

Call for Proposals

Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Component 1: Policy and Enforcement of GEF-funded FARM Global Child Project

1. Introduction

The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP) is a global community of policy, business and finance professionals and organizations committed to collaboratively generating, managing and sharing knowledge on the transition to an inclusive green and circular economy. The GGKP is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and World Bank. The mission of GGKP is to empower government decision-makers, companies and financial institutions with evidence-based knowledge that can best support them to contribute effectively to the green and circular economy transition.

Among other projects, GGKP is the executing agency (EA) for the Global Child Project of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM) Programme, and for which UNEP is the implementing agency (IA).

FARM is a five-year, \$341 million initiative, which seeks to reduce and manage the use of harmful pesticides and plastics in agricultural production and encourage the adoption of low- and non-chemical alternatives. In addition to the Global Child Project, FARM consists of seven child projects led by UNEP and implemented by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNIDO. The execution of the child projects is carried out in-country by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and relevant country institutions in Ecuador, India, Kenya, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

The Global Child Project, managed by GGKP, aims to address the global and regional knowledge capacity of policy, finance and value chain actors to sustainably regulate, finance, and reduce pesticides and plastics through its three core components – policy and enforcement, finance and investment, and value chains and public demand. The expected outcome for Component 1 is for governments and inter-governmental bodies to share and use FARM and FARM-related knowledge to create the enabling conditions for the reduction and sound management of pesticides and agricultural plastics. The project will result in a doubling of the impact of the individual child projects by securing commitments by a minimum of a further seven regulatory bodies in non-FARM countries, that will be identified in the first year of implementation.

In 2024, the inception of the FARM Global Child Project marks a crucial milestone. The project endeavours to conduct a comprehensive scoping study and develop associated knowledge products to map and identify knowledge gaps and needs related to policy and enforcement across its child projects. A pivotal roundtable discussion held in March 2023 during the project's inception meeting surfaced key knowledge gaps and needs, setting the stage for targeted interventions through the upcoming scoping study and relevant training initiatives.

2. Objective

GGKP seeks proposals from universities, research centres, think tanks and non-profit organizations to provide technical assistance for the implementation of Component 1: policy and enforcement of the FARM Global Child Project, with a specific focus on focusing on conducting a thorough scoping study

and creating associated knowledge products and trainings. These efforts aim to identify and address gaps in policy and enforcement solutions related to pesticide and agricultural plastic management.

3. Technical assistance required

In summary, this technical assistance will be expected to include:

- A consultation or survey of FARM child projects to confirm and further refine the scope of the technical knowledge gaps on agrichemical related policy and enforcement solutions and needs (as listed in Table 1 below) and products needed to facilitate the child projects achieving their objectives; and a consolidated matrix or index of the knowledge resources and products that are planned by the child projects
- a scoping study to map existing sources of relevant information/ knowledge (e.g. among child projects, from global, regional, national or subnational partners, initiatives, institutions and experts; and prioritize the most relevant case studies to be adapted and promoted as knowledge products through FARM.
 - a. the scoping study should include mapping of the updated HHPs, updated list of bans, and updated measurement tools/mechanism/schedule
 - b. the scoping study should include available global training and resource materials on agrochemicals and alternatives; global schemes to prevent/collect/recycle/destroy agri-plastics; alternative for hazardous pesticides in farm countries and non-farm countries; and assembling of pesticide legislation across the child project countries based on existing regional or global collaboration.
 - c. the scoping studies should include successful case studies and lessons learnt from FARM and non-FARM countries
- support the development of knowledge products based on the scoping study, including as relevant expert blogs, best practices, or case studies, etc.
- a recommendation for how child projects could use proposed tools including delivering thematic training to child project IAs and Eas based on the scoping study and knowledge products developed; and recommendations for how the global child project can engage in non-FARM countries to further replicate the programme results
- Conduct trainings and policy event to FARM stakeholders
 - a. deliver trainings to child projects based on scoping studies
 - b. deliver a policy session at the first FARM Biennial Forum based on the findings of the scoping study

Specifically, the technical assistance aims to address knowledge gaps and needs described in the following table.

Table 1. Topics/issues to be addressed

Topic/issue	Description	Technical assistance
Access to information such as understanding toxicity levels of HHPs	<p>Demand for accessible and up-to-date lists of registered, restricted, and banned products.</p> <p>There is a lack of understanding regarding the toxicity levels of pesticides and plastics and the risks associated with HHPs, particularly in</p>	<p>Desk Research to map updated HHPs, including definitions, level of toxicity, list of bans and its associated risks and trend analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping should take national and regional context into consideration • mapping should take existing methods into consideration such as the FAO's Pesticide Registration Toolkit • mapping should include KAP survey conducted in farm countries and results from previous surveys (their existing knowledge and proposing key messages or

	different regions and contexts	<p>approaches that have been successful in changing behaviours).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mapping should include identification of successful case studies and lessons learnt, eg: which countries have already successfully withdrawn banned pesticides based on the analysis, suggest FARM's policy engagement entry points in selected non-FARM countries
Awareness of alternatives	There is limited awareness among stakeholders about alternative solutions and best practices for reducing chemical and plastic use in agriculture and the availability of alternatives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping of available global training and resource materials on agrochemicals and alternatives Mapping of global schemes to prevent/collect/recycle/destroy agri-plastics Mapping alternatives for hazardous pesticides in farm countries and non-farm countries
Regulatory harmonization	Harmonization and regional collaboration on pesticide and biopesticide registration and monitoring, including global trade and the development of standardized coding systems	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assembling of pesticide legislation across the child project countries and proposing a recommendation for regional or global collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> based on the analysis, suggest FARM's policy engagement entry points through leveraging regional and global networks/initiatives/multilateral mechanisms to achieve regional collaboration
Monitoring and enforcement	Need for better monitoring and enforcement mechanisms and capacity to ensure compliance with regulations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> best practice and solutions of updated measurement tools/mechanism/initiatives for pesticide surveillance, particularly of HHP, by farmers in different crops/ areas/ value chains; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the list should include 1-2 existing digital tools and target FARM beneficiaries
Best practices learning	Sharing of success stories to assist with replication and scaling of methods to phase out, reduce, and better manage agrochemicals and agricultural plastics.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a recommendation for how child projects could use proposed tools including delivering thematic training to child project IAs and Eas based on the scoping study and knowledge products developed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the recommendation should consider the types of knowledge products and the leverage of FARM's existing knowledge management system (FARM initiative page, FARM Green Forum) and working groups (FARM Policy Community of Practice, Knowledge Management and Communication Group, etc)
Intragovernmental collaboration	the need for coordination, information sharing and training between agencies responsible for different or overlapping areas, including agriculture, customs, health, etc	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a written recommendation summary (3-5 pager) covering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> leveraging regional and global networks/initiatives/multilateral mechanisms to replicate the program results of the Global Child Project, and the entry points for engagement

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging non-FARM (non-food and agriculture-related) countries to replicate the program results of the Global Child Project <p>2. based on the recommendation, lead an thematic policy event in the FARM Biennial forum 2025</p>
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Based on the information requested below, the applicant entity must demonstrate that it is duly qualified and has the necessary experience to carry out the service described in the scope, duties and responsibilities of the technical assistance. Only non-profit organizations will be eligible.

4. Activities, expected duration and deliverables/products

It is anticipated that this technical assistance will require approximately 12 weeks. Partial proposals and merged proposals are encouraged. The completion of the assignment should take no longer than eight months. Expected deliverables and a preliminary timeline can be found in the table below.

Activities	Deliverable	Timeline
Develop Scoping Study	1 inception report including proposed action plan of specific deliverables and timeline, and proposed outline of scoping study based on reviewing child project activities and relevant event summary reports	End of month 1
	At least 2 meetings with child projects, GGKP and UNEP conducted, including a survey to refine the scope of the technical knowledge gaps	End of month 2
	Final scoping report developed and published	End of month 3
Support the Development of knowledge products	1 database covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> updated list of bans, identifying which countries have already successfully withdrawn banned pesticide 	End of month 4
	3 expert blogs developed and published in FARM knowledge platforms and partners' platforms	End of month 4
Conduct training for child projects	2 trainings for child projects conducted by region	End of month 6
	Deliver 1 policy session at FARM Biennial Forum 2025	By June 2025
	Provide regular expert views/insights in FARM Policy Community of Practice (monthly)	Monthly
Recommendation Report	A written recommendation summary produced	End of month 8

All summary reports detailed above should be prepared in English.

5. Qualifications

The selected entities shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Extensive fieldwork experience in the agricultural chemical and pesticide sector
- Familiarity with technical agricultural development programmes
- Prior experience with carrying out pesticide research projects on the ground

- Prior experience in conducting trainings to multiple stakeholders, particularly with farmers and women's organizations
- Prior experience with the GEF and/or other bilateral or multilateral development institutions
- Excellent command of the English language, both written and oral

In addition, the following qualifications are preferred, but not required:

- Ability to conduct consultation and lead discussions with multiple stakeholders
- Experience in agricultural research and monitoring
- Strong networks with farmers' organizations at country, regional and global level

6. Proposal submission requirements

The proposing organization should provide GGKP with the information below.

General information

- Name of the proposing entity
- Country of origin and registration
- Type of legal entity/organization
- Date of formation
- Address
- Website
- Name of contact person
- E-mail address
- Phone number

Technical proposal

- *Organizational profile*: Present a brief description of the proposing entity, including size (number of workers), type of activities carried out and the geographical scope of its work (max 250 words).
- *Demonstrated experience*: Provide samples of work that demonstrate experience with the services listed in Section 3. You may provide a link to an online portfolio.
- *Proposed work plan*: Brief description of how you would conduct the scoping study and develop knowledge products/training, and the timeline for specific deliverables.
- *Staff*: Provide a short biography(ies) and CV(s) of proposed staff, showing expertise required per Section 5.
- *Financial proposal*: Provide a cost estimate for services by using the table below, including anticipated attendance at the FARM biennial forums (see Section 3, Additional Considerations). Please note that the purchase of office equipment, rental of workspace and any other costs associated with the day-to-day operation of the entity are not eligible expenses.

Type of expense	Unit	Cost per unit	Total cost

Partial proposals and merged proposals are encouraged. The proposal should be limited to no more than 10 pages total, excluding CV and references. Applicants are also encouraged to comment on the Call for Proposal and include in their proposal suggestions to enhance the achievement of objectives under this project (e.g. aspect(s) overlooked in the services requests or aspects to refine, etc.).

7. Timeline

Submissions are due **28 June 2024**, no later than **17:00 CEST**. Proposals should be sent by email to Xi CAO, FARM Global Child Project Manager, at xi.cao@un.org, and cc'd to Joe Maina, Administration Assistant, joe.maina@un.org.

8. Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on relevant experience, proposed work approach and value delivered for cost.