alternatives to HHPs in vegetable production in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago include the "Food spray" technique which promotes the buildup of beneficial insects and pest/disease natural enemy numbers which are usually non-target collateral victims under normal farm practice using HHPs		
ESS 3: Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture				
ESS 4: Animal - Livestock and Aquatic - Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture				

ESS 5: Pest and Pesticide Management				
		<p><i>Under Component 1 - Safeguarding, repackaging and export of PCBs oils and equipment waste by the waste contractor from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago are executed according to the relevant FAO Environmental Management Toolkits (EMTKs) which meet or exceed national and UN standards of safety.</i></p> <p><i>Under Component 2 -All actions were taken during soil sample collection at the pilot remediation site in Suriname to observe safety protocols using appropriate PPE and following guidelines of the relevant Environmental Management Toolkits (EMTKs)</i></p>	<p><i>PCBs in Trinidad and Tobago to be shipped. PCBs to be destroyed/treated by high-temperature incineration and Destruction Certificates to be issued.</i></p> <p><i>Handover to national authorities to continue remediation interventions and data recording.</i></p>	<p><i>Regional Project Coordinator / National Project Coordinator / Waste contractor (POLYECO)</i></p> <p><i>Regional Project Coordinator/ National Project Coordinator / Service Provider under the Letter of Agreement (UWI – TT). Ministry of Agriculture – Suriname and University of Suriname</i></p>
ESS 6: Involuntary Resettlement and Displacement				
ESS 7: Decent Work				
ESS 8: Gender Equality				

		<i>Under Component 6, ensured that newsletters and communications material produced featured gender issues and information, were gender mainstreamed and that a significant number of women participated in all training webinars, meetings, consultations, and surveys conducted. Women comprise most leaders heading national pesticide management regulatory authorities in the Caribbean</i>	<i>Ensure that project documents and communications materials produced and finalized are gender sensitive and mainstreamed.</i>	<i>Regional Project Coordinator, Communications Consultant, National Project Coordinators, Gender consultant</i>
ESS 9: Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Heritage				
New ESS risks that have emerged during this FY				
		<i>Covid-19 pandemic The majority of activities were conducted “virtually”. Some field activities took place observing national protocols.</i>	<i>Continuation of activities to be completed “virtually” or in line with FAO and national Covid-19 safety protocols</i>	<i>Regional Project Coordinator / National Project Coordinators / Service providers</i>

In case the project did not include an ESM Plan at CEO endorsement stage, please indicate if the initial Environmental and Social Risk classification is still valid; if not, what is the new classification and explain.

Overall Project Risk classification (at project submission)	Please indicate if the Environmental and Social Risk classification is still valid ²⁰ . If not, what is the new classification and explain.
Medium (Level B)	Yes, still valid

Please report if any grievance was received as per FAO and GEF ESS policies. If yes, please indicate how it is being/has been addressed.

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6. Risks

Risk ratings

RISK TABLE
<i>The following table summarizes risks identified in the Project Document and reflects also any new risks identified in the course of project implementation. Please make sure that the table also includes the Environmental and Social Management Risks captured by the Environmental and social Management Risk Mitigations plans. The <u>Notes</u> column should be used to provide additional details concerning manifestation of the risk in your specific project, as relevant.</i>

²⁰ **Important:** please note that if the Environmental and Social Risk classification is changing, the ESM Unit should be contacted and an updated Social and Environmental Management Plan addressing new risks should be prepared.

	Risk	Risk rating ²¹	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions ²²	Notes from the Project Task Force
1	<i>Insufficient funds dedicated to the safeguarding of high-priority sites, and the disposal of POPs.</i>				
2	<i>Establishment of effective institutional arrangements is delayed and poses challenges to timely project execution.</i>	H	<i>More intensive engagement of national regulatory authorities and relevant agencies</i>	<i>Continued to engage National regulatory authorities of project countries as far as possible, despite them having to deal with national Covid-19 protocols, including field work and meetings restrictions. Communication, meetings, training was conducted virtually. The Sub-Regional Coordinator led engagement of the OECS project countries at high level during Country Programme Framework planning during which support for the project was solicited.</i>	

²¹ GEF Risk ratings: Low, Moderate, Substantial or High

²² If a risk mitigation plan had been presented as part of the Environmental and Social management Plan or in previous PIR please report here on progress or results of its implementation. For moderate and high risk projects, please Include a description of the ESMP monitoring activities undertaken in the relevant period".

	Risk	Risk rating ²¹	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions ²²	Notes from the Project Task Force
3	Extreme weather conditions such as hurricanes and floods	H	Field work to be halted in case of such events	<p>Field work relating to the setting up empty pesticide container management (ECM) networks continued to be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Surveys on ECM and pesticides use including HHPs and the collection of information consultations on alternatives to toxic chemical pesticides / HHPs was conducted virtually.</p> <p>No work was halted due to storms, but St Vincent and the Grenadines and to a lesser extent, Barbados were impacted by a volcanic eruption in April 2021. FAO encouraged all stakeholders impacted to protect themselves as instructed by relevant regional and national authorities</p>	
4	Environmental contamination from leakage of POPs and other obsolete pesticides due to poor conditions of containers	L	Obsolete stocks already removed and disposed of	Approximately 50 tonnes of PCBs contaminated equipment, waste and oil removed during the reporting period.	

	Risk	Risk rating ²¹	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions ²²	Notes from the Project Task Force
5	<i>Lack of appropriate storage for safeguarded stocks</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Countries urged to import only quantities required and to construct adequate storage facilities for future additional stocks</i>	<i>5 project countries reported additional quantities of obsolete pesticides stocks. Apart from Guyana, no dedicated storage areas for obsolete pesticide stocks were reported from any project country.</i>	
6	<i>Incidents during safeguarding</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Safeguarding operations completed</i>	<i>Obsolete pesticide and PCBs stocks safeguarding field operations completed without any significant incidents apart from delays in document preparation and the Covid-19 pandemic.</i>	
7	<i>Delays in the procurement of equipment necessary for the disposal</i>	<i>L</i>			
8	<i>Government authorities disagree with the strategy for the reduction of risks posed by contaminated sites</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Not many contaminated sites have been reported by countries. For those that have been identified, the government authorities are fully supportive of the development of risk reduction strategies</i>	<i>Field work on the remediation of pilot pesticide-contaminated site continued and final report under Letter of Agreement with UWI submitted. Planning handover to and continued work by Suriname national authorities</i>	

9	<p><i>Insufficient ownership of the drafted model regulations and recommendations of regional registration technical group</i></p>	H	<p><i>Presentations made to the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) on Agriculture of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Meeting in October 2018 who, with respect to the FAO/GEF Project,</i></p> <p><i>(THE COTED):</i></p> <p><i>“Supported the recommendation for Member States to update and enact their pesticides legislation and regulations in line with the FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management and the FAO Guidelines for Pesticides Legislation;</i></p> <p><i>Also supported the use of the newly developed Empty Pesticides Container Management Toolkit to help pilot and develop networks, to manage empty pesticides containers and agricultural plastics;</i></p> <p><i>Encouraged Member States to facilitate the funding of the work programmes of the pesticides regulatory authorities, so that those programmes could be effectively implemented (registration, training, inspections, certification, import/export control, public awareness, etc.)”</i></p>	<p><i>Cost recovery analysis report being finalized for consideration of national pesticide regulatory authorities and Ministers of Agriculture through CARICOM</i></p>	
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	Risk	Risk rating ²¹	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions ²²	Notes from the Project Task Force
			<i>Mandated the establishment of a regional technical working group to review applications for the registration of pesticides in Member Countries and which would, thereafter, advise Member Countries accordingly.</i>	<i>In Collaboration with CAHFSA and the CGPC, a pilot Technical Working Group (TWG) to evaluate pesticide product application dossiers was formed and began meeting in January 2020. The first meeting established rules and formats of TWG meetings and the priority areas in dossiers to be evaluated / assessed using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit. Seven pesticides products were evaluated by the TWG "virtually." Report on work of the TWG submitted in December 2020</i>	
10	<i>Delays in project implementation associated to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	M	<i>As far as possible, field activities (field trials and surveys) will be conducted observing FAO and National government safety protocols when the all clear has been given. If travel does not resume in the region, all training, consultation and meeting activities will be conducted virtually.</i>	<i>Majority of meetings, training, surveys, and consultations conducted virtually. Limited surveys conducted and field trials wrapped up or established/maintained observing relevant FAO and national Covid-19 protocols</i>	

Project overall risk rating (Low, Moderate, Substantial or High):

FY2020 rating	FY2021 rating	Comments/reason for the rating for FY2021 and any changes (positive or negative) in the rating since the previous reporting period
M	M	<i>Most of the project targets continue to be and will be met. Further delays were caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, but the project has been able to progress by conducting activities virtually and where possible, in the field according to FAO and national authority protocols.</i>

7. Adjustments to Project Strategy – Only for projects that had the Mid-term review (or supervision mission)

If the project had a MTR review or a supervision mission, please report on how the MTR recommendations were implemented as indicated in the Management Response or in the supervision mission report.

MTR or supervision mission recommendations	Measures implemented
<p>Recommendation 1 to GEF and FAO: Request a project extension until December 2020 at no cost in order to provide sufficient time to achieve a satisfactory level of contamination reduction in selected pesticides contaminated sites, which is a key activity to reduce risks to human health and the environment and build capacities in the Caribbean region. Also, ensuring enough time to engage key allies to do lobbying work with targeted regional and national institutions and organizations in order that Model Regulations can be adopted. For that, it is necessary to accomplish the activities defined in the project, namely: 1) to develop model regulations in consultation with Chief Parliamentary Counsel at the national level and CARICOM Legal Affairs Committee at the regional level; 2) ensure the revision and approval of the model by the technical experts of OECS; and 3) provide sufficient time for countries to negotiate internally the adoption of the model regulations. In general terms, this project extension will allow implementers to finish all pending project activities.</p>	<p><i>During the reporting period, the model pesticide legislation (English version) was shared with the CGPC and project countries, the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). It is reported to be on the agenda for the next CARICOM COTED Agriculture Ministers meeting (October 2021). Some project countries (Barbados, Saint Lucia) and non-project countries (Anguilla and The Bahamas) are reviewing the model in for possible inclusion into existing legislation or enactment of new laws.</i></p> <p><i>The model was also translated into Spanish and converted to meet the requirements of the legal system in the Dominican Republic. It was sent to the National Project Consultant for review with the National Project Coordinator and then for transmission to the Minister of Agriculture by the FAO Representative for the Dominican Republic.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 2 to CGPC and FAO: Improve visibility of the project through a strategic communication campaign addressed to national stakeholders and external partners (i.e FAO country offices) in order to inform on project activities progress and its benefits additional to the removal of obsolete pesticides. This would help to reemphasize the</p>	<p><i>The project developed a quarterly newsletter which is shared with project stakeholders and FAO country offices</i></p>

importance of the project for the region and their commitment to the project.	
<p>Recommendation 3 to CGPC and FAO: The arrangements to appoint the National Focal Points (NFP) from different line ministries to support National Project Teams should be implemented as indicated in the PRODOC. This would address the weak engagement of national stakeholders, who lack full knowledge of the project and its activities. Considering that 9 countries have national Boards, a proposal could be that members of the Boards are appointed as NFP of the project, which would have the responsibility to inform to their respective ministries or organizations on project progress and would be responsible for specific project duties related to their institutional functions. The NPC would have the responsibility to update during the Boards meetings on project progress and share the 6-monthly project progress reports. In the case of Suriname, the members of the Pesticide Approval Committee could be appointed as NFP. For the Dominican Republic, the members of the virtual group, created to attend activities related to the Rotterdam, Basel and Stockholm Conventions, should also be appointed as NFP of this project.</p>	<p><i>The project has national project coordinators in each participating country whose substantive post is working within the national pesticides and toxic chemicals regulatory authorities and boards. They disseminate the work of the project among their colleagues who represent agencies such as the Ministries of Health and Environment, Customs, Legal Affairs, Veterinary Services. It was not possible for countries to form specific project boards because in smaller countries these persons are already sitting on numerous committees and boards related to other areas of their substantive jobs (wear many hats!)</i></p> <p><i>The reports are shared with the national project coordinators and annually, with the project country GEF Operational Focal Points.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 4 to FAO and National Project Team of the Dominican Republic: Communication capacity and capabilities of the National Project Team of the Dominican Republic (DR) should be strengthened in order to overcome language barriers to effectively communicate with regional partners and PC, and actively participate in the project implementation. Hiring or developing bilingual staff is one way to reinforce these capacities.</p>	<p><i>These were strengthened by recruiting a National Project consultant who assists the National Project Coordinator, who's fulltime job is field monitoring of pesticide resistance within the pesticide authority. The consultant is fluent in English and has the advantage that she has access to different stakeholder Ministries and agencies which the National Project Coordinator cannot access. Additionally, the quarterly newsletter is available in Spanish in addition to all project documents and communications materials produced. The consultant is supported by the FAO Office in the Dominican Republic and FAO Sub Regional Office for the Caribbean.</i></p>

<p>Additionally, it is necessary to strengthen communication and coordination among the National Project Team members and with stakeholders, as many were unaware of the full spectrum of the project's activities. Finally, the project should ensure that the National Coordinator has the necessary capacity to manage, implement and deliver on the project's strategic priorities. As a first step, it is advisable to have a high-level face to face meeting with the new Plant Health Director of the Ministry of Agriculture of DR in order to discuss the best way to attend this recommendation.</p>	<p><i>During the reporting period the project LTO and the National Consultant had meetings with the new Plant Health Director to inform on project objectives and update on implementation. He expressed his full support for the project and to facilitate implementation of activities. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the Dominican Republic most field activities have been halted.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 5 to CGPC, FAO and GEF: It is advisable to establish coordination with the activities of the GEF project ID 5558 "Development and implementation of a sustainable management system for POPs in the Caribbean" as it contains some overlapping components with the current project, including the results and lessons learned. According to FAO's previous experience, there is a potential risk that the proposals of legislations elaborated in both projects contain contradictory aspects for the sound pesticides management.</p>	<p><i>The project has been collaborating with the Basel Convention Regional Centre, based in Trinidad and Tobago, coordinating activities relating to the safeguarding and removal of PCBs contaminated oils, equipment and waste in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.</i></p> <p><i>During the reporting period documents which clearly differentiate between chemicals and pesticides legislation were produced by the FAO Legal Unit and shared with all countries and regional agencies.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 6 to FAO: A Monitoring and Evaluation System is crucial to identify new/potential risks that could affect the achievement of project objectives and propose actions to mitigate them. Since significant delays were not identified during project implementation, which now affect the fulfilment of the objectives, the Monitoring and Evaluation plan of the project should be strengthened by using available resources for hiring a specialist to support the monitoring and reporting on project's progress.</p>	<p><i>Work was done to improve monitoring by the assignment of an officer specifically to support GEF projects. However, because of numerous projects which were impacted by Covid-19 and the development of new projects, additional support was needed. This additional support has recently been recruited.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 7 to FAO and CGPC: The adoption of model harmonized regulations would help the project countries to prevent the</p>	

generation of new obsolete pesticides, however, there is uncertainty when the regulation could be adopted. Thus, a training exercise to prevent the obsolescence of pesticides is highly advisable at this stage of the project.	<i>The regional consultation/training suggested in this recommendation is in the planning stages and is scheduled for September and November 2021.</i>
Recommendation 8 to FAO: A gender mainstreaming strategy should be defined and implemented in pending project activities. Specialized support should be requested from FAO gender specialist. The strategy should consider aspects such as: to ensure that awareness raising activities are targeting vulnerable groups relevant to the project; to ensure that pesticides risks to vulnerable groups (such as pregnant and nursing women) are identified in the project and the identified risks are considered in trainings, remediation activities and in the communication materials; and to increase application of a gender perspective to the relevant areas of the project (for instance, intention to ensure gender balance during trainings).	<p><i>These recommendations have been implemented with the support of the Communications Consultant, a Gender Consultant, and the FAO sub-regional and regional Gender Focal points and their support staff.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Each project newsletter has an awareness raising piece on gender and pesticides which focuses on varying issues on the topic including examining the harmful and differing effects of pesticides on women, men, and children, understanding women risk of exposure to pesticides and gender analysis in pesticide management.</i> <i>Gender sensitive communications products have been produced to ensure women are visible in a variety of roles related to pesticide management and leadership and unique experiences reflected.</i> <i>Manuals and the model legislation have been reviewed by the Gender Consultant.</i> <i>All trainings, meetings, webinars, and surveys are gender balanced to the extent possible.</i>

Adjustments to the project strategy.

Please note that changes to outputs, baselines, indicators or targets cannot be made without official approval from PSC and PTF members, including the FLO. These changes will follow the recommendations of the MTR or the supervision mission.

Change Made to	Yes/No	Describe the Change and Reason for Change
Project Outputs		
Project Indicators/Targets		

Adjustments to Project Time Frame

If the duration of the project, the project work schedule, or the timing of any key events such as project start up, mid-term review, final evaluation or closing date, have been adjusted since project approval, please explain the changes and the reasons for these changes. The Budget Holder may decide, in consultation with the PTF, to request the adjustment of the EOD-NTE in FPMIS to the actual start of operations providing a sound justification.

Change	Describe the Change and Reason for Change
Project extension	<p>Original NTE: Revised NTE: <i>December 2021</i></p> <p>Justification: <i>The project was originally extended until December 2020 as recommended by mid-term evaluation to complete project activities which were delayed by a late start to the project firstly and then challenges experienced in some components during project implementation. Due to the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was extended until June 2021. However, field activities were further delayed and impacted due to varying work and physical activity health restrictions and protocols in the different project countries. An additional and final request for a time extension until early 2022 was submitted and granted until December 2021 to allow for completion of project activities and wrap up. At the 6th Project Steering Committee Meeting on 15th June 2021, the proposed work plan (with some recommended changes/additions) and budget until December 2021 was unanimously approved and endorsed.</i></p>

8. Stakeholders Engagement

Please report on progress, challenges, and outcomes on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder engagement plan included at CEO Endorsement/Approval (when applicable))

Project Stakeholders

- CGPC and Project country national pesticides regulatory authorities
- University of the West Indies (Dr Gaius Eudoxie, Prof. Duraisamy Saravanakumar and Dr Dwight Robinson)
- PAN-UK (Drs Sheila Willis and Stephanie Williamson, Alex Stuart, Rina Guadagnini)
- Mr. Hugo Inniss – Cost recovery consultant
- Ms. Lydia Elliot – Legal Consultant
- Mr Fabiano De Andrade Correa – Legal Consultant
- Mr Pablo Wilson – Legal Consultant
- Dr Thérèse Yarde – Consultant on development of the Pesticide Inspectors Manual
- Ms. Luisa Ozuna – Technical Consultant in Dominican Republic
- Farmers and other national stakeholders participating in the empty pesticides container management pilot networks (Suriname and Antigua and Barbuda)
- Suriname farmers in pilot ECM District
- Mr Iwan Hasnoe – Amazona Recycling Company, Suriname
- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA)
- Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)
- Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Commission (OECS)
- Inter-America Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA)
- AdeK University in Suriname
- ADIVALOR-Guadeloupe
- FAO Legal Unit – HQ
- Centrum Voor Landbouwkundig Onderzoek in Suriname (CELOS)
- Fish Inspection Laboratory (FIL), Suriname
- Waters Agricultural Laboratory, Georgia, USA
- Sydney Pagon Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy, St Elizabeth, Jamaica
- Douglas Castle Benevolent Society Farmers Group, St Ann, Jamaica
- Mr Sookraj Popalie, Farmer – Aranguez, Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms Ramona Branche, Farmer – Maloney, Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms Dhaatri Rampersad, Farmer – South Maloney, Trinidad and Tobago
- Mr Marcus Hosein, Farmer – Orange Grove, Trinidad and Tobago
- Barbados committee for the management of empty pesticides containers
- AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe – Agricultural waste management company
- POLYECO S.A. – PCBs Waste Contractor, Athens, Greece

- **Please see ANNEX 2 next pages for stakeholder engagement list**

9. Gender Mainstreaming

Information on Progress on gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent (when applicable)

Was a gender analysis undertaken or an equivalent socio-economic assessment made at formulation or during execution stages? Please briefly indicate the gender differences here. *Information submitted in the previous PIR*

Does the M&E system have gender-disaggregated data? How is the project tracking gender results and impacts?

Records are available on participant lists for all meetings, webinars, training, consultations, and surveys conducted.

Does the project staff have gender expertise?

The project is largely technical in nature. At the project preparation stage, a gender analysis was done. As such, the project did not have a specific gender mainstreaming strategy. However, based on a gender stocktaking exercise that was done at SLC in 2016 and sensitization sessions carried out by the SLC Gender Focal Point (who is also the SLC LTO for this project), collection of gender and age disaggregated data will be done for project activities such as workshops etc. This would provide evidence that project benefits accrued equally to men and women, and to young persons. During the previous reporting period a Communications Consultant was recruited who has some gender expertise.

If possible, indicate in which results area(s) the project is expected to contribute to gender equality:

- closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources;
- improving women's participation and decision making; and or
- generating socio-economic benefits or services for women

The Registrars of the Pesticides Regulatory Authorities in project countries Dominica, Barbados, Suriname, Jamaica and Guyana are all women who play leading roles in those agencies. That is also the case in The Bahamas. Although Belize, like The Bahamas is not a project country, the Registrar of their Pesticides Control Board, Ms Miriam Serrut, was the Chairperson of the implementing partner the Coordinating Group of Pesticides Control Boards of the Caribbean (CGPC) for the reporting period 2017 – 2018. The succeeding Chairperson for the 2019 – 2020 reporting period was Ms Carmen van Dijk, from Suriname. From March 2021, Ms Trecia David-Garnath, Registrar of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board of Guyana, assumed the Chair of the CGPC.

Recommendations from the MTE have been implemented with the support of the Communications Consultant, a Gender Consultant, and the FAO sub-regional and regional Gender Focal points and their support staff.

- *Each project newsletter has an awareness raising piece on gender and pesticides which focuses on varying issues on the topic including examining the harmful and differing effects of pesticides on women, men and children, understanding women risk of exposure to pesticides and gender analysis in pesticide management.*
- *Gender sensitive communications products have been produced to ensure women are visible in a variety of roles related to pesticide management and leadership and unique experiences reflected.*
- *Manuals and the model legislation developed have been reviewed by the Gender Consultant.*
- *All trainings, meetings, webinars and surveys are gender balanced to the extent possible.*

10. Knowledge Management Activities

Knowledge activities / products (when applicable), as outlined in knowledge management approved at CEO Endorsement / Approval

- Does the project have a knowledge management strategy? If not, how does the project collect and document good practices? Please list relevant good practices that can be learned and shared from the project thus far.
- Does the project have a communication strategy? Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this year.
- Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected global environmental benefits. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.
- Please provide links to publications, leaflets, video materials, related website, newsletters, or other communications assets published on the web.
- Does the project have a communication and/or knowledge management focal point? If yes, please provide their names and email addresses

During the reporting period the project produced two project newsletters.

For CGPC "Pesticides Awareness Week" which is observed annually in September, five digital posters were produced on Personal Protective Equipment and shared with the 11 project countries. This material was published in local newspapers, government social media pages and distributed in print form to various stakeholders in the countries (English, Spanish, French, Dutch and Kweyol).

<https://trello.com/b/PhxaW0eV/caribbean-pesticide-awareness-materials>

A 2021-2022 (two year) calendar was produced highlighting project successes, key information on pesticide management and featuring project photos.

To bolster participation in webinars/virtual consultations and trainings a series of infographics were created and disseminated to stakeholders for the following webinars:

- *The Bahamas IPM Webinar*
- *Consultation on the Next Steps for Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) Risk Reduction in the Caribbean*
- *Training on the Characterization and Bioremediation of Pesticides Contaminated Soils*
- *Promotion of alternatives to HHPs – Virtual Stakeholder Engagement Workshop – Jamaica*

A series of message updates on the project were disseminated via FAO's Caribbean and FAO Dominicana Twitter account including during Pesticide Awareness Week. Examples of these can be found here:

<https://twitter.com/FAOCaribbean/status/1369050994139688961>

<https://twitter.com/FAOCaribbean/status/1293920601543974912>

<https://twitter.com/faodominicana/status/1310229643241369600>

One web story was published on the FAO-UWI Soil Remediation Technician Training Workshop which was conducted on 10th March 2021. A second web story on the recently completed repackaging and safeguarding of PCBs-contaminated oils and equipment for export to Europe for disposal under this project is being finalised for publication. The links are below:

<http://www.fao.org/americas/noticias/ver/en/c/1410990/>

<http://www.fao.org/americas/noticias/ver/en/c/1414847/>

Certificates of Participation were created and shared with 62 participants in the FAO-UWI Soil Remediation Workshop.

In responding to a request from the CGPC for a shared knowledge management and information sharing platform for Pesticide Inspectors, the project's Communications consultant presented a proposal to the CGPC identifying three potential platforms for consideration and their comparative advantages. After consideration by the new CGPC Chairperson, it was decided that a website be developed by the FAO Communications Consultant for the CGPC with the information exchange platform for inspectors integrated within.

Newsletter Links

AUGUST 2020

Online (EN):

https://issuu.com/caribbeanpesticidesproject/docs/august_edition_caribbean_pesticide_management_proj

Online (ES):

https://issuu.com/caribbeanpesticidesproject/docs/bolet_n_sobre_manejo_de_plaguicidas_en_el_caribe

Download: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a0j85i1wmv12lqz/AACHq-9s_BPmSGbNyH8mn7Vca?dl=0

MARCH 2021

Online (EN): https://issuu.com/caribbeanpesticidesproject/docs/final_march_newsletter

Online (ES):

https://issuu.com/caribbeanpesticidesproject/docs/marzo_2021_boletin_sobre_manejo_de_plaguicidas_en

Download: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qbn8xja251phn1i/AAAdiBX-xPTvTidyrKvvpizVa?dl=0>

Calendar Link

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s45lbn6pg5eo8js/AADCPI2vyvxSiknwvRbwZwn7a?dl=0>

A challenge encountered particularly due to the large amounts of storage required for meeting recordings and materials is finding an appropriate platform to store for a long period of time and be able to share with external participants for easy retrieval and download. Dropbox is the most ideal and easiest to use for stakeholders, however, the free version of Dropbox has limited storage capacity and thus, poses some challenges.

11. Indigenous Peoples Involvement

Are Indigenous Peoples involved in the project? How? Please briefly explain.

If applies, please describe the process and current status of on-going/completed, legitimate consultations to obtain Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) with the indigenous communities

Do indigenous peoples have an active participation in the project activities? How?

One pesticides-contaminated site in Apoera, Suriname was reported to be in, or near to, an indigenous community. However, the National Project Coordinator did not recommend the inclusion of this site for remediation pilot studies because of the great distance from Paramaribo. However, if the chosen contaminated pilot site has the same contaminants, remediation lessons learned will be shared with the Apoera community.

In Dominica, one of the sites selected to conduct the empty pesticide container management network pilots, is the area between Castle Bruce and Marigot which comprises the Kalinago Territory Reserve. It is the home to the indigenous Kalinago population, formerly known as "Caribs". The Extension Service of the Ministry of Agriculture have consulted with leaders to request permission to undertake the pilot which has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

12. Innovative Approaches

Please provide a brief description of an innovative²³ approach in the project / programme, describe the type (e.g. technological, financial, institutional, policy, business model) and explain why it stands out as an innovation.

*Field testing of the Health Phone App in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago was innovative, using modern technology to collect data on acute pesticide poisoning incidents in the farming community, which has never previously been done in the Caribbean. **The information collected** is vital for Ministries of Health and Agriculture and can help change policy on pesticides acquisition, handling and use, especially HHPs, by small farmers and householders.*

The project, in collaboration with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe (a "spin off" from ADIVALOR) is looking at the possibility of recycling triple-rinsed empty pesticide container plastics because the traditional export market for them has "dried-up". The final fate of such materials in small island territories is a major challenge. This also applies to the disposal/recycling of other agricultural plastics waste. This effort is new in the Caribbean in the context of empty pesticides containers (and pesticide-impregnated blue diethylene sleeves used in banana cultivation), which are considered by some national authorities to be hazardous even after being triple-rinsed.

²³ Innovation is defined as *doing something new or different in a specific context that adds value*

13. Possible impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the project

Please indicate any implication of the Covid-19 pandemic on the activities and progress of the project. Highlight the adaptative measures taken to continue with the project implementation.

- Are the outcomes/outputs still achievable within the project period. *Additional time will be required to complete project activities*
- Will the timing of the project MTR or TE be affected/delayed? *They were both delayed and the TE is currently taking place*
- What is the impact of COVID-19 on project beneficiaries, personnel, etc. *Different project countries have been impacted differently by the pandemic. Some countries have experienced very few cases, while in others it seems out of control. Others are experiencing late spikes and the introductions of so-called variants. Farming is an activity which proceeds, nevertheless.*
- Are there good practices and lessons learned to be shared? *A lot more training, consultations, meetings, surveys and information exchange can take place virtually. Tools to support the offline collection of data, voice, video and photos in the field and the uploading later in locations with internet connectivity must become indispensable in everyday field work. These tools should also be able to bring required information which is readily accessible by farming communities.*
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14. Co-Financing Table

Sources of Co-financing ²⁴	Name of Co-financer	Type of Co-financing	Amount Confirmed at CEO endorsement / approval	Actual Amount Materialized at 30 June 2021	Actual Amount Materialized at Midterm or closure (confirmed by the review/evaluation team)	Expected total disbursement by the end of the project
Government	Antigua and Barbuda	In-Kind	2,000,000	2,142,705	522,705	
Government	Barbados	In-Kind	837,594	1,107,969	207,473	
Government	Dominica	In-Kind	621,151	332,347	165,449	
Government	Dominican Republic	In-Kind	857,944	2,728,108	1,725,992	
Government	Guyana	In-Kind	2,250,000	4,550,646	320,250	
Government	Jamaica	In-Kind	3,026,000	4,357,615	64,615	
Government	Saint Kitts and Nevis	In-Kind	1,267,537	1,770,000	795,000	
Government	Saint Lucia	In-Kind	4,651,419	4,991,952	165,952	
Government	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	In-Kind	330,246	1,177,510	632,150	
Government	Suriname	In-Kind	909,987	2,983,614	323,534	
Government	Trinidad and Tobago	In-Kind	1,184,510	4,859,405	2,459,254	

²⁴ Sources of Co-financing may include: Bilateral Aid Agency(ies), Foundation, GEF Agency, Local Government, National Government, Civil Society Organization, Other Multi-lateral Agency(ies), Private Sector, Beneficiaries, Other.

<i>Regional University</i>	<i>University of the West Indies</i>	<i>In-kind</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>905,760</i>	<i>599,003</i>	
<i>Regional Organization</i>	<i>IICA</i>	<i>In-Kind, grant</i>	<i>2,250,000</i>	<i>2,372,240</i>	<i>1,447,602</i>	
<i>Regional Organization</i>	<i>CAHFSA</i>	<i>In Kind</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>108,079</i>	<i>45,589</i>	
<i>Regional Organization</i>	<i>CARDI</i>	<i>In-kind</i>	<i>591,242</i>			
<i>International Organization</i>	<i>Rotterdam Convention Secretariat</i>	<i>In-kind, grant</i>			<i>140,745</i>	
<i>International Organization</i>	<i>FAO (TCP, EC)</i>	<i>In-kind, grant</i>	<i>5,191,109</i>	<i>3,085,173</i>	<i>2,019,000</i>	
<i>NGO</i>	<i>PAN-UK</i>	<i>In-kind</i>		<i>20,544</i>	<i>6,750</i>	
		TOTAL	<i>26,368,739</i>	<i>37,493,667</i>	<i>11,641,063</i>	

Please explain any significant changes in project co-financing since Project Document signature, or differences between the anticipated and actual rates of disbursement

Annex 1. – GEF Performance Ratings Definitions

Development/Global Environment Objectives Rating – Assess how well the project is meeting its development objective/s or the global environment objective/s it set out to meet. **DO Ratings definitions:** **Highly Satisfactory (HS)** - Project is expected to achieve or exceed **all** its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as “good practice”); **Satisfactory (S)** - Project is expected to achieve **most** of its major global environmental objectives, and yield satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings); **Moderately Satisfactory (MS)** - Project is expected to achieve **most** of its major relevant objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modest overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve **some** of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environment benefits); **Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)** - Project is expected to achieve of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to achieve only **some** of its major global environmental objectives); **Unsatisfactory (U)** - Project is expected **not** to achieve **most** of its major global environment objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits); **Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)** - The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, **any** of its major global environment objectives with no worthwhile benefits.)

Implementation Progress Rating – Assess the progress of project implementation. **IP Ratings definitions:** **Highly Satisfactory (HS):** Implementation of all components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be resented as “good practice”. **Satisfactory (S):** Implementation of most components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only a few that are subject to remedial action. **Moderately Satisfactory (MS):** Implementation of some components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action. **Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU):** Implementation of some components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action. **Unsatisfactory (U):** Implementation of most components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan. **Highly Unsatisfactory (HU):** Implementation of none of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

Annex 2. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT LIST (July 2020 - June 2021)

- *1 July 2020*
 - *Meeting with LTU on FAO collaboration with GEF Islands Project*
 - *Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: Contract matters*
- *3 July 2020*
 - *Meeting with Dr Thérèse Yarde Re: Pesticide Inspectors Manual*
- *8 July 2020*
 - *IICA Launch of 11th EDF SPS Project on Agricultural Health and Food Safety*
- *9 July 2020*
 - *Meeting with Dr Sheila Willis (PAN-UK) Re: draft LOA interim report; collaboration with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe on empty pesticide container management; LOA work on HHPs*
- *10 July 2020*
 - *Skype meeting with National Project Coordinator, Registrar of the Jamaica Pesticides Control Authority (PCA), Ms Tamara Morrison and University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona Campus LOAs Focal Point Dr Dwight Robinson Re: Increased Jamaica participation in the project*
 - *What's App meeting with Mr Devern Calvin Smith of FAO Trinidad and Tobago Office Re: Veolia waste contractor work; 5th Project Steering Committee Meeting report; and reports on the field-testing of alternatives to toxic pesticides in Trinidad and Tobago.*
- *16 July 2020*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Highly Hazardous Pesticides (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
- *27 July 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting on GEF ISLANDS Project with FAO HQ colleagues, including LTU and LTO on FAO role and collaboration in that project.*
- *29 July 2020*

- *Skype Meeting with Dr Sheila Willis (PAN-UK) Re: Field-testing of mobile phone App in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago and gathering of information useful to Ministries of Health in the respective countries. Collaboration in the field testing of alternatives (food spray method) in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Participation in proposed webinar for The Bahamas on IPM.*
- *30 July 2020*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Pesticides Safety – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
 - *Skype GEF Islands Project Meeting with the Basel Convention Regional Centre and FAO HQ colleagues Re: timeline for project preparation and implementation. Some confusion arose between FAO/UNEP/BCRC as to who is the Executing Agency and whether FAO colleagues present in the meeting even had authority to be at that meeting and to influence outcomes.*
- *31 July 2020*
 - *Skype meeting with Ms Juliet Goldsmith, Plant Health Specialist at the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) Re: LOA for pilot regional Technical Working Group (TWG) to evaluate applications for pesticide product registration, using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit*
- *2nd August 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with Ms Carmen van Dijk, Chairperson of the CGPC and Ms Goldsmith (CAHFSA) Re: upcoming 14th CGPC virtual meeting and CAHFSA/CGPC Secretariat matters*
- *6 August 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with Ms Yasmin Johnson, Director of Plant Protection – Bahamas Agricultural Health and Food Safety Authority (BAHFSA) Re: Requested and upcoming IPM Webinar on 17 – 18 August 2020.*
- *7 August 2020*
 - *What's App Meeting with Ms van Dijk Re: 14th CGPC Virtual Meeting Agenda*
 - *Skype Meeting with Dr Robinson and Prof. Saravanakumar (UWI), Dr Williamson and Dr Willis (PAN-UK) and Ms Morrison (Jamaica PCA) on Jamaica increased participation in Project (Field-testing of alternatives, Health phone App field testing and Empty pesticide container management survey.*
- *10 August 2020*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Ms van Dijk to refine agenda for 14th CPGP Meeting*

- *Meeting with Dr Willis Re: collaboration with UWI in Jamaica field testing of alternatives, empty container management survey and health phone app*
- *13 August 2020*
 - *Meeting with Dr Yarde Re: Pesticide Inspector Manual matters*
- *17 August 2020*
 - *Bahamas IPM Webinar – Day 1*
- *18 August 2020*
 - *Bahamas IPM Webinar – Day 2*
- *19 August 2020*
 - *14th CGPC Virtual Meeting with feature presentations on Pesticide Use Suicide Prevention and Introduction to the draft Model Pesticide legislation. Also coping during Covid -19 pandemic and the question on the surge of all types of sanitizer chemicals.*
- *20 August 2020*
 - *Zoom Meeting of the Regional Technical Working Group to Evaluate Pesticides for Registration Re: Review of Carimectin 2%; Extension of LOA and other matters*
 - *Team planning meeting for virtual Caribbean Week of Agriculture – shared plans with FAO colleagues*
- *26 August 2020*
 - *Whats App meeting with Ms van Dijk (CGPC) Re: theme for Pesticides Awareness Week 2020 and computer for CGPC Secretariat*
- *27 August 2020*
 - *What App meeting with Ms Anna Mary Seraphine Alexander, Registrar, Dominica Re: PAN-UK Regulator Survey on HHPs and alternatives.*
- *3 September 2020*
 - *What App Meetings with Mr Hasmath Ali, Registrar Trinidad and Tobago Pesticide Inspectorate and Ms Morrison – Registrar Jamaica Pesticides Control Authority Re: Field testing of alternatives and Health Phone App in their respective countries*
- *22 September 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with Dr Sheila Willis (PAN-UK) to discuss no-cost time extension of LOA to complete activities which have been moving slowly due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; Health phone App sample sizes for Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.*

- *Skype Meeting with LTU Ms Oxana Perminova – POLYECO – PCBs safeguarding and disposal matters.*
- *24 September 2020*
 - *Follow up Skype Meeting with Dr Willis Re: empty container management (ECM) in Jamaica and possibility of similar survey taking place in the Dominican Republic*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
- *29 September 2020*
 - *Meeting with LTU Ms Perminova Re: POLYECO Contract – possibilities of making up tonnage of PCBs reported missing from Trinidad and Tobago inventory; GEF ISLANDS project matters; ACP MEAs III matters*
- *30 September 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) and POLYECO S.A. Waste contractors Re: updates on logistics and document preparation for the beneficiary countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago; possibility of time extension for POLYECO contract.*
- *8 October 2020*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Empty Pesticide Container Management (ECM) – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
- *13 October 2020*
 - *Virtual participation in International Year of Plant Health tree-planting ceremony in Saint Lucia*
- *15 October 2020*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Disinfectants – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Shaun Baugh CARICOM Agricultural and Agro-Industrial Development Programme Manager Re: Sharing of Model Pesticide Legislation*
- *19 October 2020*

- *Meeting with Ms Goldsmith (CAHFSA) Re: pilot TWG matters on the evaluation of pesticide dossiers submitted as part of applications for product registration*
- *20 October 2020*
 - *GEF ISLANDs Project Validation Workshop (Day 1)*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Risk Reduction from HHPs (activities in countries) – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
- *21 October 2020*
 - *GEF ISLANDs Project Validation Workshop (Day 2)*
- *27 October 2020*
 - *Meeting with Ms Trecia David-Garnath, Registrar – Guyana Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board (PTCCB) Re: CGPC Matters*
- *28 October 2020*
 - *PAN USA Virtual Seminar on HHPs*
 - *15th Virtual Meeting of the CGPC featuring a presentation on Biopesticides and update on project implementation; request that a regional TWG be formed to specifically consider Biopesticides; update on LOA work being implemented by PAN-UK and reports on Pesticides Awareness Week activities; sustainability of the work by the CGPC after the regional project ends*
- *5 November 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with Dr Willis (PAN-UK) Re: LOA field work in Jamaica; possible field work in Dominican Republic; and HHPs Risk Reduction Plan*
- *9 November 2020*
 - *PAN-UK / Jamaica Meeting on ECM Survey enumerator training*
- *12 November 2020*
 - *Zoom Virtual Pilot Regional 3rd TWG Meeting on evaluation of pesticides products for registration, using the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit*
- *13 November 2020*
 - *Skype Meeting with POLYECO / BCRC on PCBs repackaging, safeguarding and export logistics which are impacted by COVID-19 and inventory verification issues*
- *17 November 2020*
 - *Day 1 - ECM Survey PAN-UK virtual training for Jamaica with participants from the Dominican Republic*

- 18 November 2020
 - o Day 2 - ECM Survey PAN-UK virtual training for Jamaica with participants from the Dominican Republic
- 19 November 2020
 - o Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Sustainable Financing of Chemicals / Pesticides Boards at the national level (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)
- 20 November 2020
 - o Virtual Pest Control Operator Certification Training in Jamaica – Project presented on HHPs
- 23 November 2020
 - o Virtual Pest Control Operator Certification Training in Jamaica – Glyphosate Webinar
- 2 December 2020
 - o National Project Coordinators Meeting Re: review of project status by Component; date of next project PSC meeting and terminal workshop?
- 9 December 2020
 - o Zoom Meeting Virtual Consultation on HHPs and Pesticide Risk Reduction by PAN-UK (40 participants)
- 10 December 2020
 - o Health phone App meeting with PAN-UK and UWI Trinidad and Tobago
- 11 January 2021
 - o Virtual Phone Health App enumerator training for Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago by PAN-UK (16 participants – 5 female)
- 13 January 2021
 - o POLYECO/BCRC/FAO HQ on PCBs safeguarding logistics in the Caribbean and documentation preparation (some countries really slow!!)
- 14 January 2021
 - o Meeting with Mr Mark Davis and colleague Re: Centre for Prevention of Suicide by Pesticides, University of Edinburgh, Re: collaboration with CGPC and FAO
- 18 January 2021
 - o Meeting with Prof. Saravanakumar Re: Health Phone App survey, LOA matters

- *26 January 2021*
 - *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – Barbados*
 - *Meeting on Tool for Agroecology Performance Evaluation (TAPE) (62 FAO Participants)*
 - *Meeting with BCRC / FAO – clarification of roles/responsibilities/expectations in the safeguarding of PCBs waste from 4 targeted Caribbean countries*
- *27 January 2021*
 - *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – Grenada*
- *28 January 2021*
 - *Participation in Global Chemicals and Health Network virtual webinar on Awareness Raising and Risk Communication*
 - *BCRC / POLYECO / FAO TT meeting on logistics on the ground during PCBs safeguarding operations in Trinidad and Tobago*
 - *Participation in GEF virtual Meeting on Biodiversity – 3 case studies presented*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Ali (National Project Coordinator – Trinidad and Tobago) on weighing of PCBs waste and oil during safeguarding operations*
- *29 January 2021*
 - *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – Antigua and Barbuda*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Ms Anika Aska (FAO Correspondent – Antigua and Barbuda) on weighing of PCBs waste and oil during safeguarding operations*
- *1 February 2021*
 - *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – Saint Lucia*
- *2 February 2021*
 - *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – St Kitts and Nevis*
 - *Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: implementation of contract on assessment of disposal / recycling options for empty pesticide containers. Countries tentatively selected to work with include Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis and Barbados (Dominican Republic may not be possible due to Covid-19 pandemic)*
 - *What's App meeting with Ms Seraphine-Alexander (Dominica) Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe work in Dominica*

- *3 February 2021*
 - o *Skype Meeting with POLYECO Re: matter of revised inventory quantities and impact on overall contract*
 - o *What's App meeting with Ms Gennia Oxley, Registrar of Pesticides and National Project Coordinator – Barbados Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe work in Barbados*
- *5 February 2021*
 - o *Skype Meeting with Mr Melvin James, Director of Agriculture and FAO Correspondent - St Kitts and Mr Randy Elliott, Director of Agriculture - Nevis Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe work in St Kitts and Nevis.*
- *8 February 2021*
 - o *Skype Meeting with Ms David-Garnath (Guyana) Re: CGPC Matters, CPSP Matters and upcoming 16th CGPC Virtual Meeting*
- *9 February 2021*
 - o *Skype meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe (Ms Marie-Beatrice Galan and Ms Karine Maignan) re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe contract and work in selected project countries*
 - o *Whats App Meeting with Ms Aska (Antigua and Barbuda) Re: POLYECO work and PCBs weightings*
- *10 February 2021*
 - o *What's App meeting with Ms van Dijk, CGPC Chairperson (Suriname) Re: upcoming 16th CGPC Meeting and the passing of CGPC Chair to Guyana*
 - o *Participation in High Level Country Programming Framework Inception Meeting – Dominica*
- *12 February 2021*
 - o *Whats App Meeting with Ms Aska (Antigua and Barbuda) Re: POLYECO work and PCBs weightings*
 - o *CGPC – CPSP Meeting Re: Possibility of collaboration with CGPC and FAO. Also in attendance were the CGPC Chairperson, Ms Goldsmith (CAHFSA Plant Health Specialist), Mark Davis, Leah and Shweta from CPSP. On possible project to reduce suicides by pesticides in the Caribbean region.*
- *16 February 2021*
 - o *Skype Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: logistics of contract implementation. Requests for preliminary information from selected countries*
- *22 February 2021*

- *What's App Meeting with Ms David-Garnath (Guyana) Re: agenda of upcoming 16th Virtual Meeting of the CGPC*
- *23 February 2021*
 - *Meeting with Dr Gaius Eudoxie (UWI-TT) Re: date and participant make up of regional technician virtual workshop on Bioremediation of Pesticides-Contaminated Soils.*
- *24 February 2021*
 - *Skype Meeting with Ms Natasa Fatourou, Licensing Manager at POLYECO Re: PCBs safeguarding matters in Antigua and Barbuda and implementation delays caused by Covid-19 pandemic*
- *25 February 2021*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Confidential Business Information – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
- *26 February 2021*
 - *Skype Meeting with Dr Robinson and Prof. Saravanakumar (UWI) Re: Experiences on field-testing of the Health Phone App in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago during the Covid-19 pandemic; review of end dates of LOAs*
- *1 March 2021*
 - *Meeting with Ms David-Garnath Re: CGPC Matters; IOMC Interviews; AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe work; CGPC Chair and support by FAO on chemicals regulations*
- *2 March 2021*
 - *Skype meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: Contract matters and information requests*
- *3 March 2021*
 - *16th Virtual Meeting of the CGPC – featuring handing over the Chair from Suriname to Guyana; presentation on the draft regional and national Highly Hazardous Pesticides risk reduction plan by PAN-UK (tentatively endorsed by CGPC); presentation on the prevention of suicides by using pesticides by Mark Davis of the Centre for Prevention of Suicides by Pesticides (CPSP). Request for national work plans for 2021 at next CGPC Meeting*
- *4 March 2021*

- *Skype Meeting with Ms Oxley (Barbados) Re: AGRIVALOR work and project newsletter matters*
- *10 March 2021*
 - *Zoom Virtual training workshop on the Characterization and Bioremediation of Pesticides Contaminated Soils conducted by Dr Gaius Eudoxie, Faculty of Food and Agriculture, UWI, Trinidad and Tobago. 69 participants from 17 countries*
- *11 March 2021*
 - *Pesticide Discussion Forum – University of Cape Town, South Africa – Externalities of pesticides – (information exchange on the African and the Caribbean experiences)*
 - *Skype Meeting with Ms Oxley (Barbados) Re: PCBs safeguarding work to be conducted in Barbados; IPM guidelines produced by PAN-UK; possible webinar on empty pesticide container management results*
 - *Meeting with Dr Robinson (UWI) Jamaica Re: draft Health Phone App field survey report*

CONTRACT BREAK BEGINS

- *31 March 2021*
 - *Worked at the Portvale Sugar Factory in St Thomas, Barbados observing PCBs safeguarding operations conducted by POLYECO. Was accompanied by Ms Oxley. Also recorded initial weights of equipment to be packaged for shipment.*
- *1 April 2021*
 - *Worked at the Portvale Sugar Factory in St Thomas, Barbados observing PCBs safeguarding operations conducted by POLYECO. Signed off on the Waste Acceptance Document (WAD) with final weights of equipment packaged for shipment. Also verified that packaging was up to recommended UN standards.*
- *9 – 10 April 2021*
 - *La Soufriere volcano erupts in St Vincent and the Grenadines*

CONTRACT BREAK ENDS

- *13 April 2021*
 - *Skype Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe (Ms Galan) Re: Contract implementation matters*
 - *What's App Meeting with Ms David-Garnath, CGPC Chair R: CGPC Matters and upcoming 17th Virtual Meeting of the CGPC*
- *14 April 2021*
 - *17th Virtual Meeting of the CGPC via Zoom, featuring Member countries sharing their national work plans for 2021; GCP/SLC/204/GFF project update by the Regional Project Coordinator; Pesticides Awareness Week theme for 2021; communications materials from regional project.*
- *15 April 2021*
 - *Whats App meeting with Dr Gaius Eudoxie (UWI) Re: Draft Soil Remediation Guide Manual*
 - *Skype Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe (Ms Galan and Ms Maignan) and Ms David-Garnath and Mr Suresh Amichands - Deputy Registrar, Guyana Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board. Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe contract implementation in Guyana*
 - *Skype Meeting with Prof Saravanakumar Re: Ongoing LOAs; Certificate course in Pesticide Management; outstanding financial report*
- *16 April 2021*
 - *Meeting with Dr Robinson and Ms Morrison (Jamaica) Re: ongoing LOAs; ECM and Health Phone App surveys; proposed virtual stakeholder engagement, including FAO support*
- *19 April 2021*
 - *Whats APP meeting with Ms Seraphine-Alexander Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe contract implementation/collaboration with Dominica*
 - *Skype Meeting with Ms Morrison (Jamaica) Re: Planning meeting for proposed stakeholder engagement in Jamaica*
- *20 April 2021*
 - *Skype Meeting with Dr Robinson (UWI Jamaica) Re: Planning meeting for proposed stakeholder engagement in Jamaica*
- *21 April 2021*
 - *SAED Consulting Zoom WEBINAR on Women in Leadership in the Environment*

- *Whats App Meeting with Ms Fatourou (POLYECO) Re: PCBs safeguarding in Suriname and delays in export of pallet of PCBs waste from Barbados delays*
- *22 April 2021*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Evyan Amatmoekrim (Ministry of Agriculture, Suriname) Re: verification of safe operations of POLYECO and weightings of PCBs for safeguarding.*
- *28 April 2021*
 - *Project final evaluation interview 1 – (3hrs 50 mins)*
 - *Meeting with LTU on possibility of project extension and links to ongoing projects*
- *4 May 2021*
 - *Jamaica Stakeholder Engagement Webinar on HHPs, Field-testing of alternatives, ECM and Health Phone App survey results via Zoom – opening remarks by the Jamaica FAO Representative*
- *5 May 2021*
 - *Skype planning meeting with Prof Saravanakumar (UWI Trinidad) Re: Stakeholder engagement webinar in Trinidad and Tobago*
- *7 May 2021*
 - *Skype meeting with AGRIVALOR Guadeloupe Re: contract implementation matters*
- *10 May 2021*
 - *Dominica / AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe meeting with Ministry of Agriculture pesticide regulatory authority official to share and discuss findings of survey on empty pesticide container management and disposal practices*
- *11 May 2021*
 - *Skype meeting with Dr Robinson (UWI Jamaica) Re: Request for possible extension in time to complete field-testing of alternatives; next steps on empty pesticide container management; health phone App survey results and Trinidad and Tobago Stakeholder engagement workshop*
 - *Whats App meeting with CGPC Chairperson Re: AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe work in Guyana and possible collaboration with Rotterdam Convention Secretariat project in the Caribbean region*
- *14 May 2021*
 - *Trinidad and Tobago Stakeholder Engagement Webinar on HHPs, Field-testing of alternatives, Health Phone App survey results and draft HHPs risk reduction plan for the Caribbean via Zoom – opening remarks by the Trinidad and Tobago FAO Representative*

- 18 May 2021
 - o *Skype Meeting with AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: Extension of contract time request*
- 21 May 2021
 - o *Zoom Meeting with Dr Thérèse Yarde and Ms Leshan Monroe of the ACP MEAs Phase III project Re: possible collaboration and support to that project if current GEF204 is granted a time extension*
- 2 June 2021
 - o *Whats App Meeting with Mr Hasmath Ali, National Project Coordinator, Trinidad and Tobago, Re: Waste Contractor POLYECO activities on safeguarding and export of PCBS waste from Trinidad and Tobago*
- 3 June 2021
 - o *Zoom Meeting with Mr Mark Davis and Ms Leah of the Centre for the Prevention of Suicides by Pesticides, University of Edinburgh, and Ms Trecia David-Garnath – Chairperson of the Coordinating Group of Pesticides Control Boards of the Caribbean (CGPC). Re: project proposal for collaboration and support to the CGPC on work related to the prevention of suicide using pesticides in the Caribbean and phasing out or eliminating HHPs*
- 8 June 2021
 - o *Skype Meeting with Ms Marie-Beatrice Galan of AGRIVALOR-Guadeloupe Re: implementation status of contract # SLC-01/2020 and field work being implemented in Barbados, Dominica and Guyana on empty pesticide container disposal strategies*
- 9 June 2021
 - o *Whats App Meeting with Ms Anna Mary Seraphine-Alexander Re: Co-finance reporting for the current reporting period and continuation of work done by the pilot TWG from evaluation of pesticide products for registration.*
 - o *Participated in a virtual training webinar conducted by POLYECO for technicians who would be working on the repackaging, safeguarding and export of 14 tonnes of PCBs contaminated oils, equipment and waste from Trinidad and Tobago to Europe. Some technicians participated physically while observing national Covid-19 pandemic protocols.*
- 14 June 2021
 - o *Whats App Meeting with Ms Anna Mary Seraphine-Alexander Re: European Community decision Re: Alpha-cypermethrin insecticide and the continuing presence of “Black Mosquito Coil” in the Caribbean region”*
- 15 June 2021

- *6th Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Re: project implementation status and proposed workplan / budget for the period July 2021 – December 2021. The plan was approved with minor modifications and endorsed by the PSC.*
- *17 June 2021*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Hasmath Ali, National Project Coordinator, Trinidad and Tobago, Re: Waste Contractor POLYECO activities on safeguarding and export of PCBS waste from Trinidad and Tobago – wrap up of operation and issuance/certification of shipping permits.*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Melvin James, National Project Coordinator – St Kitts and Nevis Re: project implementation/collaboration matters in St Kitts and Nevis. Ongoing spike in Covid 19 numbers.*
 - *Zoom Meeting with Ms Francesca Mancini, Ms Kim-Ahn Tempelman and Ms Benedetta Tantalo from the ACP MEAs 3 project Re: status of the identification and crosschecks of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) from the registered lists of Caribbean countries.*
- *21 June 2021*
 - *Teams Meeting with Dr Dwight Robinson (UWI JA), Professor Duraisamy Saravanakumar (UWI TT) and Ms Trecia David-Garnath and Ms Firhaana Bulbulia (Comms Consultant) on the preparation of a presentation from the Caribbean at a side event at the Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) COP21 Online meetings to take place 26 – 29 July 2021. Basic format and content of presentation agreed.*
- *23 June 2021*
 - *Whats App Meeting with Mr Hasmath Ali, National Project Coordinator, Trinidad and Tobago, Re: Waste Contractor POLYECO activities on safeguarding and export of PCBS waste from Trinidad and Tobago – issuance/certification of shipping permits. Also follow up from 6th PSC Meeting.*