Mid-term evaluation of the IOMC Toolbox for decision making in chemicals management -Phase IV: Towards achieving the SDGs





The IOMC Toolbox for decision making Phase IV



countries worldwide. Enhancing IOMC Toolbox utilization.

Phase IV focuses on:

Strengthening collaboration and networking.

Funded by European Union



Implementation timeframe: January 2023 -December 2025

The Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE)

Purpose

Assessed the project's relevance and effectiveness, examine the implementation of recommendations from the Phase III final evaluation, and provide actionable recommendations for improving project implementation during the remaining period.

Phase IV of the IOMC Toolbox for decision making in chemicals management project aims to improve the sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste in

Scope

Light evaluation

Implementation timeframe: January 2023 - September 2025

Methods and tools



Participatory, mixed-methods

Analysis of the Theory of Change

Key informant interviews

Online survey











Key findings

Strong Conceptual Foundation Undermined by Administrative Problems

Strong aliment with global frameworks and priorities, EU priorities. Administrative delays.



Mixed performance across objectives

Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) presents an important opportunity

Limited institutional change despite broad reach

- Progress on management schemes development and user engagement, but shortfalls exist in the remainder.
 - Shortfalls on outputs that depend on previous work.



- Opportunity to transform the IOMC Toolbox. Project Management Group has already
- started the mapping process. Large project reach (participants and
- countries in capacity building). Gender equality and human rights
- integration shows partial progress but remains fragmented without the resources for a comprehensive strategy.



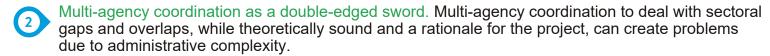


- Secure No-Cost Extension Through Emergency Provisions.
- Address Administrative Bottlenecks for Phase IV: Ensure processes are more streamlined and address administrative bottlenecks.
- Achieve Strategic Realignment with Global Framework on Chemicals: Should the PMG wish to go beyond mapping IOMC Toolbox content onto GFC targets in Phase IV then the project should consider creating explicit entry points that position the IOMC Toolbox as essential infrastructure for
- Improve user experience: Redesign platform functionality to address low engagement patterns through simplified navigation, contextualized content presentation, and interactive support mechanisms.
- Carry out one or two targeted low cost interventions that establish gender awareness as a quality improvement rather than an add-on.



Lessons learned





Timing Trumps Tools: Strategic timing - aligning support with emergent opportunity for policy change – can produce more impact than when there is no policy window.

Embedding over standalone: Carrying out IOMC Toolbox activities within project, country and global processes is more likely to contribute to behaviour change because what is learned is more likely to be revisited and used when carried out in ongoing processes.