

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	9771
Project Name:	Global Best Practices on Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)
Countr(ies):	Global
Implementing Agency:	UNEP

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Global Best Practices on Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

Country

Global

GEF ID

9771

Implementing Agency

UNEP

Executing Entity

SAICM Secretariat

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/13/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 6th PIR

Objective

Accelerate adoption of national and value chain initiatives to control Emerging Policy Issues (EPIs), and contribute to the 2020 SAICM goal and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

8,968,050.00

Cumulative Disbursement

8,093,230.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

8/8/2018

Agency Approval

8/27/2018

Implementation Start 11/13/2018	First Disbursement 11/15/2018
Expected MTR 12/1/2021	Actual MTR 12/1/2021
Expected Completion 6/30/2025	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The project is on track to achieve the expected outcomes and results across the remaining components.

1) Component 1 on Lead in Paint has been completed as of the 2023 PIR with no further activities since. At the objective level, the project planned to supplement the (already completed) pilot projects with SME producers through a replication approach under Component 3 (knowledge management), with the target for an additional 15 companies to phase out lead. This was finalised in 2024 with the support of the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC) Serbia, which provided technical assistance based on the new Technical Guidelines. This has resulted in a further 6 companies reformulating paint products, since the last PIR, bringing the total to 17 companies phasing out lead through replication.

2) Component 2 on Chemicals in Products had met most of its targets as of the 2023 PIR, with governments adopting new requirements and companies obtaining green building certifications (see PIR 2023). Due to the challenges of continuing to work in Colombia (see PIR 2024), the component had previously been extended to ensure at least 3 companies are prepared to phase out of CoC by using the finalised tools, such as SPP and Eco-innovation guidelines. With the support of the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC) Serbia, two construction sector companies have completed the phaseout of CoCs, two companies were in the process of phasing out CoCs, and another two companies had identified the CoCs they will be phasing out of their production processes. The finalisation of the component is pending the engagement of financial institutions (via UNEP FI) to further reinforce the uptake of tools developed by the project and further the phase out of CoCs in the buildings and construction sector through pollution guidance for banks.

3) Component 3 on Knowledge Management is largely complete with all planned deliverables complete, including the website with a chatbot, over 700 resources, maps, data visualisation pages and policy briefs. The communities of practice (CoP) were previously transitioned to the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) (<https://thegreenforum.org/group/289/about> - currently 766 members). With the support of GGKP, four CoP discussions were coordinated between 2024 and 2025: Launch of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund (approx. 200 participants); GFC Gender Action Plan webinar (17 participants: 14 female, 3 male); Strengthening Workers' Health and Safety in Chemicals and Waste Management (172 participants: 75 female, 87 male, 1 non-binary, 12 undisclosed); The Gender Action Plan of the Global Framework on Chemicals (132 participants: 73 female, 49 male, 10 undisclosed). In addition, CoP maintains community engagement through publishing updates, members' content submissions and a regular newsletter. News stories and videos have been published to raise awareness and create the momentum for chemicals management, see sections

below. Furthermore, to socialise and promote the tools and knowledge produced by the project, online courses based on the Eco-innovation guidelines, USETOX and Lead Paint Reformulation Technical Guidelines were being developed and are pending finalisation.

To ensure the sustainability and continued use of the SAICM knowledge platform after the completion of the project and the succession of SAICM into GFC, an assessment of content on saicmknowledge.org took place, with consideration of defined stakeholder groups, associated taxonomies and classification of content. Following this assessment, some content will be transferred to the GFC section of unep.org. The rest of the knowledge will currently be retained under saicmknowledge.org until the transfer to a new domain, whereby saicmknowledge.org will be renamed to chemicalknowledge.org, hosted and maintained under GEF Project 11177.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Following the establishment of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) as the successor of SAICM, the institutional transition phase gave rise to the associated challenges around the formation and staffing of the new GFC Secretariat, delays in the final project stages have occurred. The project is undergoing an extension and is due to be operationally completed by the end of September 2025. The extended timeline is intended to enable the finalisation of project activities and to ensure the sustainability of project deliverables.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

During the prior extension of Component 2, a partnership with NCPC Serbia has enabled outreach to SMEs and manufacturers in the construction sector, which has now been finalised. The Executing Agency has been in partnership with UNEP FI to expand on previous work on green mortgages and to work with banks to trial and adopt new guidance and tools on chemicals in building materials. This cooperation will be continued until September 2025.

Within component 3 on Knowledge Management, collaboration and stakeholder engagement are supported by the Chemicals and Waste management CoP, hosted by GGKP. Registrations have been increasing, totalling 766 members currently. Membership is comprised mainly of NGOs, governments, academia, IGOs, industry stakeholders, consultancies, the private sector and media. Since the migration of CoPs to the GGKP platform, 11 events have been hosted. The events of 2024/2025 were focused on the GFC Gender Action Plan and the GFC Fund, as well as the dissemination of tools and resources of components 1 and 2 (Strengthening Workers' Health and Safety in Chemicals and Waste Management). Furthermore, there has been collaboration with UNITAR to develop online courses based on the tools and knowledge produced by the project, including the Eco-innovation guidelines, USETOX and Lead Paint Reformulation Technical Guidelines.

D. Gender Equality

- Two CoP webinars focused on reviewing the proposed Gender Action Plan (GAP) of the Global Framework on Chemicals to help shape a more inclusive future for global chemicals and waste management. The events were organised with the support from the Multi-Stakeholder Processes for International Development Institute (MSP Institute) and the GGKP. The GAP aims to ensure the full, equal, and meaningful participation of all women in decision-

making, while promoting gender-responsive policies and mainstreaming a gender perspective across the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

- The Community of practice has a near-to-equal gender distribution (47% female, 39% male, and 14% unspecified).

E. Knowledge Management

- During the reporting period, the SAICM KM platform resources & library have more than 747 entries to date, including information on all SAICM EPIs and Issues of Concern.
- Four new online discussions were organised within the new communities of practice, relevant documents are appended.
- CoP (<https://thegreenforum.org/group/289/stream>) maintains community engagement through publishing updates, members' content submissions and a regular newsletter.
- Online courses based on the Eco-innovation guidelines, USETOX and Lead Paint Reformulation Technical Guidelines are being developed by UNITAR and are pending finalisation.
- UNEP news story and a video on chemical management, which are linked under "Stories to be shared".

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	

Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
West Java	-6.7500	107.5000	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in Indonesia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
East Java	-7.7394	112.5099	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in Indonesia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Zarka	32.0725	36.087778	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in Jordan

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Amman	31.955	35.945	

Location Description:

Two paint SMEs are located in this city

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chang Sha	28.198611	112.970833	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in China

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Hengshanqiao	31.763611	120.111389	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Zhejiang	29.166667	120	

Location Description:

Three paint SMEs are located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in China

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Quito	-0.229722	-78.524722	

Location Description:

Three paint SMEs are located in this city

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Medellin	6.251667	-75.563333	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in Colombia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cimahi	-6.872222	107.5425	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chorrillos	-12.19265	-77.00589	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

SME in Peru

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Comas	-11.95	-77.066667	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in this city

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Callao	-12.056389	-77.118056	

Location Description:

Two paint SMEs are located in this city

Activity Description:

SMEs in Peru

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Lagos	6.453889	3.394444	

Location Description:

Eight paint SMEs are located in this city

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Millewa	6.7834	80.0625	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

SME in Sri Lanka

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Maharagama	6.851295605146507	79.91826003959657	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

SME in Sri Lanka

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Colombo	6.93548	79.8486	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Homagama	6.8440	80.0024	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 1.1, SME in Sri Lanka

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Thalawathugoda	6.8704	79.9353	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

SME in Sri Lanka

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Bandaragama	6.7099	79.9885	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kadawatha	7.6792	80.7476	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

SME in Sri Lanka

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nawala	6.8964	79.8885	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 1.1

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cali	3.448307450126627	-76.53297156031182	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Caldas	5.2666	-75.3333	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

SME in Colombia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cundinamarca/Bogotá	4.6097	-74.0817	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Lima	-12.0431	-77.0282	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Amman	31.9552	35.9450	

Location Description:

5 paint SMEs located in this

City

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Isalu	6.46558	2.90223	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in

this city

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Warri	5.5173	5.7500	

Location Description:

One paint SME is located in

this city

Activity Description:

SME in Nigeria

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Abeokuta	7.1557	3.3450	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

SME in Nigeria

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Banten	-6.5	106.2500	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Jakarta	-6.2146	106.8451	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Bogor, West Java	-6.5971222	106.7952225	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Surabaya East Java	-7.243256	112.741376	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Aqaba	29.5370441	35.0046487	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Al-Hashmi Al-Shamali, AMMAN	32.0897	36.0666	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

SME in Jordan

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Al Haram	21.4225	39.8262	

Location Description:

*One paint SME is located in
this city*

Activity Description:

SME in Saudi Arabia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
El Beheira	30.6000	30.2000	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

output 2.2

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
El Nozha	30.0626	31.2496	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

SME in Egypt

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kampala	-5.0135	119.5249	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

SME in Indonesia

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Horana	6.7159	80.0626	

Location Description:

Head office

Activity Description:

Output 1.1

V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

Document Category	Title
M and E Document	9771 - PIR 2025