

Convention: SC

DDT: Assistance for parties to make environmentally sound evidence-based decisions in disease vector control and facilitate assessment of the continued need

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

- Decision SC-6/30-Financing and budget for the biennium 2014-2015
 - Capacity-building and training: activity 16 (SC): Training and capacity-building activities to enhance the implementation of the Stockholm Convention at the regional level;
 - Scientific and technical activities: activity 22 (SC): Scientific supports to Parties of the Stockholm Convention;
- Decisions SC-6/1-DDT.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Purpose of the project is to take active steps, pursuant to decision SC-6/1, to:

- a) Collect and compile the information necessary to facilitate the DDT expert group in undertaking an assessment on the basis of factual information provided by parties and observers to provide guidance to the Conference of the Parties on the evaluation of continued need for DDT at its seventh meeting;
- b) Undertake selected activities to assist developing countries for a transition away from reliance on DDT for disease vector control, with due priority accorded to ensuring that adequate systems and institutional capacity are in place to enable evidence-based decision-making;

In spite of continued efforts by various stakeholders to enhance the capacity for developing countries to introduce effective solutions for disease vector control, the tools available in certain settings still include DDT as an indispensable option. Accessibility to factual data is often limited at national level for informed decision making in sound management of available vector control tools and for reporting by Parties to the Convention. This is a major hindrance for countries still relying on DDT to efficiently control of vector born diseases without continued reliance on DDT and to consider factual scientific and technical information for the assessment of continued need by the DDT expert group.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO), has undertaken activities in malaria endemic countries in Africa to promote the principles of integrated vector management (IVM) and introducing it in national vector control programmes as a sustainable solution. The activities proposed under this project will focus on assisting countries to facilitate establishing adequate systems and institutional capacity for reporting and environmentally sound decision making using IVM approach on DDT for disease vector control.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

The proposed activities to be funded will be conducted in collaboration and coordination with WHO, as appropriate, and are as follows:

1. Develop guidance for parties to implement sound management practices of DDT as recommended by WHO and introducing safer alternatives for disease vector control including non-chemical alternatives (by a consultant);
2. Develop guidance for parties establishing adequate systems and institutional capacity to enable evidence-based decision-making and for enhanced reporting to the Convention (by a consultant);
3. Coordinate with regional centres and select countries for the proposed workshops (staff time only);
4. Establish linkages with national vector control programme managers through the Stockholm Convention official contact points and conduct webinars to facilitate Parties collecting preliminary information for effective participation in the planned workshops (staff time only);

5. Conduct two regional workshops (one each in Africa and Asia) on: “*Strengthening capacity for evidence-based decision making in disease vector control for sound management of DDT and assessment of environmentally sound and locally adoptable non-chemical options towards elimination of reliance on DDT*”;
6. Undertaker follow-up webinars and online meeting with project countries to facilitate parties undertaking relevant activities in achieving the objectives of the workshops (staff time only).

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Enhanced capacity at national level for evidence-based decision-making in disease endemic countries for disease vector control and for efficient reporting;
- Use of non-chemical and other sound environmental management practices to enhance the sustainability of reduced reliance on DDT for disease vector control.

BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015

10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1100	Professional Staff ¹	USD 13,994*
1200	Consultants	USD 10,000*
1300	Conference services	
1600	Travel on Official Business	USD 8,000*
20	SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT	
2200	Sub-contracts (two regional workshops)	USD 180,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	Meetings and Conferences ²	
40	EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT	
4100	Information/public awareness materials	USD 5,000
4200	Non-expendable equipment	
52	MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT	
5200	Publishing and translation	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		USD 216,994
Programme Support Costs 13%		USD 28,210
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		USD 245,204

*Budget approved by COP 6 on Activity 22 (SC: Scientific support to parties of the Stockholm Convention), the rest of the budget is part of the one approved by COP 6 on Activity 16 (SC: Training and capacity building to enhance the implementation of the Stockholm Convention)

¹ Staff cost USD 91,953 is budgeted in the SCVT