

Convention: RC

Strengthen national capacities related to severely hazardous pesticide formulations, including by facilitating pilot projects

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity No.: 14

COP-decision:

Mandate: Annex I to decision RC-5/10 on Technical assistance activities identifies as one of the high priority activities in support of the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention the strengthening of national capacities related to severely hazardous pesticide formulations, including by facilitating pilot project activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Article 6 of the Rotterdam Convention, Procedures for severely hazardous pesticide formulations, was developed in recognition of the fact that there are certain pesticide formulations that cannot be used safely under the conditions of use in developing countries or countries with economies in transition. In developing these proposals countries may draw upon technical expertise from any relevant source. An tool kit and forms to facilitate the collection and reporting of incidents have been developed by the Secretariat, used in national and sub-regional training workshops and widely distributed to countries through the network of designated national authorities as well as relevant programmes in FAO and WHO.

Based on the experience gained and applying the methodology contained in the SHPF toolkit, the programme of pilot projects on monitoring and reporting on SHPFs can be expanded to cover other countries in 2012 and 2013. The programme will be introduced in countries explicitly expressing interest. For the period 2012-2013, it is envisaged to cover a total of 8 countries that expressed interest; two countries each in the Central American, South East Asian, East African and in the West African sub region.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

1. Select one Party from those that explicitly expressed interest;
2. develop a programme to monitor in the field, collect information and report problems caused by severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPF) to the Secretariat, including elements such as:
 - develop a national strategy on SHPF monitoring and reporting;
 - organize and convene a national inception workshop for the programme, facilitated by the Designated National Authorities and the Secretariat, to bring together key stakeholders, identify pilot regions and crops, and prepare the training content and survey methodology;
 - training of health monitoring staff;
 - data collection through monitoring of pilot regions;
 - organize and convene an evaluation workshop, determine appropriate means of risk mitigation and prepare reports on pesticide poisoning from data collected;
 - submission to the Secretariat of the Convention proposals for SHPFs;
3. Involve partners such as FAO regional and subregional officers to cooperate with DNAs, provide technical backstopping during the field monitoring phase, and promote established partnerships in the countries;

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- *Health officials in rural areas trained in diagnosing human health poisoning related to use of pesticides;*
- *National report on problems caused by severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPF published);*
- *National Risk mitigation measures for management of severely hazardous pesticide formulations (SHPF) developed;*
- *National capacities related to addressing problems caused by severely hazardous pesticide formulations strengthened;*

| BUDGET USD | |
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| <i>BUDGET COMPONENT</i> | |
| <i>Consultants</i> | <i>10,000</i> |
| <i>Staff travel</i> | <i>10,000</i> |
| <i>Sub-contracts</i> | <i>10,000</i> |
| <i>Meetings (travel and DSA costs of participants)</i> | <i>100,000</i> |
| <i>Training/Workshops</i> | <i>30,000</i> |
| <i>Information/public awareness materials</i> | <i>5,000</i> |
| <i>Printing/translation</i> | <i>5,000</i> |
| TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES | <i>170,000</i> |
| COP APPROVED BUDGET (RV trust fund) | <i>480,000</i> |
| Funding received (as of 1 March 2013) by EC | <i>200,000</i> |
