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evaluation

Strengthening of National Initiatives and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation for the Environmentally Sound Management of POPs in Waste of Electronic or Electrical Equipment (WEEE) in Latin American Countries

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DEVELOP

a series of findings, lessons, and recommendations for enhancing the design of new projects and the implementation of ongoing UNIDO projects



ASSESS and RATE

overall project performance in terms of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coherence, and progress to impact

SCOPE

The independent terminal evaluation covered the whole project duration from **April 2017 to June 2024** and all **13** participating project countries.

OBJECTIVES



Document review



Interviews with key stakeholders



Focus Group Discussions

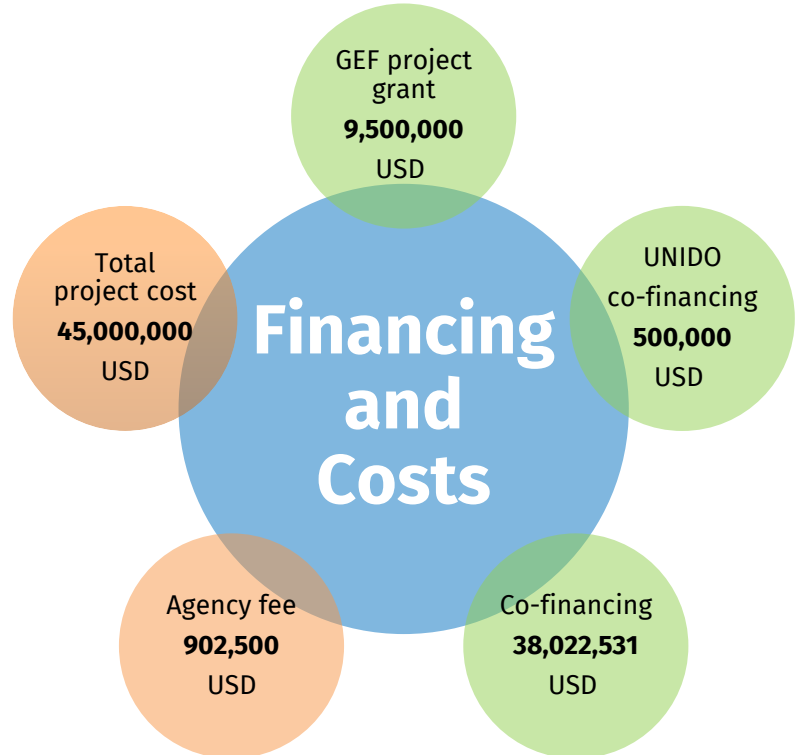


Field visits to project sites in selected countries

METHODOLOGY

CONCLUSION

The programme **effectively addressed critical needs in WEEE management**, aligned with private sector needs and initiatives, but faced **challenges in public sector integration, sustainability, and efficiency**.



PROJECT CONTEXT

Strengthening of national e-waste management initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Policies are drafted or reviewed • National Capacity for e-waste management is in place • National society is informed and aware of e-waste issues
Strengthening of national capacities on e-waste dismantling and recycling facilities/infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-waste dismantling and recycling facilities or infrastructure are operating efficiently and sustainably in participating countries
Enhancement of Regional Cooperation on e-waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues of e-waste policies are harmonized at the regional level, with due consideration of the relevant MEAs and mechanism like SAICM • Knowledge management systems and information exchange are strengthened • South -South cooperation is enhanced
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring • Evaluation

Achievements

Strengthened policies: Five countries implemented regulations, four are finalizing them, and four others are drafting frameworks.

Awareness: Over 15,000 individuals engaged through campaigns; collaborations included universities and recycling firms.

Capacity Building: Trained government officials and engaged over 40 recycling companies.

Challenges

Sustainability: Mixed results; some countries show strong potential while others face significant barriers.

Targets: Overly ambitious goals for e-waste processing and disposal.

Implementation delays: Varied progress due to political changes, lack of resources, and differences in baseline conditions across countries.



Targeted and tailored support over time

Develop specific selection criteria for countries, allocating adequate funding based on unique national contexts and recognize performance variability by adjusting resource allocation based on countries' progress and commitment levels.



Streamlined country participation

Limit the number of countries in regional projects to enhance management efficiency and success rates, with tailored support based on specific national contexts.



Engagement of public sector and diverse stakeholders

Actively involve public sector institutions as primary stakeholders to integrate WEEE management into national policies and procurement practices, as well as civil society and the informal sector to promote comprehensive engagement.



Comprehensive EPR and regulatory framework

Emphasize Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in WEEE regulations, ensuring thorough definitions and full value chain implementation.



Alignment of project logic and understanding

Ensure all stakeholders clearly understand project indicators and their measurement, aligning initial proposals with actual implementation for coherence.



Structured Knowledge Management

Develop a comprehensive strategy for knowledge management to consolidate lessons learned and ensure sustainability after project closure.



Proactive Scope Reassessment

Regularly reassess and refine project design and scope to adapt to evolving contexts and ensure efficient attainment of results