

## INTRODUCTION

Tanzania is party to a number of international agreements and Chemical Conventions including Rotterdam, Stockholm, Basle, Bamako, Ramsar, ILO Chemicals Conventions, Montreal Protocol, Biosafety Protocol, FAO and WHO codes etc which requires implementation.

AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA) and Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (TPAWU) are implementing a three (3) years project namely “Pesticides and Poverty: Implementing Chemical Conventions for Safe and Just Development” which aims at building capacity and raising awareness among key stakeholders, and bringing them together into a dialogue and action so as to assist the effective implementation of the Chemical Conventions and Processes in Tanzania. This will help to integrate an environmental dimension into national development priorities and promote sustainable livelihoods in rural areas.

The Specific Objectives of the Project are to:

- Assist and support the Tanzania government in implementing initiatives for local action (on environment and livelihood priorities) that enhances national regulations, synergism and share experiences nationally and internationally.
- Strengthen national regulatory environments and create new opportunities for collaboration between NGOs and government and other stakeholders to address the detrimental effects of hazardous pesticides.
- Raise awareness of the relevance of local application of international initiatives within the NGO community and civil society
- Demonstrate where sustainable alternatives are available and appropriate to reduce dependence on hazardous pesticides

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

The project is organised around 8 key activities as follows

### 1. Multi stakeholder’s Collaboration

Network building will bring together key people/institutions responsible for chemical safety at workshops, to identify core activities and enhance collaboration.

### 2. Community Health Monitoring

NGOs representatives will be trained and supported with local communities to record immediate adverse health effects after spraying and to record the more evident effects on the environment and biodiversity. In areas where pesticides are heavily used or causing problems, self-monitoring and training in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) or organic agricultural strategies will be encouraged.

### 3. Eco-toxicological Monitoring

Identified experts will carry out special tailored Training of Trainers (ToT) courses on ecological monitoring methods. This training will be aimed at regulators, NGOs and academia. This capacity building will support the Chemical Conventions and the Code of Conduct by providing the tools to collect robust data that could be reported through the Rotterdam (PIC) Convention, or used to support the development of alternatives.

### 4. Case Studies

Case studies that will assist in understanding the problems being addressed by the project and come out with recommendations that may assist Tanzania to implement the Conventions. Attention will be drawn to the cases that seek solutions with national and international bodies.

### 5. Africa Stockpile Programme

The project will ensure local NGOs in Tanzania participate fully in the Africa Stockpile Programme (ASP) activities and related activities for prevention. This will be met through:

- provision of information, tools and techniques for participation in the ASP Steering Committees and related activities;
- training in Chemical Conventions and processes;
- promoting strategies for new forms of collaboration between government and NGOs.

NGO manual document will be developed.

### 6. Integrated Pest Management

Field visits for policy makers will be organised to demonstrate the benefits and appropriateness of sustainable strategies for pest management to protect the environment, biodiversity and health. This also will be aiming to mainstream IPM projects and have national IPM policies adopted.

### 7. Consolidated guide and checklist for implementation

A user-friendly checklist will be developed and will grade priorities and identify complementary activities. A Consolidated guides will:

- Focus on obligations and actions required for implementation of the Chemical conventions and processes;
- Indicate complementary benefits between the conventions and processes;
- Demonstrate the value added of the mutually reinforcing elements;
- Show how can strengthen existing initiatives and integrate with development priorities

A strategy for communication and dissemination of the Convention guide will be developed for Tanzania NGOs, CSOs and national bodies.

### 8. Communicating results

Wide dissemination of publications and results of activities at international, regional and national level, taking lessons and feedback from Tanzania projects to the international conferences, COPs and workshops. The national strategies will seek the highest coverage in relevant national and professional press, while locally, information will be disseminated to reach farmers, grass roots and other civil society organisations.

## ROLES OF AGENDA AND TPAWU

AGENDA and TPAWU are entitled to coordination and implement the project. Their roles are:

- To establish national needs and identify appropriate participants
- Mapping and establishing lines for national communication with stakeholders and communication with other partners,
- Organising national workshop and trainings,
- Dissemination of results through written reports, journal articles, the media, and to appropriate local and national NGOs, and provide information at workshops
- Assist NGOs to engage within the ASP activities
- Collaboration with other partners to organise appropriate representations at international events to share information and experiences from Tanzania activities
- Production of briefings and reports.

## PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

- Policy and decision maker e.g. Ministries responsible for Agriculture, Environment, Livestock, Health etc
- Regulators of pesticides e.g. NEMC, TPRI, Government Chemists, Customs etc,
- Services including agricultural extension, health centres, and other relevant authorities
- NGOs, Civil society organisations
- Rural communities, Farmers and livestock keepers, agricultural workers, farmers organisations
- Agricultural research, IPM projects, Universities and Colleges
- Industry: pesticide wholesalers, distributors, retailers and food companies and export industries
- International bodies, Convention Secretariats, agencies working for hazard reduction, government representatives at meetings
- Media, Journalists

## PROJECT PARTNERS

The project in Tanzania will draw on the experience and work on the international conventions and initiatives of the Pesticide Action Network UK (PAN UK), Pesticide Action Network Africa (PAN Africa), and Pesticide Action Network Asia and the Pacific (PAN AP). The following are roles for each partner:

### PAN UK

PAN UK has a role of overall project coordination and will provide the overall technical backstopping, financial management and responsibility for reporting. PAN UK has specialised knowledge on the Rotterdam Convention and FAO code.

### PAN Africa

PAN Africa is the Regional Coordinator in Africa. It will provide information on outreach and NGO activities. Also it will collaborate with AGENDA and TPAWU to disseminate results and benefits at international meetings.

### PAN Asia Pacific

PAN Asia Pacific will facilitate training in Tanzania on the implementation of community monitoring. Also in collaboration with AGENDA and TPAWU will adapt and produce materials for the health monitoring and developing a programme for introducing the approach in Tanzania.

## OTHER PARTNERS

### Environmental Impact Ecologists

Environmental Impact Ecologists from the Natural Resource Institute Group will deliver training and educational tools on ecological monitoring methods for the assessment of pesticide impact in the tropics areas.

### Eco Sphere

This organisation based in Brussels will develop the Consolidated guide and Checklist on progress towards implementation of Chemical Conventions.

All partners will be involved in promoting information on the project and its benefits at international meetings and events

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