

Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Lao PDR and Maldives

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10976

Countries

Global (Lao PDR, Maldives)

Project Name

Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm
Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Lao PDR and Maldives

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

4/12/2022

Review completed by PM

5/26/2022

Program Manager

Evelyn Swain

Focal Area

Chemicals and Waste

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO) ☐

Part 1: Project Information

Focal area elements

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Table A is ok, but the type of report and date is missing.

ES, 5/26/22: The date was updated. Comment cleared.

Agency Response The correction has been made in the portal. Added type of report and dates.

Project description summary

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, this is a standard NIP enabling activity.

Agency Response

Co-financing

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 EAs do not require co-financing.

Agency Response
GEF Resource Availability

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response
**Are they within the resources available from:
The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response
The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response
The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response
The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response
Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification

Background and Context.

Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities.

Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

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, stakeholder engagement is included.

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.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request There is a small increase in the typical cost range so that this project can contribute to a global knowledge platform.

Agency Response

The section has been elaborated in updated document in line with the other projects.

Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP

Country endorsement

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

GEF Secretariat Comment

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

STAP Comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Not at this time. The type of report needs to be added.

ES, 5/26/22: CEO Endorsement is recommended.

ES, 6/7/22: PPO has the following comments:

1. On gender (comment provided by Verona): To be consistent with EAs on NIPs submitted with UNEP as IA, please request the Agency to strengthen gender perspectives in B.3 Gender Dimensions by incorporating the suggested text (in red) below. The bottom line is to reflect gender expertise, not only women's participation. This suggestion is in line with what the project already highlighted -- that it seeks to develop gender-responsive and gender-sensitive outcomes and outputs.
2. On M&E: The budgeted mount for M&E stipulated in Table B (\$4,000) does not match the amount stipulated in the M&E budget (\$6,000). Please request the agency to amend where necessary.

ES, 6/9/22: PPO comments have been addressed. CEO Endorsement is recommended.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	5/5/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/26/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/9/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

This project will enable the countries to update and review their National Implementation Plan (NIP) and allow it to meet its obligations under the Stockholm Convention. A revised National Implementation Plan will be prepared and submitted to the Stockholm Convention COP due to the addition of new chemicals to the list of

POPs. The project will help conduct a preliminary inventory, establish a coordination mechanism for the management of the project, and allow Ukraine to review its priorities for POPs management and plan the implementation of meeting its obligations under the Convention. The NIP process is a key step in the implementation of the Stockholm Convention since it establishes the national situation, plans, and priorities for the country to map its activities. It is also an opportunity to bring together all relevant stakeholders and build the capacity of the Government to respond to chemical and waste management which is an important step not only for the implementation of the Convention but also helps in the long term process of mainstreaming chemicals and waste management in national development plans and priorities. Parties to the Stockholm Convention are required to review and update their NIPs to account for the new chemicals added under the convention.