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CP1.1: Work Plan 2021-2022

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Note by the Secretariat

The Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security (GEF ID 9607) is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) regional Multi Focal Area Programmatic Approach, implemented in Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) is the leading executing Agency; the GEF Implementing Agencies are UNEP and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the executing partners are UNESCO/IHP, European Investment Bank (EIB), IUCN Med, GWP Med, WWF Med, Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC, SCP/RAC and SPA/RAC.

The MedProgramme aims to target coastal nutrient pollution hotspots, harmful chemical and wastes, critical coastal habitats and freshwater resources, climate resilience, marine protected areas, and monitoring of progress to impacts and coordination among Child Projects (CPs). It will be developed through four Components and eight Child Projects.

- a. Component 1: Reduction of Land Based Pollution in Priority Coastal Hotspots and measuring progress to impacts.
- b. Component 2: Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience in the Coastal Zone.
- c. Component 3: Protecting marine biodiversity.
- d. Component 4: Knowledge Management and Programme Coordination.

Component 1 of the MedProgramme consists of three Child Projects:

- a. CP 1.1 Reducing Pollution from Harmful Chemicals and Wastes in Mediterranean Hot Spots and Measuring Progress to Impacts (GEF ID 9684).
- b. CP 1.2 Mediterranean Pollution Hot Spots Investment Project (GEF ID 9717).
- c. CP 1.3 Financing Advanced Environmental Technologies in the Mediterranean Sea Region for Water Systems and Clean Coasts (EnviTeCC) (GEF ID 9691).

The present document presents the work plan for the implementation of the three components under MedProgramme CP1.1 for the period starting in first quarter 2021, ending in the first quarter of 2022 (i.e. 5 quarters). For each component, the following information is presented:

- Projects outputs
- Logframe output indicators
- Activities as described in the project document.
- Sub-activities
- The timetable and duration for implementation of the sub-activities in 2021 and 2022.

It should be noted that the work plan sub-activities included in the work plan were initially approved during the Project Inception Meeting held in July 2020. Additional details on the level of sub-activities have been added where necessary; but within the framework of the outputs and activities approved during the inception meeting in July 2020. The timetable and duration for implementation of the work sub-activities are based on those initially indicated in the approved workplan in July 2020; further modified to reflect the status of implementation of these activities during the 3rd and 4th quarters in 2020.

This document is presented for the review and approval of the Project Steering Committee in relation to the planned activities and their corresponding time periods and duration as foreseen for implementation in 2021 and 1st quarter of 2022.

GEF ID 9684 MEDPROGRAMME CHILD PROJECT 1.1 (C&W and IW)										
Work Plan for period 2021 and 1st quarter 2022										
Outputs	Logframe Output Indicators	ProDoc Activities	Sub-activities	Workplan 2021 Quarter				2022		
				1	2	3	4	1		
				2	2	2	2			
Component 1: Chemicals and Waste										
1.1 Management and disposal of POPs	5 national POPs inventories completed.	1.1.1 Phase 1 POPs disposal	Prequalify international contractors for disposal of POPs in Algeria and Lebanon							
MED POL	5 Environment Management Plans approved for stockpiles and contaminated sites.		Conduct mission to Algeria to confirm national execution partners (selected in the ProDoc) to oversee/supervise the work to be undertaken by the international contractors and to proceed in signing SSFA with selected partner.							
	Minimum 2 tenders awarded for POPs management/ disposal.		Conduct mission to Lebanon to confirm national execution partners (selected in the ProDoc) to oversee/supervise the work to be undertaken by the international contractors and to proceed in implementation with selected partner.							

				Approve health and safety plan.						
				Submit national permits and notifications needed for undertaking the work.						
				Repackage and export POPs from different sites!						
				Conduct training for environmental inspectors and project teams in order to build their capacity to supervise the international contractor and to manage project activities.						
				Monitor and report on work progress by international contractor(s) to MED POL and to EA.						
			1.1.2 Phase 2 POPs inventory and prioritization	Sign SSFAs with five national partners (Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia).						
				Prepare national inventory plan including national teams to be involved in this plan (Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia).						
				Coordinate with EBRD to identify common interventions to be financed by the bank for the benefit of the Countries.						
				Conduct training of national teams.						
				Conduct sampling and screening in the field for the inventory.						
				Undertake laboratory analysis of screened samples.						
			1.1.4 POPs remediation and assessment	Conduct remediation assessments (scope/ ToRs, evaluation, review of assessments)						

		alternatives	individuals applying new POPs approaches.		Preparation of ToR for international consultants and dissemination.							
		SCP RAC				ToR for 3 national consultants and dissemination (Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia).						
						Selection of international and national consultants.						
						Development of a proposal of POPs accounting methodology to calculate the contribution of prevention of POPs towards GEB.						
						Review report of international experience to prepare the legal support actions for POPs Prevention.						
						Country mission in Lebanon to launch national activities and renew interest of beneficiaries, plan inventories, sampling activities and legal support actions.						
						Country mission in Morocco to launch national activities and renew interest of beneficiaries, plan inventories, sampling activities and legal support actions.						
						Country mission in Tunisia to launch national activities and renew interest of beneficiaries, plan inventories, sampling activities and legal support actions.						
						Identification of laboratories for the new POPs sampling, preparation of agreements/contract(s).						

					Inventory of Import and use of PFAS, PFOA, and/or PGHxS and other PFAs chemicals in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia (preparations of questionnaires, face to face meetings).						
					Sampling of PFOS foams and in soil, ground water in key fire incident sites Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.						
					Inventory of companies importing HBCD and/or EPS/XPS pellets with HBCD in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia (preparations of questionnaires, face to face meetings).						
					Sampling of EPS/XPS insulation panels/pellets to confirm and quantify HBCD presence and concentration in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.						
					Inventory of companies importing chlorinated paraffins for PVC production in Lebanon.						
					Sampling of PVC products to confirm SCCP content and concentrations in Lebanon.						
					Legal template prepared in support of selected actions aiming at updating national legislation on PFOs, HBCD (Lebanon, Tunisia and Morocco) and SCCPs (Lebanon only).						
					Review of POPs-free alternatives available in the international market.						
					Technical and financial reporting to EA						

				1.3.2 Replication and expansion of prevention pilot projects	Identification of case studies, stories to be actively disseminated through the KMS.										
			1.4 Mercury reduction through pilot activities on new mercury alternatives	3 detailed national mercury stock-takes at hospitals and health centers	1.4.1: Identification/ verification of national institutions and hospitals and detailed stock-take of mercury containing wastes.	Inform SC and SCP/RAC FP of the start/progress of the project.									
				3 pilot project approaches developed to replace mercury in health care.		Launch recruitment of 1 SCP/RAC project manager.									
			SCP RAC			Consult with WHO on policy related activities for collection of mercury from hospital devices (consideration to be given to subcontracting WHO country office or to hire someone from WHO country office).									
						ToR for international consultants and dissemination.									
						ToR for national consultants and dissemination.									
						Selection of international and national consultants.									
						Country missions to launch national activities in Lebanon and kick-off audit-inventories with 28 hospitals.									
						Country missions to launch national activities in Tunisia and kick-off audit-inventories with 25 hospitals.									
						Support to Countries for communication activities.									
						1.4.3 Update legislation/ provisions	Definition/selection of legal actions on mercury in products.								

Component 3: Monitoring and Evaluation										
		3.1 Knowledge Management strategy shares knowledge from Child Project 1.1	National POPs and Hg inventories available on MapX. Pilot project case studies disseminated.	3.1.1 Interactive visualizations of chemicals inventories across the 8 countries using interface provided by MapX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A knowledge products and monitoring tools for the Child Project 1.1 is developed • An interactive MapX visualizations tools of chemicals inventories across the 8 countries • A set of case studies in different formats including video for the prevention pilots. • A Data sharing protocol, analysis and management tool (IW) 					
				3.1.2 Case studies in different formats including video for the prevention pilots.						
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		3.2 Regular monitoring and evaluation of project progress and results	Quarterly and annual PIR reports. Mid-term review complete Terminal evaluation complete.	3.2.1 Quarterly financial reports and annual progress reports monitoring status of project execution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete set of quarterly financial and progress reports. 					
				3.2.2: Midterm and Terminal evaluations of project.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term Evaluation report. • Terminal Evaluation Report. 				