



Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-chemical Development in SIDS Project (ISLANDS project)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment is currently implementing a Global Environment Fund (GEF) project; acronym **ISLANDS**- *implementing sustainable low and non-chemical development in SIDS*.

The Indian Ocean Regional Project is one of five (5) child projects that is part of a GEF funded global programme which will be implemented in 30 SIDS across 3 regions (Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific). The Indian Ocean Regional project is UNDP led and will be implemented in Union of Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius and **Seychelles**.

Objective:

Each participating SIDS to prevent the future build-up of materials and chemicals entering SIDS that contain Persistent Organic Pollutants and Mercury and other harmful chemicals; To safely manage and dispose of existing harmful chemicals, products and materials currently present in those SIDS; and to ensure the safe management of products continuing to enter SIDS by closing materials and product loops.

The ultimate objective of the project is to protect human health and the environment from the harmful effects of hazardous chemicals and waste.

Duration: 60 months (July 2022 to July 2027)

GEF Budget: USD 2,250,000

Main activities: Below are the main activities of the project

- Update legislations to comply to international Convention on harmful chemicals (e.g. Mercury, Persistent Organic Pollutants and other internationally banned chemicals)
- Carry out a national hazardous chemicals inventory. (This will inform on the design of an interim storage facility for hazardous waste).
- Establish an online hazardous waste generator database
- Develop legislation on priority waste stream (batteries, electronic waste, waste oil)
- Training in identification and safe handling of hazardous chemicals and products containing these
- Develop guidelines for management of priority chemicals and waste stream
- Conduct feasibility studies for the sound management of priority chemicals and hazardous waste streams, make recommendations for improvements and propose/design potential financial mechanisms for their operation
- Develop minimum three management plans for priority hazardous chemicals and waste streams (batteries, waste oil, electronic waste)
- Potential location / land for hazardous waste stream mapped in partnership with





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- Procure basic equipment for implementation of life cycle management schemes for hazardous waste streams
- Conduct an assessment of existing and potential feasible economic instrument to reduce the import / use of harmful chemicals and finance hazardous waste management
- Establish three life cycle management schemes for hazardous waste stream with the private sector
- Draft licensing requirements for recycling companies involved in hazardous waste management
- Design and implement awareness programmes on hazardous chemicals and waste



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