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# GEF Chemicals Program

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# About the GEF

- The GEF unites 182 countries in partnership with international institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs), and the private sector to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives.
- Today the GEF is the largest public funder of projects to improve the global environment. An independently operating financial organization, the GEF provides grants for projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants.
- Since 1991, the GEF has achieved a strong track record with developing countries and countries with economies in transition, providing \$11.5 billion in grants and leveraging \$57 billion in co-financing for over 3,215 projects in over 165 countries.
- Through its Small Grants Programme (SGP), the GEF has also made more than 16,030 small grants directly to civil society and community based organizations, totaling \$653.2 million. For more information



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# GEF Chemicals Cluster- Area of Work

The GEF Chemicals Focal Area includes POPs, ODS, Mercury and Sound Chemical Management for increased coherence.

- Phase out of Persistent Organic Pollutants – *Stockholm Convention*
- Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substance, specifically to Countries with Economies in Transition – *Montreal Protocol*
- Pilot activities and enabling conditions on mercury – to support early ratification of *Future Minamata Convention on Mercury*
- Pilot activities on chemicals (and chemical issues) of Global Concern – Related to the Objectives of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), including E-waste, chemicals in products and lead in paint.



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# Overview of GEF Investments on POPs

Since 2001 the GEF has committed US\$ 695 million to projects in the Chemicals focal area and leveraged some US\$ 1.701 billion in co-financing from partners in the public and private sectors, bringing the total value of the GEF POPs portfolio to over US\$2.4 billion.

To date, the GEF has financed NIPs development projects for all developing countries Parties requiring support. So far 108 Parties have already submitted their NIPs to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. The GEF also financed 109 post-NIP projects for the implementation of the Convention.



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# GEF-5 Funding for Chemicals

- \$425 million allocated to chemicals. The distribution of resources is as follows:
  - POPs: \$375 million
  - Ozone: \$25 million
  - Sound chemicals management and mercury reduction: \$20 million (an additional \$10 M was approved for mercury at the June GEF Council Meeting)



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# Distribution of GEF Chemicals Funding

Chart 1: Distribution of the number of projects

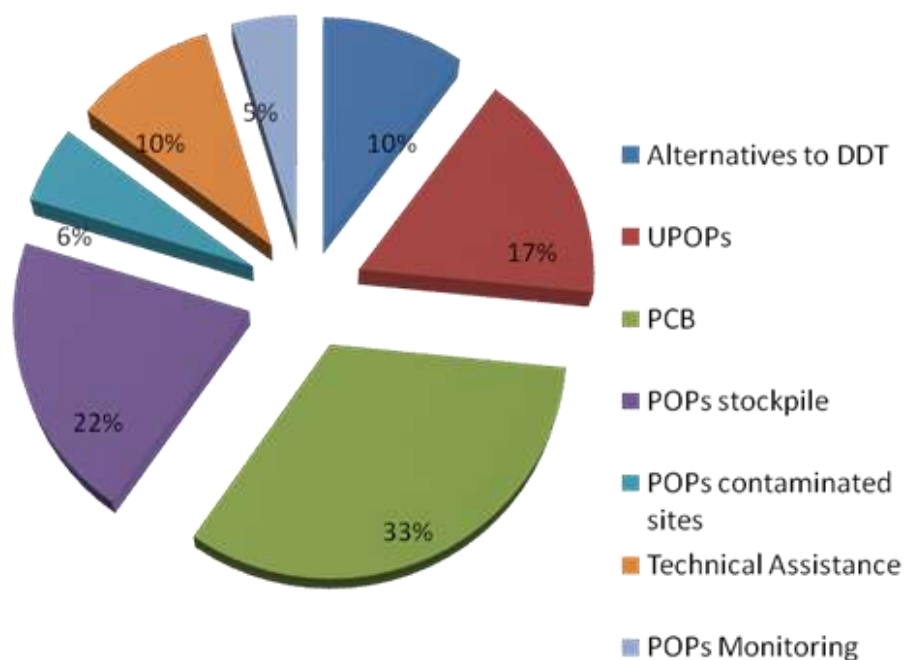
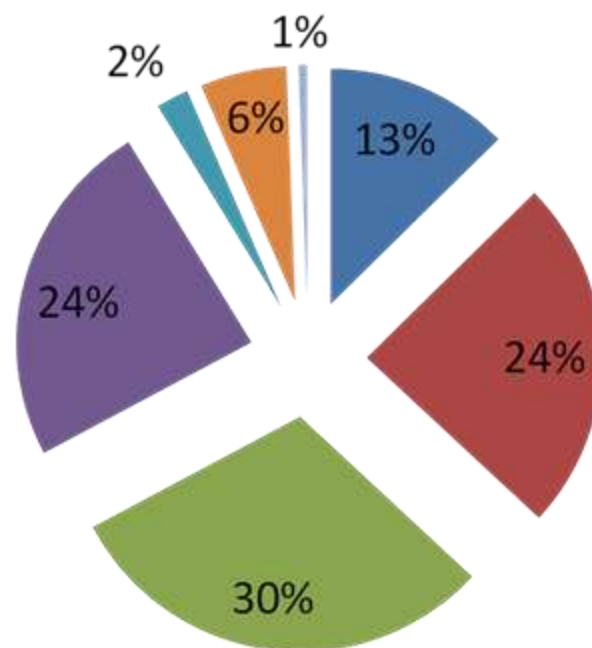


Chart 2: Distribution of project funding



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# PCBs phase-out target date under the Stockholm Convention : 2025



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# Examples of GEF Funded PCB Projects

- GEF funds a wide scope of PCB projects to cover national PCB management issues
- Best Practices for PCB Management in the Mining Sector of South America (UNEP, \$750,000)
- Environmentally Sound Management and Final Disposal of PCBs in India (UNIDO, \$14.1 M)
- Design and Execution of a Comprehensive PCB Management Plan for Kazakhstan (UNDP, \$10.6 M)
- Demonstrating and Promoting Best Techniques and Practices for Managing Healthcare Waste and PCBs in Tunisia (World Bank, \$5.5 M)



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