

United Nations Environment Programme
Quarterly Progress Report
Reporting Period: From January 2020 to March 2020

1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Title:	Review and update of the national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Brazil (NIP Update)				
Implementing Agency:	UN Environment Brazil Office				
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Environment				
Geographical Scope:	National				
Participating Countries:	Brazil				
Project actual start date	June 2018	Project intended completion date	December 2021	Project expected completion date	December 2021

2. PROJECT PROGRESS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

2.1. Narrative of project progress during the past quarter:

1. In the last quarter of 2019, the project and the ongoing agreements to carry out the main activities of the project were amended to extend its duration.
2. During the last quarter, these agreements remained in progress.
 FECD/UFRLJ, partner that will execute the Activity 2.2.2 (review and update the inventory of POPs, including of the two new COP9 POPs), worked on adapting the schedule to the increased scope, strengthening the data on the inventory survey and continued with scheduled tasks.
 FAPED/EMBRAPA continued with the scheduled tasks related to the study on sulfuramid degradation in Brazilian soils and related effects (activity 2.2.3).
3. Unfortunately, Brazil was hit by the effects of the Covid19 crisis in early March, initiating a rapid succession of emergency measures to contain the effects of the pandemic, including the implementation of a social isolation regime.

4. The partners spent the second half of March implementing the contingency measures, including to support home office work.
5. At this point, it is certain that there will be some impact on the progress of the work, but it is not yet possible to assess whether there will be significant losses or the need to change the schedule.

2.2. Project implementation progress

Outputs	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period [expressed in %]	Comments if variance. Describe any problems in delivering outputs	
Output 1.1 Capacity building and technical assistance provided to countries to develop NIPs while building sustainable foundations for its future implementation	Activity 1.1.1 Organize training on project coordination and lessons learned and good practices from previous projects. A gender expert will be engaged at this stage to ensure gender considerations are fully taken into account in the project implementation	September, 2018	100%	This activity was carried out by the UN Environment and was the basis for the workshop on updated NIPs held in Montevideo, Uruguay, October 2018.
Activity 1.1.2 Organize regional discussions and information exchange on POPs on the basis of updated NIPs	September, 2018	100%	A Brazilian representative attended a regional workshop on updated NIPs in Montevideo, Uruguay, in October 2018.	

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Output 1.2 Knowledge management services provided			
Activity 1.2.1 Update/revise/enhance database of experts on POPs management	September, 2018	100%	This activity was carried out by UN Environment
Activity 1.2.2 Incorporate inventory data into the SSC clearinghouse	December, 2021	0%	Activity to be undertaken by UN Environment
Activity 1.2.3 Identify and disseminate lessons learned	December, 2021	0%	Activity to be undertaken by UN Environment
Output 2.1 Technical guidance and support provided to strengthen the national coordination mechanism for NIP development and future implementation			
Activity 2.1.1 National inception workshop to identify key stakeholders and agree on their roles; agree on project workplan and budget; development of a monitoring and evaluation plan and an awareness raising strategy to be implemented throughout the project	September, 2018	100%	It was not possible to organize a formal initiation seminar due to the electoral period in Brazil. Instead, the project was presented to CONASQ in December 2018 (CONASQ brought together representatives from 23 institutions). In addition, more than 900 partners have been identified and consulted by the Ministry of Environment since the project began. Therefore, key partners are involved in project implementation according to the work plan, budget and awareness strategy adopted by the project team. A midterm seminar will be held to evaluate consulting products.
Activity 2.1.2 Develop initial assessment of institutional needs and strengths	September, 2018	100%	The first National Implementation Plan have already developed an initial assessment of institutional needs and strengths. After analysis of the needs and strengths for implementing this project, it was decided institutions that could undertake the projects activities, and the hire processes have been initiated.

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Activity 2.1.3 Develop ToRs for National Coordination Mechanism for NIP development	September, 2018	100%	The CONASQ (National Commission of Chemical Safety) was already implemented at the time of signing this project and was initially adopted as Coordination Mechanism for NIP implementation due its scope and expertise.
Output 2.2 Comprehensive information on the current POPs management institutions and regulatory framework, POPs life cycle in the country and their impacts to human health and the environment compiled and made publicly available			
Activity 2.2.1 Develop a comprehensive overview of national infrastructure and regulatory framework to manage POPs and prepare report	December, 2018	100%	This activity has been developed under the first NIP submitted in 2015. As this Implementation Plan is new, the national infrastructure and regulatory framework to manage POPs have not changed. In this regard, this information will be included in the updated NIP.
Activity 2.2.2 Update inventories to cover all 26 POPs	September, 2020	25%	An initial assessment was developed in November 2018. The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (FECD/UFRJ) was identified as the proper institution to develop and update the New POPs inventories, with the objective of review and update the National Implementation Plan of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Brazil (NIP Brazil/2015). The SSFA was signed in February 2019 and amended in October 2019 to include two new COP9 POPs. The agreement is in execution.
Activity 2.2.3 Develop an overview of POPs impacts to human health and the environment and prepare report.	April, 2021	10%	A study on the degradation of sulfuramide into PFOS in Brazilian soils aims to establish the impacts of PFOS in the environment. The FAPED/EMBRAPA was hired by SSFA in February of 2019 to implement his study and this agreement is in execution.

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Output 2.3 Draft updated NIP developed based on identified national priorities			
Activity 2.3.1 Develop report on national progress made on POPs management after NIP submission	August, 2021	0%	This activity depends on the completion of previous activities and was scheduled to start in January 2021.
Activity 2.3.2 Action Plans for all POPs developed and/or updated and validated by all stakeholders	September, 2021	0%	This activity depends on the completion of previous activities and is scheduled to start in April 2021.
Activity 2.3.3 Develop and make available to all stakeholders a gap analysis report	September, 2021	0%	This activity depends on the completion of previous activities and is scheduled to start in July 2021.
2.3.4 Make draft NIP updated available to all stakeholders	September, 2021	0%	This activity depends on the completion of previous activities and is scheduled to start in July 2021.
Output 2.4 Technical support provided to facilitate the NIP endorsement and submission to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat.			
Activity 2.4.1 Develop and implement NIP outreach strategy report in consultation with key national stakeholders.	December, 2021	0%	The beginning of this activity is scheduled for October 2021.
Activity 2.4.2 Develop and initiate the implementation of a roadmap for NIP endorsement and submission to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat	December, 2021	0%	The beginning of this activity is scheduled for October 2021.

2.3. Action plan to address any project shortcomings.

This section should be completed if project progress was rated MS, MU, U or HU during the previous by the Mid-term Review/Reporting.

Problem(s) identified	Action(s) taken	By whom	When
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2.4. Risk management

If internal or external risks were rated as **Substantial** or **High** during the previous Mid-term Review, please indicate what risk mitigation measures were implemented during the period and with what results:

Risk Statement	Action taken	By who	Date	Result
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3. MONITORING AND REPORTING

3.1. Please describe activities for monitoring and reporting carried out during the reporting period:

Ministry of Environment technical staff is responsible for the coordination and follow up of technical activities of the Project. In this sense, the staff is permanently involved with project performing updates to UN Environment Brazil Office and high-level positions of the Ministry.

4. INVENTORY OF STAFF, CONTRACTS, MEETINGS AND OUTPUTS

4.1. Staffing details of Executing Partner (Applies to personnel, experts, consultants paid by the project budget)

Functional Title	Nationality	Budget Line (1101, 1102, 1201, 1301, etc)
Project Manager	Brazilian	1201

4.2. Sub-contracts

Name of contracted	Address	Budget Line (2101, 2201, 2301, etc)
Fundação Educacional Ciência e Desenvolvimento – FECD	Av. Carlos Chagas Filho, 373, Prédio do CCS-UF RJ, Bloco L, Sala L-A, Cidade Universitária, Ilha do Fundão, CEP 21941-902, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, Brazil	2201
Fundação de apoio à Pesquisa e ao Desenvolvimento – FAPED	Rua Doutor Campos Junior, Centro, CEP 35700-039, Sete Lagoas/MG, Brazil	2201

4.3. Meetings

Meeting type	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	Number of participants	Report issued Yes/No	Language	Dated

4.4. Documents, other printed materials, videos, and soft products (such as CDs or websites)

No	Type	Title	Author(s) Editor(s)	Publisher	ISBN	Publication date

Name of Project Manager: Hassan Sohn		Name of Project Manager Supervisor: Regina Cavini	
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