

Generated data to inform policy making processes, and awareness raising programs. An Inventory on chemicals in agriculture was developed. The inventory fed into the process of developing fact sheets in the Ministry of Gender and the report is used as an awareness raising tool. The Trade unions are developing training manuals for staff, and internal chemical safety and management units responsible developing internal guidelines/by laws for use of chemicals

Results Attained (Quarter 2, 2012)

2 of the 5 Trade unions are developing training manuals for staff, and internal chemical safety and management units responsible developing internal guidelines/by laws for use of chemicals.

Built the capacity of the education department's in Trade unions to be able to train members on chemical safety issues. 4 of the five trade unions under the project are currently developing an internal training program for staff on safe use of chemicals in workplaces.

A total of 80 Representatives from education departments had their capacity build in chemical safety, and training of trainers. Had their input in the training manual. Trade unions are now putting in place a framework to decentralise the training manual.

The meeting reviewed and harmonised different training manuals available for chemical safety education. Messages were harmonised and simplified and will be compiled into one tool to be used by the Trainers. The meetings harmonised priorities and in put in on going process of developing a chemicals safety program at the Ministry

Trained and raised awareness of a total of 160 district leaders and Agricultural extension workers on chemical safety issues.

Built the technical capacity and ability of district and local council leaders to be able to incorporate chemical safety issues in district planning process and development priorities.

Have so far distributed over 200 copies at different meetings - to raise awareness

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How the outputs achieved this quarter contributed to the CPAP outcome

The activities strengthened the capacity of district local governments for the management of agricultural chemicals and minimisation of ill health arising from exposure of children to chemicals.

The activities increased the knowledge and understanding of district officials, institutions and stakeholders and developed their technical capabilities to implement chemical safety programs in the use of chemicals. Children as a vulnerable segment of the population will increasingly benefit from an improved agricultural system that manages chemicals.

PROMOTING CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AT WORK IN RURAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES IN UGANDA



Pro-biodiversity Conservationists in Uganda (PROBICO) and partners, in collaboration with the National Steering committee on Child Labour under the Ministry of Gender labour and Social Development, is implementing a 24 Month project aimed at promoting chemical safety for children at work in rural agricultural communities in Uganda.

This project is funded by strategic approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Quick Start Program and executed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – Uganda.

This project is an effort to put in place a minimal programme to prevent ill health arising from pesticides with particular focus on children at work in agricultural setting.

The project focuses on: - developing an up-to-date information on chemicals in agriculture, their uses, the dangerous processes and end point discharges; developing manpower among the workers, employers and the general public for the dissemination of safety measures in use of toxic chemicals; and building a comprehensive public awareness and education on the alternatives to toxic chemicals and careful use when it is necessary to use them



Activity photo1:
Un protected women carry chemicals in a tea Estate in Western Uganda



Activity photo2: Training Workshop for Ministry of Health Officials on safe use of chemicals and developing a chemical safety program in the Ministry

The project covers 20 Districts in Uganda and is developing capacity for prevention at two levels: - National Level- consisting of government departments and high-level officers of government, trade unions, workers and employers whose role extends throughout the country.

District Level – consisting of persons whose role and duties are limited to the district domains only. Such officers include the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) the District Labour Officers (DLOs), the District Agricultural Officers (DAOs), the District Population Officers (DPOs), the District Medical Officers (DMOs), and Resident District Commissioners RDCs and the elected political leaders of the districts.

At each of these levels, seminars, trainings, and other activities of the project have been conducted each designed for the particular target.

Results attained (Quarter 1, 2012)

30% of targeted leaders of trade unions, employers and government officials were reached and competence in chemical safety issues developed.

By the end of the project quarter 2 (50%) of the 4 trade unions under the project had developed an internal training program for staff on safe use of chemicals in workplaces.

The Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, began the process of reviewing Labour inspection guidelines to include issues of chemical safety and Personal Protection.

