

Strengthening national capacity to manage industrial POPs within the framework of national and international guidelines on chemical substances and hazardous waste management

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10202

Countries

Colombia

Project Name

Strengthening national capacity to manage industrial POPs within the framework of national and international guidelines on chemical substances and hazardous waste management

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

10/30/2020

Review completed by PM

5/12/2021

Program Manager

Evelyn Swain

Focal Area

Chemicals and Waste

Project Type

FSP

PIF
CEO Endorsement

Part I ? Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, the project is aligned with the relevant CW focal area elements in the PIF. However, there is a discrepancy in the GEBs. The GEBs listed in the core indicator table are the same as the PIF, however there is a justification for lower GEBs in the project description section, and there are a third set of GEBs listed in the GEB section later in the document. These 3 sets of GEB numbers need to be clarified. If the GEBs are significantly lower we would expect the project cost to decrease proportionally.

ES, 5/11/21: The GEBs have been corrected and are now in line with what was approved in the PIF. Comment Cleared.

Agency Response

A review was conducted to the PCB inventory and calculation basis. There was a mistake as a part of the inventory was not considered. The initial GEB listed in the PIF can be maintained. Adjustments were made to the CEO Endorsement document, the ProDoc and the GEF portal to correct the mistake.

Project description summary

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, the project design is appropriate to achieving the outcomes but there are some questions about the GEBs.

Agency Response

GEB were clarified in the previous response.

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Co-financing

4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Co-financing is slightly, but not significantly lower than PIF stage. There is a definition of investment mobilized. The project includes significant co-financing from the private sector.

ES, 5/11/21: The co-financing is slightly more than what was estimated at PIF stage. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Please note that the confirmed cofinancing is slightly higher than in PIF stage. Cofinancing informed at PIF stage was US\$ 25,900,000 while confirmed cofinancing presented at CEO Endorsement request was US\$ 26,677,351.

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

See question above on GEBs. The GEBs need to be understood before we can understand if the project remains cost effective.

ES, 5/11/21: Comment cleared.

Agency Response

GEB were clarified in response for question 1.

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes, PPG is reported.

Agency Response

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

As mentioned above there is clarification needed on core indicator 9. The GEBs listed in the core indicator table are the same as the PIF, however there is a justification for lower GEBs in the project description section, and there are a third set of GEBs listed in the GEB section later in the document. These 3 sets of GEB numbers need to be clarified. If the GEBs are significantly lower we would expect the project cost to decrease proportionally.

ES, 5/11/21: This has been addressed is now consistent with the PIF. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

GEB were clarified in response for question 1. CEO Endorsement request document and ProDoc were adjusted to reflect the proper GEB level.

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, this information is provided.

Agency Response

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, the baseline project has been elaborated.

Agency Response

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Yes.

Agency Response

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, this project aligns with CW focal area strategy and the conventions.

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, incremental reasoning is provided, however more information is needed on the cost effective related to GEBs.

ES, 5/11/21: Cost effectiveness and GEBs have been clarified. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

GEB were clarified in response for question 1. GEB target levels were maintained so the cost effectiveness of the project will remain as set at PIF stage. A slightly higher co-financing was confirmed during the PPG phase.

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

See comments above on GEBs. GEBs need to be clarified.

ES, 5/11/21: Comment cleared.

Agency Response

GEB were clarified in response for question 1.

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, there is further elaboration on sustainability and scale up.

Agency Response

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes.

Agency Response

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

Stakeholders

Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, a stakeholder engagement plan is included and includes priority groups, including CSOs, women, and private sector.

Agency Response

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, gender analysis has been included.

Agency Response

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, the private sector is included as a key stakeholder.

Agency Response

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Climate change risk is missing.

ES, 5/11/21: Climate change risks have been added. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Climate change risk was considered during the SESP and ProDoc preparation, it was the Risk No.4, mentioned as "Accidental releases of hazardous waste and substances due to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme climate conditions".

To clarify, the reference to climate change was included in its description, in *Table 8: FSP Key Risks* of the CEO Endorsement request document.

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Please clarify the institutional arrangements and clearly describe them.

ES, 5/11/21: Based on a thorough review, the Government's request for the project to have UNDP support to National Implementation Modality (NIM) structure where UNDP would only provide administrative support to the execution can be granted. No Direct Project Costs (DPCs) will be charged to the GEF budget and it will be covered by co-finance. This exception to the usual GEF policy is based on a strong justification and the request from the Government.

Agency Response

The Government of Colombia has requested that the project have a UNDP support to National Implementation Modality (NIM) structure where UNDP would only provide administrative support to the execution. No Direct Project Costs (DPCs) would be charged to the GEF budget and it would be covered by co-finance. The request is based on the following:

a) During the partner capacity assessment, it was identified that the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS), as a national entity, has a fiscal space defined by law (from the General Budget of the Nation) that cannot be increased without a lengthy process before Congress to modify the law that approved the national budget; it can also be done by requesting that another entity gives up part of its fiscal space. In this second case, an approval procedure must be carried out before the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and before the National Planning Department.

b) If resources enter the national budget, they must be executed in accordance with the government's budgetary rules. Funding cannot be shifted from one fiscal year to the next unless it is approved by the congress. All these restrictions make it very complicated / impossible to execute projects that have more than one fiscal year duration.

c) As the GEF-funded project "Reduction of UPOP and mercury releases from the management of sanitary waste, electronic waste treatment, scrap processing and biomass burning" is being implemented by MADS using the support to NIM modality, the MADS identified operational gains and capacity strengthening opportunities while implementing both projects which complements other MADS initiatives such as the "Action Plan of Policy on the Risk Management of Chemical Substances" and the "National Policy for the Integrated Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)". The government has full ownership of those projects as no actions can be taken without the prior approval of the Ministry. There has been a substantial institutional capacity building as a result of the project.

d) The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS) is the focal point to the Stockholm Convention. The MADS is responsible for all policy development and enforcement activities on chemicals management in Colombia. Those activities cannot be delegated to third parties. This project will build capacity within the MADS to comply with its functions related to chemicals management. The MADS - in

its function as the Stockholm Convention Focal Point ? is responsible for the implementation of Stockholm Convention compliance activities and subsequently the reporting of such activities back to the Stockholm Convention.

e) Several large co-financiers have indicated that they will only participate in the project if it is implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

The Country Office Support to National Implementation Modality will be based on the following:

- 1) All GEF funding will remain in UNDPs accounts. UNDPs rules and regulations will be used for the implementation and all contracts will be signed by the UNDP Res Rep.
- 2) According to UNDPs internal Control Framework (ICF) for Country Office Support to National Implementation Modality, The government counterpart is the first level of the ICF ? the process initiator. This means that only the Executing Agency (MADS) can request any payments or contracts to be made. UNDP cannot on its own make any payments or contracts without the prior approval of the Executing Agency.
- 3) The PMU will be located in the Ministry (MADS) and all consultants will report to the Director of Chemicals in the MADS. None of the consultants hired with the project funds will report to UNDP.
- 4) The PMU will develop all technical specs, TORs, etc. without the involvement of UNDP. UNDP will only do the standard oversight function to assure that the requests are in line with the Annual Work Plan and overall project objectives and that it follows UNDPs rules and regulations.
- 5) UNDP will make sure that any person that is involved with project oversight will not be part of any process related to the execution support.
- 6) UNDP will perform its standard oversight functions as per the agreement between UNDP and the GEF.

To reflect these principles, the following text was added to the CEO Endorsement request document:

1. Furthermore, MinAmbiente as implementing partner, will be supported by a Project Management Unit (PMU). The project will be implemented in coordination with other GEF-funded Chemicals and Waste projects managed by UNDP and by the Project Executive, namely Project COL 94749/98842 "(Reduction of UPOP and mercury releases from the management of sanitary waste, electronic waste treatment, scrap processing and biomass burning). For the two (2) UNDP-GEF chemical and waste products projects, coordination and administrative issues will be supported by a joint project unit. Each project will contribute to the costs of the project unit according to the time and effort required for each one.

a. The implementing partner (MinAmbiente), will be responsible for the strategic orientation and overall technical coordination of the project, ensuring that progress, implementation and results are agreed in a timely and consistent manner and contribute to compliance strategic objectives of the project. MinAmbiente will be the Technical Coordinator of the Project and will have responsibility for, among others: 1) set general strategic guiding and technical coordinating of the project; 2) develop the Annual Operational Plans (AOP) and work plans; 3) approving terms of reference for consultants hiring and acquisitions; 4) analyzing and approving the products and services contracted by UNDP; and 5) reviewing the final version of the progress reports. The project will be led by the Director of Environmental Affairs and Urban Sector which is part of MinAmbiente staff. The director will provide technical inputs and guidance into the planning and execution of project activities directing the Project Management Unit (PMU) in project implementation. PMU will be located at MinAmbiente and will report to the Director of Environmental Affairs and Urban Sector.

b. Project Management Unit (PMU): will support the day-to-day execution of Project activities. The PMU will have responsibility for, among others: 1) operational planning, managing and executing the project including draft of the Annual Operational Plans (AOP) and work plans to be validated to MADS and UNDP, the direct supervision of project activities subcontracted to specialists and other institutions, as well as those that are to be implemented through MinAmbiente, if applicable; 2) coordinating the management of financial resources and procurement; 3) reporting on the application of resources and results achieved; 4) preparing management reports for MinAmbiente and UNDP including annual reports and any proposals for the adaptive management of the Project, if required and based on inputs from the Project M&E plan; 5) promoting inter-institutional linkages; and 6) disseminating project results. The PMU will consist of Project Coordinator, and personal administrative, financial and technical support. The Project Manager will lead the PMU and will be responsible for the overall management of the Project, including the mobilisation of all project inputs, supervision over project staff, consultants and sub-contractors.

And in the ProDoc, paragraph 252, the following text was added:

UNDP Support Services: The Implementing Partner and GEF OFP have requested UNDP to provide support services, when required, for the full duration of the project,

and the GEF has agreed to this request. The GEF execution support letter (signed by the GEF OFP) is included in Annex. To ensure the strict independence required by the GEF and in accordance with the UNDP Internal Control Framework, these execution services will be delivered independent from the GEF-specific oversight and quality assurance services (i.e. not done by the same person to avoid conflict of interest). See the latest guidance available from the BPPS NCE-VF team. The cost of these UNDP support services will be covered with non-GEF funds by the UNDP Country Office.

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, this is in line with the NIP and MIA.

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed Knowledge Management Approach for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, KM is well elaborated.

Agency Response

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, ESS is documented.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes, an M&E plan is included.

Agency Response

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

This needs to be better articulated.

ES, 5/11/21: Additional information has been provided. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Adjustment to the benefits section of the CEO Endorsement request were made to complement the initial point.

10. Benefits.

Describe the socioeconomic benefits to be delivered by the project at the national and local levels, as appropriate.

1. The project will bring direct and indirect socioeconomic benefits. The direct and immediate benefits are those related to the implementation of the project itself, including employment of project staff, operators, and others; The project will strength capabilities of the industrial sector, creating opportunities for the adoption of new technologies with added value. ~~project's goal is to strengthen the national capacity to manage Industrial POPs within the framework of national and international guidelines on chemical substances and hazardous waste management.~~

2. At the national and local levels, the implementation of coordinated demonstration actions with the private sector in the field will generate specialized jobs that will improve the quality of life of workers of the power and industrial sectors while showing the opportunities that of institutional integration and coordination can create; private-driven investments; will demonstrate that the positive results of these demo interventions would serve to improve and enforce current regulation for environmentally sound management of Industrial POPs. Innovative market interventions offer alternative solutions to the growing market need in the chemical industry of Colombia generating new markets for their products and services. It is also expected that other LAC parties of the Stockholm Convention will follow and integrate these strategies in their efforts to phase out hazardous substances so the project benefits will extrapolate to other countries in the region. For this, a public awareness and communication strategy for the management of Industrial (POPs) Chemicals, related wastes and safer alternatives should result in direct gains for the citizens and the environment.

3. The project will also bring obvious indirect benefits. The removal of PCB sources (equipment, waste, and contaminated oil) from the environment and reduction of POPs emissions from industrial applications will prevent the contamination of the environment by these substances. This will translate into economic benefits in terms of reduced cases of illness and death due to POPs exposure, reduced work hours lost represented by a reduction in cases of illness and death due to exposure to POPs, savings in health care costs due to adverse effects of POPs, savings in costs associated with avoided deaths, prevention or minimisation of POPs contamination in soil, air, water, air and biota, cost savings from management of POPs contamination of soil, water and biota, as well as increasing the admissibility of POPs-free Colombian products in international markets. Additional economic and social benefits that will be brought on by the project:

? Reduced health impact from the exposure to hazardous chemicals, including PCBs and open application for Industrial POPs. The project aims to directly benefit 7,000 people, of which 3,640 females and 3,360 males.

? Job creation through opportunities created in the waste treatment and recycling industry.

? A general increase in awareness about the environmental impacts of Industrial POPs as well as gender dimensions related to chemicals. The project estimates to increase awareness of 7,000 people, of which 3,640 females and 3,360 males.

? Improved policy, regulatory, monitoring and analysis frameworks, to safeguard human health and the environment.

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes.

Agency Response

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSec comments.

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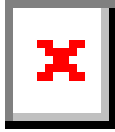
1. Expected Implementation Start date has already past - please ask the Agency to amend for a more realistic date, otherwise the project would necessarily need to be extended later on and the reports will not be accurate.



Agency response: Adjusted. New expected implementation start date 10/1/2021.

2. There is no proportionality in the co-financing contribution to PMC. If the GEF contribution is kept at 5%, for a co-financing of \$26,442,351 the expected contribution to PMC must be around \$1,321,367 instead of \$250,000 (which is 1%). As the costs associated with the project management have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to the PMC, the GEF contribution and the co-financing contribution must be proportional, which means that the GEF contribution to PMC might be decreased and the co-financing contribution to PMC might be increased to

reach a similar level. Please ask the Agency to amend either by increasing the co-financing portion and/or by reducing the GEF portion



Agency response: Co-financing was increased by US\$ 2,270,861 as additional co-financing from CHEC SA ESP (US\$ 1,466,017) and Lito SAS (US\$ 804,844) was included. Tables were adjusted in the ProDoc, CEO Endorsement request and in the portal.

The co-financing portion allocated to the PMC was increased to US\$ 1,373,724.

3. On co-financing (comment provided by Minna): not able to find any of the original, signed, co-financing letters. Please include them.

Agency response: Original letters included.

4. There is no M&E budget in the Portal entry.

Agency response: Additional text was included to the CEO Endorsement request to reflect the ProDoc information. M&E budget included.

5. The budget table under Annex E is off margin.

Agency response: Table adjusted.

6. The budget table included in the Prodoc doesn't indicate which activities UNDP will execute at the request of the Government. Please revise the budget table to clearly indicate and cost them.

Agency response: The funding will stay in UNDPs accounts and all procurement and hiring processes will be done under UNDPs rules and regulations. All payments will be done by UNDP. All processes will be done at the request of the Government. UNDP will not charge any Direct Project Cost for the provision of the execution support services. Therefore, no budget is included for this in the project.

In the letter of support to request GEF agency execution is mentioned that the execution services provided by UNDP are expected to include recruitment of project staff and carrying out procurement of goods and services, all upon request of the Government.

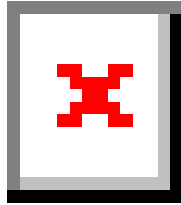
In annex 12 of the ProDoc, the procurement plan for the first year of the project is presented and details the expected transactions that UNDP will conduct.

As mentioned in the ProDoc (paragraph 252), UNDP will not charge the Direct Project Cost for the execution support services, and it is therefore not reflected in the project budget.

7. Maps are missed in Portal

Agency response: The maps uploaded to the portal. They are the same that were included in the ProDoc and CEO Endorsement request.

8. In the Checklist there are two UNDP staff that are not covered by the Agency fee, neither by other sources (as it is shown for others) ? if they are going to work for the project, which source is covering their salaries?



Agency response: Both salaries are covered by UNDP's core funding.

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

A response to GEF Council Comments needs to be included.

ES, 5/11/21: There was only a comment from Canada for this project in support of it saying: "This project is in line with previously adopted Stockholm COP decisions and proposed actions to the GEF in the 2018-2022 priority areas."

Agency Response There was not GEF Council Comments to this project.

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Response to STAP

comments are included.

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request PPG utilization is on track.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Included.

Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

There is no annex F

Agency Response

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Not at this time. Pending questions need to be resolved.

ES, 5/18/21: PPO has the following comments:

1. Expected Implementation Start date has already past - please ask the Agency to amend for a more realistic date, otherwise the project would necessarily need to be extended later on and the reports will not be accurate.
2. There is no proportionality in the co-financing contribution to PMC. If the GEF contribution is kept at 5%, for a co-financing of \$26,4427,351 the expected contribution to PMC must be around \$1,321,367 instead of \$250,000 (which is 1%). As the costs associated with the project management have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to the PMC, the GEF contribution and the co-financing contribution must be proportional, which means that the GEF contribution to PMC might be decreased and the co-financing contribution to PMC might be increased to reach a similar level. Please ask the Agency to amend either by increasing the co-financing portion and/or by reducing the GEF portion
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ES, 5/28/2021: PPO comments have been addressed. CEO endorsement is recommended.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	3/13/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/18/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/28/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**

This project will reduce the releases of industrial POPs and other Hazardous Chemicals in an integrated approach to promote compliance of Stockholm Conventions in Colombia. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) are a priority under the Convention because of the 2025 and 2028 phaseout target. This project will help the country to achieve the phaseout target under the Convention and will dispose of 480 MT PCBs. One of the main challenges that Colombia is currently facing with respect to POPs is the lack of capacity to control the import, trade, production and use of Industrial POPs listed under the Stockholm Convention. The project will address industrial POPs, through identification of feasible alternatives to industrial POPs and improved management of wastes containing such POPs. Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCP), Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), and Hexabromobiphenyl (HBB). Over all this project will ensure the environmentally sound disposal of 491.7 MT POPs and 3,500 MT of POPs containing material. The project has identified several risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigation measures, including for financial risks associated with securing co-financing. The UNDP audit checklist has been reviewed and cleared.