

INFORMATION NOTE

RELEVANT TO COUNTRY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION FOR PACIFIC OCEAN LITTER PROJECT FUNDING

Timeframe

The timeframe proposed for POLP National Activities is three years (2023-2025) subject to further discussion between SPREP and National Focal Points.

Budget

Funding of national activities depends on the cost and feasibility of the collective activities being proposed.

Expression of Interest Process

Expression of Interest (EOI) request circulated on 14th September 2022.

- Deadline for submission of EOI is **Friday 14th October 2022**.
- Please send to andreav@sprep.org
- Assessment of the EOIs in October. During this time additional information may be requested from National Focal Points or the delegated official for this exercise.
- National Focal Points will be advised of status of EOIs and next steps during November 2022.

POLP Outcome Areas and associated Immediate Outcomes

POLP Outcome 1: Measures, policies or practical strategies to reduce single-use plastic are developed and provided to pilot countries

- 1.1 National and sectoral measures, strategies and implementation plans for reducing single-use plastics are developed and shared across the region.
- 1.2 Building knowledge and capacity with Government officials about options for reduction of single-use plastics.

POLP Outcome 2: Local and visiting consumers (women, men, girls and boys) are using less single-use plastics and more alternative products

- 2.1 Building awareness among, or motivating, local and visiting consumers (women, men, girls and boys) to reduce their use of single-use plastics.

POLP Outcome 3: Target sectors, companies and businesses adopt plastic reduction measures

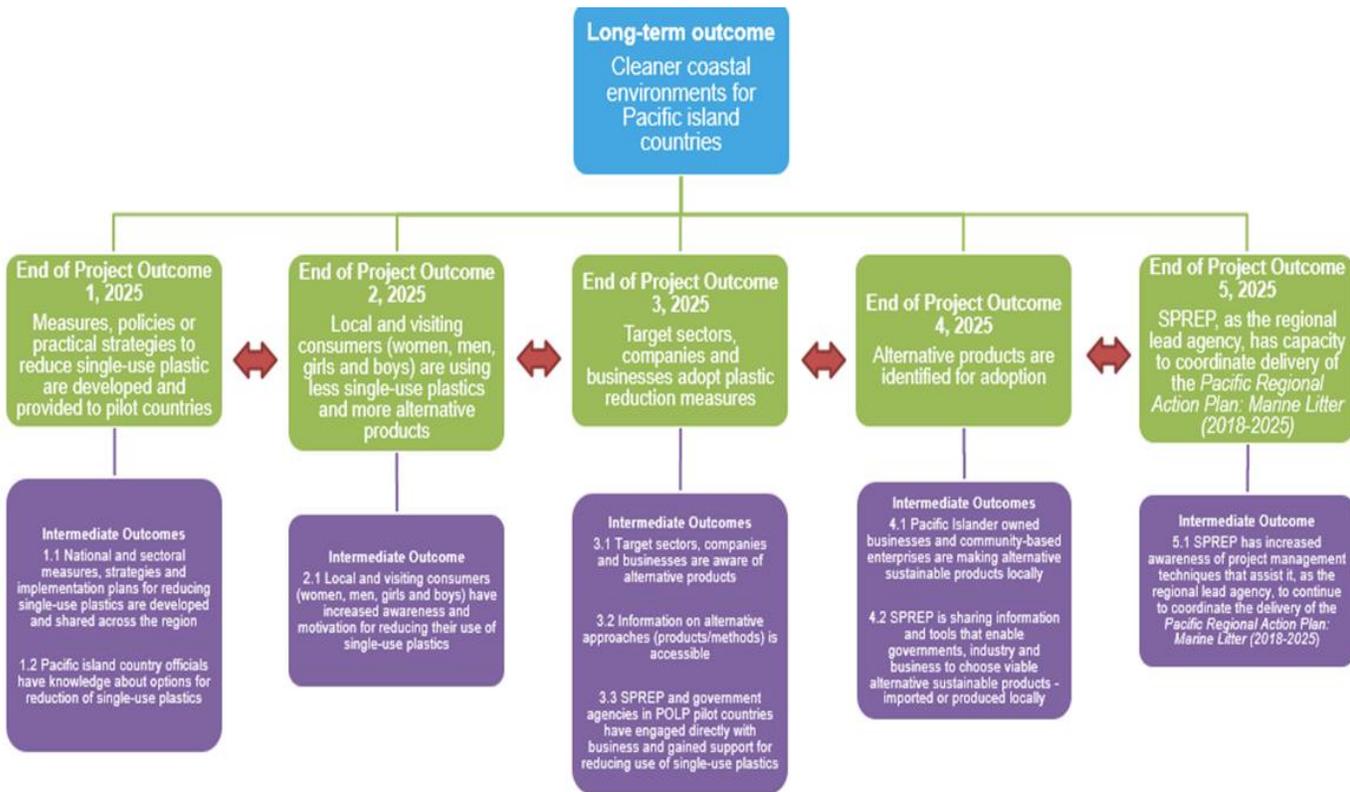
- 3.1 Building awareness in target sectors, companies and businesses of alternatives to single use plastics

- 3.2 Improving access to information on alternative approaches (products/methods)
- 3.3 Supporting or enabling Government agencies to engage directly with business to reduce use of single-use plastics.

POLP Outcome 4: Alternative products are identified for adoption

- 4.1 Supporting or enabling Pacific Islander owned businesses and community-based enterprises to make alternative sustainable products locally.

POLP Outcome Framework



Cross-cutting strategies

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| <p>Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination with donors, partners and other waste initiatives | <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Governance - National and regional level governance arrangements to support implementation - Partnerships | <p>Gender equality and social inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All activities take appropriate consideration of intended and unintended outcomes for women, men, girls and boys; people living with disabilities - Participation, visibility and influence of women and people living with disabilities will be promoted through the ways that POLP is delivered, reflected in governance, management and delivery, community engagement and stakeholder consultation | <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication with countries, donors, partners, stakeholders, communities through web, social media, local media - Knowledge sharing | <p>Behavioural change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of behaviour change theory including how change happens differently for women, men, girls and boys and people living with disabilities - Establish convenient systems |

Example of potential activities and links to Outcomes

These activities are indicative only and are not required to be included in the Expression of Interest. Please consider gender and social equality when developing activity proposals, including activities that are inclusive of women, youth, the aged and people with disabilities.

| Priority # | Name of generic activity | POLP outcome(s) it relates to? | Short description (up to 200 words) |
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| | | <p><i>See Outcomes Framework above for POLP outcomes and Intermediate Outcomes</i></p> | <p><i>What is it? How is it aligned to national commitments/priorities? Where is it? Who is involved? Barriers/challenges? Indicative cost (if known)?</i></p> |
| 1 | National consultation workshop to inform the development of a regulation to ban certain single use plastics | <p>Outcome 1: Measures, policies or practical strategies to reduce single-use plastic are developed and provided to pilot countries</p> <p>Outcome 2: Local and visiting consumers (women, men, girls and boys) are using less single-use plastics and more alternative products</p> <p>Outcome 3: Target sectors, companies and businesses adopt plastic reduction measures</p> | <p>The activity is aligned to the government's commitment to ban the use of certain single use plastics as set out in the [name of national planning document]. Although this has been documented as a national priority, a national consultation process is needed to inform the development of legislation to regulate the use of single use plastics. Such a process requires the involvement and ownership of key stakeholders such as the business importing single use plastics, government Ministries (Customs, Revenue) to ensure that there is no leakage at the border. The public at large should also engage in the consultations for this policy imperative, especially to support the use of alternatives. As single use plastics are durable and cost effective compared to alternatives, resistance is expected, particularly from businesses and consumers but given the magnitude of the litter problem, the government has made it a priority to progress this initiative. The estimated cost for this activity is USD \$40,000.</p> |
| 2. | Developing a regulation to ban single use plastics | <p>Outcome 1: Measures, policies or practical strategies to reduce single-use plastic are developed and provided to pilot countries</p> | <p>The activity is aligned to the government's commitment to ban the use of certain single use plastics as set out in the [name of national planning document] and linked to the activity above.</p> <p>Under this activity, and building on the national consultation workshop, a consultant will be engaged to prepare the draft regulation and explanatory memorandum following the national drafting instructions issued by the Office of the Attorney-General. The estimated cost for this activity is USD \$50,000.</p> |
| 3 | Developing local by-laws | <p>Outcome 1: Measures, policies or practical strategies to reduce single-use plastic are developed and provided to pilot countries</p> <p>Outcome 2: Local and visiting consumers (women, men, girls and boys) are using less single-use plastics and</p> | <p>This activity targets behavioral change to the use of certain single use plastics in communities through bans/restrictions enforced under traditional governance structures (village councils).</p> <p>Four village councils from 4 village communities will be targeted for consultations and supported to develop and register local by laws. As part of this process the participation and involvement of church groups, women and youth in the decision making of how this activity is rolled out will be a prerequisite. The estimated cost for this activity is USD \$40,000.</p> |

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| | | more alternative products | |
| 4 | Feasibility of implementing PHA (<i>polyhydroxyalkanoate</i>) production in [name of country] | Outcome 4: Alternative products are identified for adoption | <p>This study will assess the capacity of [Name of Country] to provide bioplastic alternatives to its current plastics (single use and foam bans currently in implementation as well as other plastics) through circular bioeconomy approaches and implementation of a PHA (<i>polyhydroxyalkanoate</i>) production facility using waste biomass.</p> <p>The study will primarily be qualitative desk-based research supported by interactions with businesses, educators and regulators. Targets include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastics usage in [Country] by type and functional requirements, now and potential. • Opportunity to replace existing plastics by current PHA technologies and technical feasibility re plastics performance. <p>The Outcome will be a report enabling potential donors as well as local government and policy makers to understand the potential for PHA production from waste as a bioplastic substitute for petroleum plastics, in order to contribute towards a circular bio-economy in [Country] and the key factors likely to impact on a successful implementation. The cost for this activity is unknown.</p> |
| 5 | Micro-factory Trial | Outcome 4: Alternative products are identified for adoption | <p>This activity supports the establishment of a micro-factory that will service the communities [on the island of/ in [] municipality] to reduce plastic waste while creating commercial materials and products, such as plastic pellets for manufacture of recycled plastic products. Possible products created from micro- factories include green ceramic tiles and other building materials.</p> <p>Establishing a micro-factory in [community] has the potential to create job opportunities and allow the community to contribute to waste collection, recycling and reuse .</p> <p>The estimated cost for this activity, including a feasibility study, is USD\$100,000 to \$250,000.</p> |
| 6 | Developing a project to produce alternative products to single use plastics e.g. carry bags, food containers | <p>Outcome 2. Local and visiting consumers (women, men, girls and boys) are using less single-use plastics and more alternative products</p> <p>Outcome 4: Alternative products are identified for adoption</p> | <p>This is a local initiative for X community group (e.g. school, church, youth, women's or other group) to develop a micro-business to produce alternatives to single use plastic item/s (such as bags, plates), including a business plan, purchase of materials and equipment, and infrastructure/accommodation (if needed).</p> <p>The initiative will look into the feasibility of developing a micro- business, the demand for alternative/s, and options to develop a micro-business for production of sustainable items, including indicative costs. The cost for this activity is unknown but could range between USD\$50,000 - \$100,000.</p> |