

**Terminal evaluation of  
“Demonstration project for the  
decontamination of persistent organic  
pesticides contaminated soils using non-  
thermal treatment methods”**

**Project code: GCP/BOT/011/GFF  
GEF ID: 3985**

**Follow-up Report**

Accepted evaluation recommendations	Action agreed in the Management Response	Description of actions actually taken, or reasons for actions not taken	MAR score	Impact of, or changes resulted from taken actions
<b>Recommendation 1.</b> <b>PARTIALLY ACCEPTED</b> <b>To FAO and Project Steering Committee (PSC) members to empower the PSC to continue to keep the issue of risk from pesticides as a government priority and to lobby for continued efforts to reduce risk from pesticides in Botswana.</b>	<p>While FAO cannot guarantee the continued meeting of the PSC beyond the project, efforts will be made through the PSCs for the ongoing projects that FAO is implementing with the government of Botswana to lobby for sustainable pesticide management and pesticide risk reduction.</p> <p>Specific interventions would require further funding.</p>	<p>The Government of Botswana, mainly with involvement of former members of the PSC have excelled in promoting sustainable life cycle management of pesticides and pesticide risk reduction at national level and also at regional (SADC) level. (e.g. mobilized for TCPs and Japanese projects for Fall Armyworm and Locust Management; as well as a TCP on sound pesticide management).</p>	Good	<p>There is increased awareness on pesticide risks among all stakeholders as the Government has continued with awareness raising; at regulatory level, Botswana has registered new Biopesticides and even in the face of invasions by the African Migratory Locust, there were strong efforts to use biopesticides as far as possible and only lower toxicity pesticides when necessary.</p>
<b>Recommendation 2.</b> <b>REJECTED</b> <b>FAO and the PSC to ensure that Project work continues so as to meet Project objectives,</b> <b>The onus falls on the Government of Botswana to continue providing budget for pesticide management work (as indicated at project closure that the 'co-finance' would continue). The Government should continue to mobilize resources for projects that promote sound pest and pesticide management.</b>				
<b>Recommendation 3.</b> <b>PARTIALLY ACCEPTED</b>	<p>Since there is no guarantee that the PSC will continue meeting after the project closure, the Agrochemicals Committee should take the lead to</p>	<p>"The Office of the Pesticide Registrar now has more manpower as recommended by the projects.</p> <p>Collaboration with other key ministries has improved, e.g. in recent combined</p>	Good	<p>Stronger multi-sectoral collaboration for sound pest and pesticide management in Botswana. This should translate to reduced risks to human health and the environment</p>

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<b>To the PSC to lobby for strengthening the office of the pesticide registrar.</b>	lobby for strengthening of the pesticide registrar's office.	FAW management/HHP/SHPF surveys which saw agronomists, plant protection specialist and Ministry of Health officers working together".		as well as more sustainable production systems.
<b>Recommendation 4.</b> <b>ACCEPTED</b> <b>To FAO to ensure gender mainstreaming and inclusion of social and environmental safeguards in future projects.</b>	FAO to ensure gender mainstreaming and inclusion of social and environmental safeguards in future project.	As per FAO project cycle policy, gender mainstreaming and ESM are checked at concept note stage.	Good	Gender is being mainstreamed; while social and environmental safeguards are being included in all new projects.

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