

**United Nations Environment Programme**  
**Semestral Progress Report**  
**Reporting Period: From July 2020 to December 2020**

**1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Review and Update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Brazil				
<b>Executing Agency:</b>	Ministry of Environment				
<b>Project partners:</b>					
<b>Geographical Scope:</b>	National				
<b>Participating Countries:</b>	Brazil				
<b>Project actual start date</b>	June - 2018	<b>Project intended completion date</b>	December - 2021	<b>Project expected completion date</b>	December - 2021

**2. PROJECT PROGRESS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

**2.1** Narrative of project progress during the past semester<sup>1</sup>

During the second Semester of 2020, the following activities were developed by the Ministry of the Environment in articulation with UN Environment Office Brazil and other technical stakeholders:

- i) July to October:
- ii) The SSFA signed with FECD do execute the Activity 2.2.2 had its deadline changed to December 2020, in order to adjust the scope of the contract due to the effects of the pandemic of COVID-19.
- iii) The Product 1 of FECD / UFRJ was approved by MMA on September 4, 2020 and consisted of a technical document containing:
  - A qualitative and quantitative survey of the main uses, producers and importers of the compounds under study; and
  - A bibliographic review of all the compounds listed in groups 1 and 2 of POPs;
- iv) November to December:
- v) The Product 2 of FECD / UFRJ was approved by MMA on September 4, 2020 and consisted of a technical document containing:

<sup>1</sup> Briefly describe progress made during the previous six months highlighting major outcomes/benchmarks achieved during the period.

- Description of chemical compounds, their characteristics and physicochemical properties, their applications; its environmental behavior and its effects on human health and the environment;
  - Results of information collection and data collection in relation to POPs surveyed in the private sectors and government institutions; and
  - Evaluation of the status of specific exceptions and acceptable purpose requested by Brazil.
- vi) The Research Support Foundation - FAPED/Embrapa Environment requested an extension of the Small Scale Financing Agreement (SSFA) until December 2021, due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic for the execution of the activities foreseen in the work plan of the project entitled "Diagnosis of environmental contamination by perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and by the use of sulfiramide to support the review and update of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention - NIP Brasil-2015 " .

Outputs	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period [expressed in %]	Comments if variance. Describe any problems in delivering outputs
<b>Output 1.1 Capacity building and technical assistance provided to countries to develop NIPs while building sustainable foundations for its future implementation</b>			
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.
<b>Output 1.2 Knowledge management services provided</b>			
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.
<b>Output 1.2 Knowledge management services provided</b>			
Activity 1.2.1 Update/revise/enhance database of experts on POPs management	September, 2018	100%	This activity was carried out by UN Environment

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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
<b>Output 2.1 Technical guidance and support provided to strengthen the national coordination mechanism for NIP development and future implementation</b>			
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.
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.

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<b>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</b>			
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/JFRJ) 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 was concluded in December 2020.
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 sulfluramide 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.
<b>Output 2.3 Draft updated NIP developed based on identified national priorities</b>			
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.

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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.
<b>Output 2.4 Technical support provided to facilitate the NIP endorsement and submission to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat.</b>			
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-UFRJ, 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

<b>Name of Project Manager:</b> Hassan Sohn		<b>Name of Project Manager Supervisor:</b> Regina Cavini	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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