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The International POPs Elimination Project

*Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in
Preparations for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

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About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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In Moldova, "Habitat" Environmental News Agency had implemented a project to inform residents of villages Pepeuts, Trifesht, Pechishte and Slobodzia-Gorodishte on health risks associated with environmental contamination by POPs, principles of the Stockholm Convention and activities of the International POPs Elimination Network. They managed to involve residents of Pepeuts, Trifesht, Pechishte and Slobodzia-Gorodishte villages into partnerships with "Habitat" Agency for Regional Development and local authorities for improvement of environmental quality and development of local action plans for implementation of the Stockholm Convention. The project activities allowed for awareness-raising of 1036 local residents and 5000 readers of the regional weekly "Cuvantul", which published the project results. For additional information, please contact Valeriy Rus, "Habitat" Agency for Regional Development, habitat-md@list.ru