



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF) 8 NATIONAL DIALOG

Edgewater Resort
19th - 20th May 2023



OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS

GEF 8 National Dialog



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PROGRAMME DAY 1

SESSION 1: OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

- 8.00-8.30 Arrival & registration of participants
- 8.30-8.40 Opening Prayer & Welcoming remarks
- 8:40 -8:45 Introduction to the GEF National Dialogue (ND) and Agenda

SESSION 2 Introduction to the GEF

- 8.45-10:00 Introduction to Global Environment Facility (incl GEF Focal Areas)
Overview of Project Cycle and timelines
National GEF Focal Points Roles
Q&A

SESSION 3: PROGRAMMING GEF-8 RESOURCES

- 10:00-10:15 Overview of GEF 8 resources available
(STAR, Non-STAR and other programs)
- 10:15-10:30 Committed resources (STAR and non-STAR)
- 10:30-10:45 Small Grant Programme (SGP)
Q&A

MORNING TEA

SESSION 4: PLASTICS INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

- 11:00-1:00 Overview of Plastics IP
Timelines
Concept/Components
Discussion to identify additional ideas, risks, etc.
(breakout groups, activities, feedback)

PART 5: RECAP, NEXT STEPS & CLOSING REMARKS

LUNCH

INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL ENVIRO



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SESSION 3 PROGRAMMING GEF 8 RESOURCES

(45min Session)

PROGRAMMING GEF 8 RESOURCES

Overview of GEF 8 Resources available
(STAR, Non-STAR and other Programs)



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PROGRAMMING GEF 8 RESOURCES

Committed Resources
(STAR and non STAR)



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Committed Resources

STAR Allocation

US\$8 million

- US\$300,000 Pacific Environment Data programme
- US\$3 million Circular Solutions to Plastic pollution IP

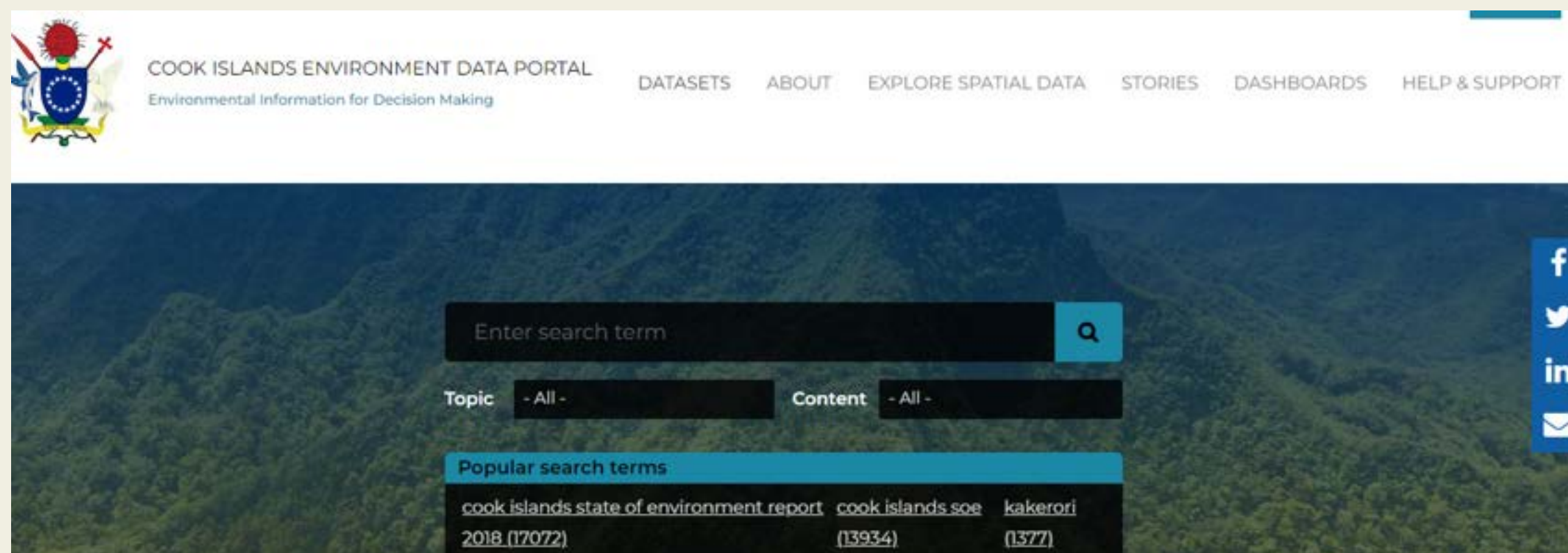
= US\$4.7 million to be allocated



Pacific Environment Data programme

Follow on programme from successes of INFORM

- Regional and national databases
- Indicator reporting tools
- E-learning courses





Pacific Environment Data programme

Upscale & Expand Based on Ongoing Gaps:

- 1. Environmental standards**
- 2. Monitoring & field data collection**
- 3. Data management**
- 4. GIS & spatial planning**
- 5. Data advocacy**





Committed Resources

Non-STAR Allocation

US\$8 million

1. Circular Solutions to Plastics
US\$1million 3:1 funding incentive
US\$3 million IW contribution
2. Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)
3. Technology Needs Assessment (v)
4. Global Biodiversity Finance
5. CBD 7th National Report & NBSAP updates



PROGRAMMING GEF 8 RESOURCES

Small Grant Program (SGP)



Patience Vainerere- Maoate
National Coordinator GEF SGP
Red Cross





SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme

COOK ISLANDS



What is GEF SGP?

Focal Areas

Who is eligible?

How to access?

Cook Islands Projects



GLOBAL

ENVIRONMENT

FACILITY

SMALL

GRANTS

PROGRAM

A global program, which:

- Supports community-driven, environmental activities costing up to USD50,000
- Believes in local solutions to global environmental problems.

Cook Islands SGP structure

- National Co-ordinator
- National Steering Committee
- Country Program Management Team





Non Government Organisations & Community Based Organisations

Who is
Eligible?

NGO & CBO

- Must be registered with CICSO, or Ministry of Justice
- Must be able to handle money and provide progress reports
- Projects must promote social inclusion: disabled, women, youth driven or involved
- Not for individuals, commercial businesses, or national government.
- But partnerships encouraged



Eligible Activities

Biodiversity

Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation

International Waters

Land Degradation & Sustainable Forest Management

Chemicals & Waste

Capacity Development

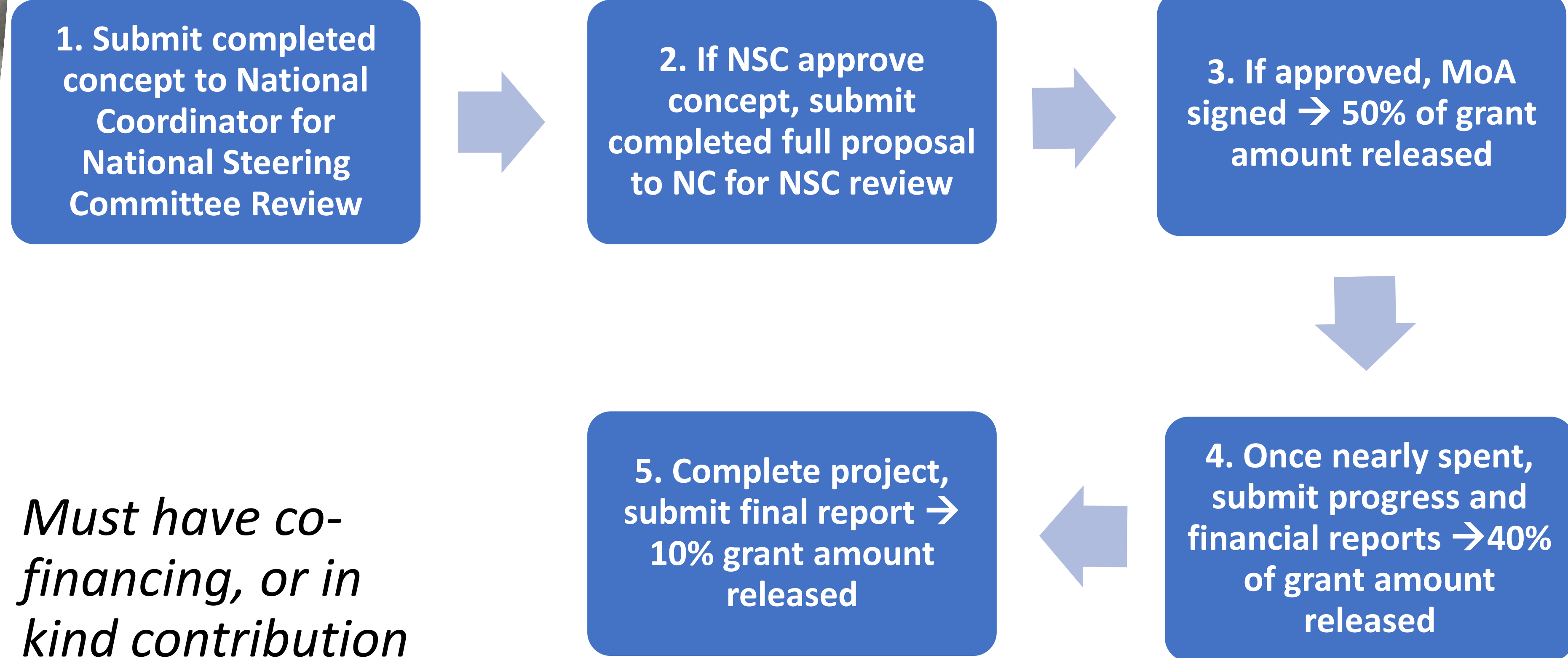
- Conservation, sustainable use of natural resources
- Activities to reduce the emission of Greenhouse Gases.
 - Promoting non-motorized transport, bicycle routes, pedestrian walkways, renewable energy, etc.
- Climate change adaptation
- Integrated freshwater basin - coastal area management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Capacity building (in focal areas)
- Invasive species control

Activities must be measurable

- e.g. acres of land conserved or organically farmed, number of species conserved, amount of compost produced, number of predator species controlled, etc.

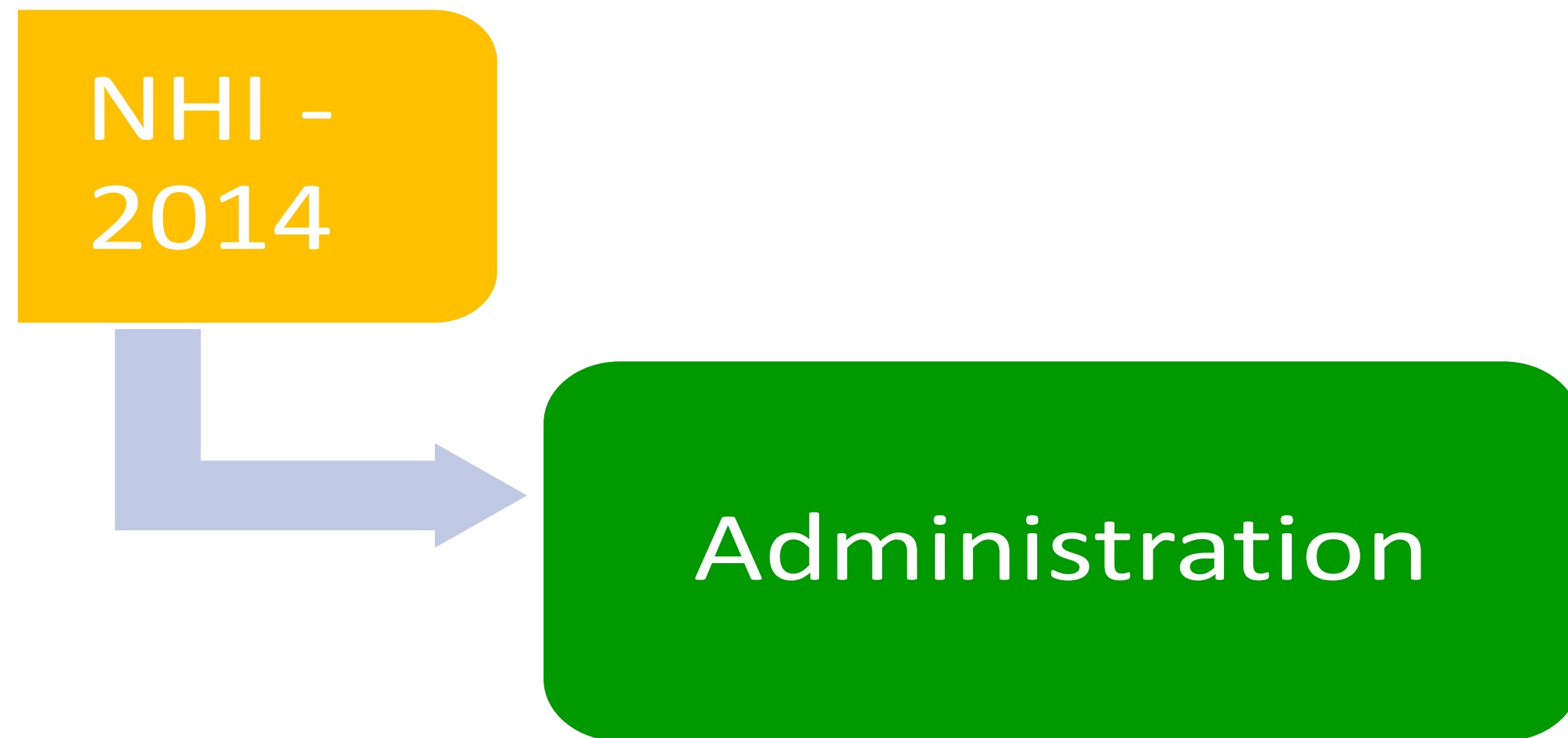


Once eligible:



Must have co-financing, or in kind contribution

ROLE of Cook Islands Red Cross



- Promote GEF SGP
- Advertise – Call for Proposal
- Screen and rate proposals
- Provide NSC with updates about the SGP
- Liaise with CPMT
- Link grantees with other stakeholders
- Develop CPS for each operational phase
- Represent UNDP in stakeholder meetings

Cook Islands Projects – OP5

Grantee	Project title	Project code	Amount (USD)	Project status
Aitutaki Conservation Trust	Enviroloo Project in Aitutaki	CI/SGP/OP5/Y4/CORE/IW/15/01	27,000	Completed
Tapere Avatiu Central Committee	Tapere Avatiu potable drinking water station in Avatiu	CI/SGP/OP5/Y4/CORE/CCA/15/02	9,000	Completed
Muri Environment Care Group	Beach Erosion	CI/SGP/OP5/Y4/CORE/CCA/15/03	3,230	Completed
Tamarua Oire Association Incorporated	Tamarua village packing shed & water catchment in Mangaia	CI/SGP/OP5/Y4/CORE/CCA/15/04	1,700	Completed
Te Ipukarea Society	Reduction of POPs and green house gas emissions through improvements in waste management in the Cook Islands	CI/SGP/OP5/Y4/CORE/CH/15/05	49,920	Completed
Lokal Creative Inc	Lokal Magazine: Te 'Akaora'anga	CI/SGP/OP5/Y5/CORE/KM/17/01	20,260	Completed
Kau Wo Wolo/ Pukapuka People's Fund	Lau: Pukapukan Indigenous Knowledge on Climate Change	CI/SGP/OP5/Y5/CORE/KM/17/02	49,821	Completed
Te Ipukarea Society	Bird conservation and monitoring & predator removal	CI/SGP/OP5/Y5/CORE/BD/17/03	49,980	Completed
Hakono Hararanga Inc.	Conserving Biodiversity of Tongareva through training, revegetation, and waste management	CI/SGP/OP5/Y5/CORE/CB/17/04	34,560	Completed
Island Government Association of the Cook Islands	Solid Waste Mangament Program for the Southern Islands of Mauke, Atiu, and Mitiaro	CI/SGP/OP5/Y5/CORE/CH/17/05	64,500	project closed
Korero o te Orau	Piloting the development of Climate Change teaching teaching units for primary school level at Avarua Primary School	CI/SGP/OP5/Y6/CORE/CB/18/01	23,580	Completed
Island Sustainability Alliance Cook	Monitoring fish in Rarotonga to determine Methylmercury levels	CI/SGP/OP5/Y6/CORE/CH/18/02	20,150	Project terminated
Muri Environment Care Group	Nukupure Beach Coastal Protection	CI/SGP/OP5/Y6/CORE/LD/18/04	19,400	Project on HOLD
Pacific Island Conservation Initiative	Northern Cook Islands Waste Management Pilot Project	CI/SGP/OP5/Y6/CORE/CH/18/05	48,420	Completed



Cook Islands Projects – OP6

Grantee	Project title	Project code	Amount (USD)	Project status
Te Ipukarea Society	Creating positive community behaviours and attitudes towards waste management in Mauke and Mangaia	CI/SGP/OP6/Y5/CORE/CH/19/01	48,000	project in progress
New hope church committee	Environmentally – Safe disposal of scrap vehicles from takuvaine/Parekura/Tutakimoa & the wider vaka Te Au O Tonga area	CI/SGP/OP6/Y5/CORE/CH/19/02	98,500	project in progress
Mangaia School Committee	Strengthening the capacity of youth to be resilient to the impacts of Agriculture affected through Climate change	CI/SGP/OP6/Y5/CORE/LD/19/03	28,500	project Completed
Cook Islands Solid Waste Management Committee	Rent – a – plate initiative for Punanga Nui Market	CI/SGP/OP6/Y5/CORE/CH/19/04	25,000	project in progress
Puna Tamarua Association Incorporated	Tamarua Agricultural Fencing Project	CI/SGP/OP6/Y6/CORE/LD/20/01	40,400	project in progress
Korero Ote Orau	Takuvaine Valley Utu Reforestation	CI/SGP/OP6/Y6/CORE/LD/20/02	38,000	project Completed
Mauke Environment Care	Erecting a new access road for easy access to the Makatea taro swamp	CI/SGP/OP6/Y6/CORE/BD/20/03	38,300	project in progress
Ruaau Disaster Risk Management Committee	Environmentally and safe removal and disposal of abandoned/end of life vehicles in the Ruaau Tapere	CI/SGP/OP6/Y6/CORE/CW/22/01	83,300	Awaiting for MOA to be signed by RDRMC

Cook Islands Projects – OP7

Grantee	Project title	Project code	Amount (USD)	Project status
Korero Ote Orau	Takuvaine Reforestation and Downstream Health	CI/SGP/OP7/Y1/CORE/BD/21/01	49,500	project in progress
Aitutaki Conservation Trust	Keep Aitutaki Clean - Repair, Refresh, Reeducate	CI/SGP/OP7/Y1/CORE/IW/21/02	25,500	project in progress
Titkaveka Community and Teimurimotia Fire and Rescue Brigade Charitable Trust	Titikaveka Solid Waste Removal pilot project (Climate Change)	CI/SGP/OP7/Y1/CORE/CW/21/03	40,100	project in progress
Apii Te Uki Ou	Strengthening the resilience of Apii Te Uki Ou community to striving learning environment	CI/SGP/OP7/Y2/CORE/CH/22/01	49,500	project in progress
Muri Environment Care	Muri biodiversity ecology project - streams and waterways, land degradation & sustainable planting	CI/SGP/OP7/Y2/CORE/BD/22/02	50,000	project in progress
Araura College School Committee	Greening our school	Ci/SGP/OP7/Y2/CORE/CH/22/03	28,000	project in progress
Araki Growers and Fishing Association	The Araki Orchids of Atiu	CI/SGP/OP7/Y2/CORE/LD/22/04	49,500	project in progress
Uri Mataiapo Chief Sovereign Deeds Inc	Breadfruit flour production addressing Food Security by weaving ancestral knowledge with modern technology	CI/SGP/OP7/Y2/CORE/CBA/22/05	22,800	project in progress
Cook Islands Aquatics Federation	Strenghtening the Resilience of the Nikao social Centre with coastal and foreshore protectionto include recreational facilities to support local community iniatives	CI/SGP/OP7/Y1/CORE/CH/21/05	50,000	approved in principal





Any Questions



GROUP PHOTO MORNING TEA



SESSION 4: PLASTIC INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

(2 hours Session)

PLASTIC INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

Circular Solution for Plastic



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Circular Solutions for Plastic Pollution Integrated Program

GEF 8 Cook Islands National Dialogue – 19 April 2023



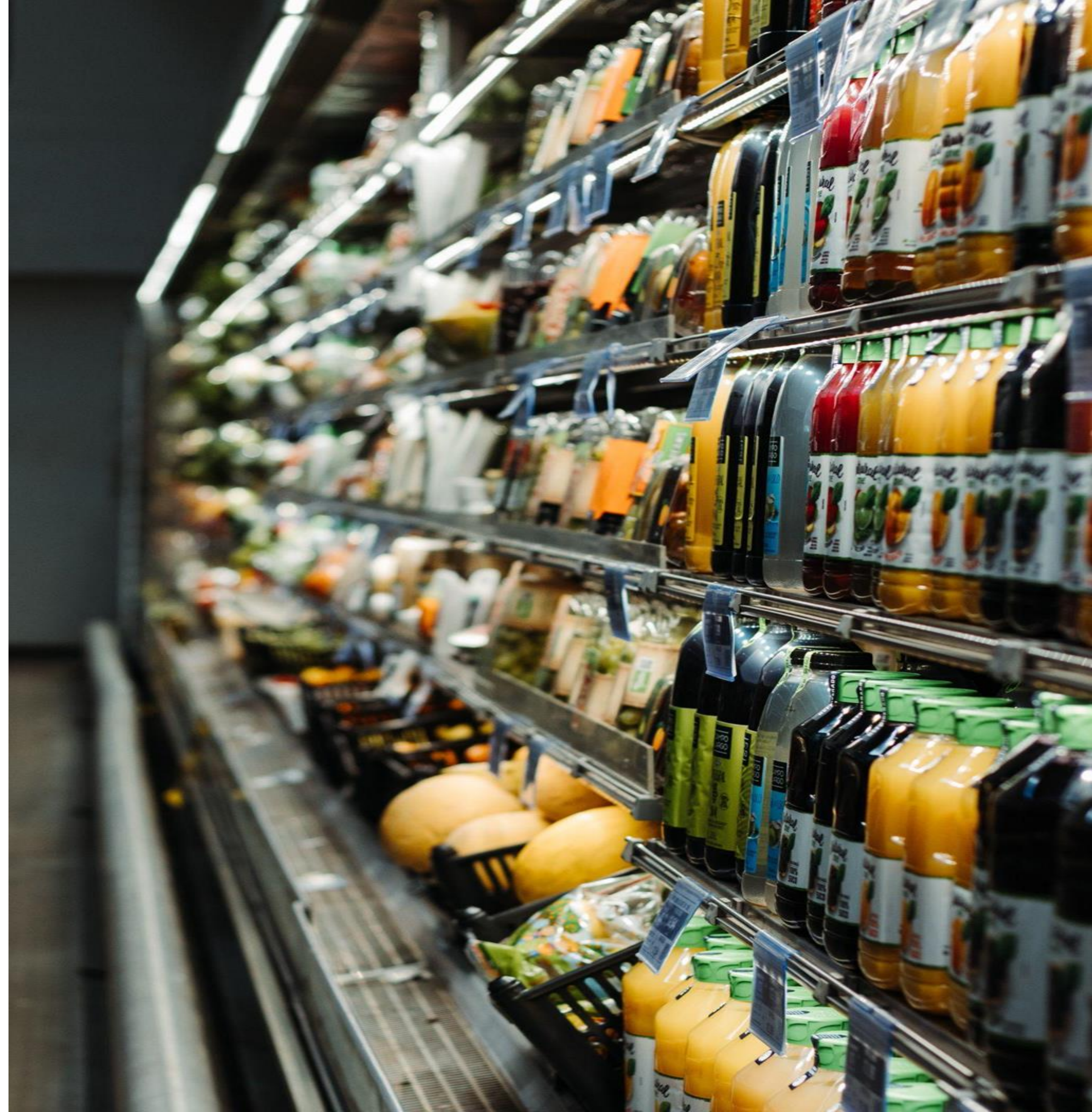
Agenda

**Overview of the Plastics
Integrated Program**

Engagement Opportunities

Timeline

Feedback & Questions

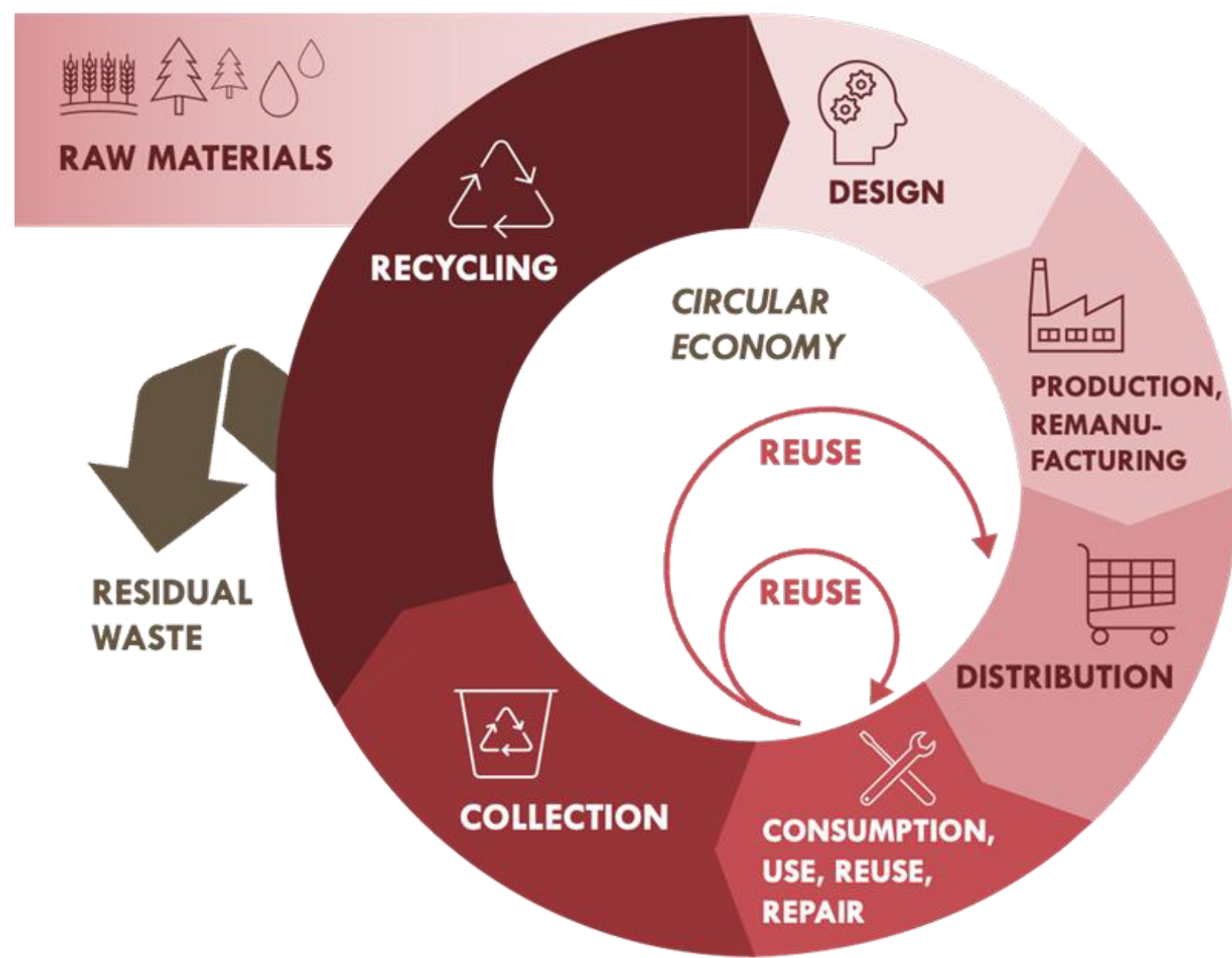




IP Overview

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution Integrated Program

Goal: catalyze circular economy approaches to reduce plastic production, consumption and disposal with a focus on SUP in the food and beverage sector

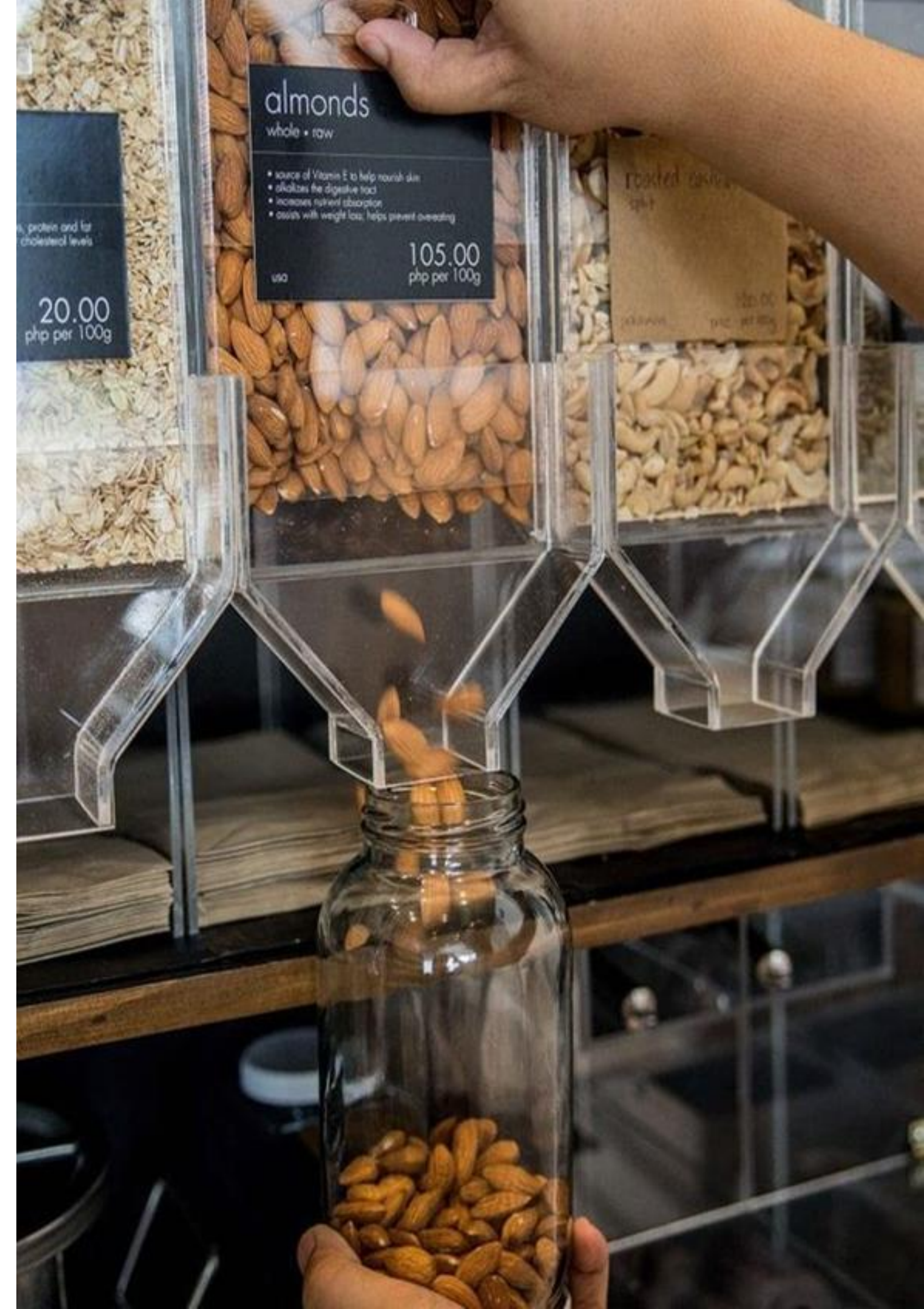


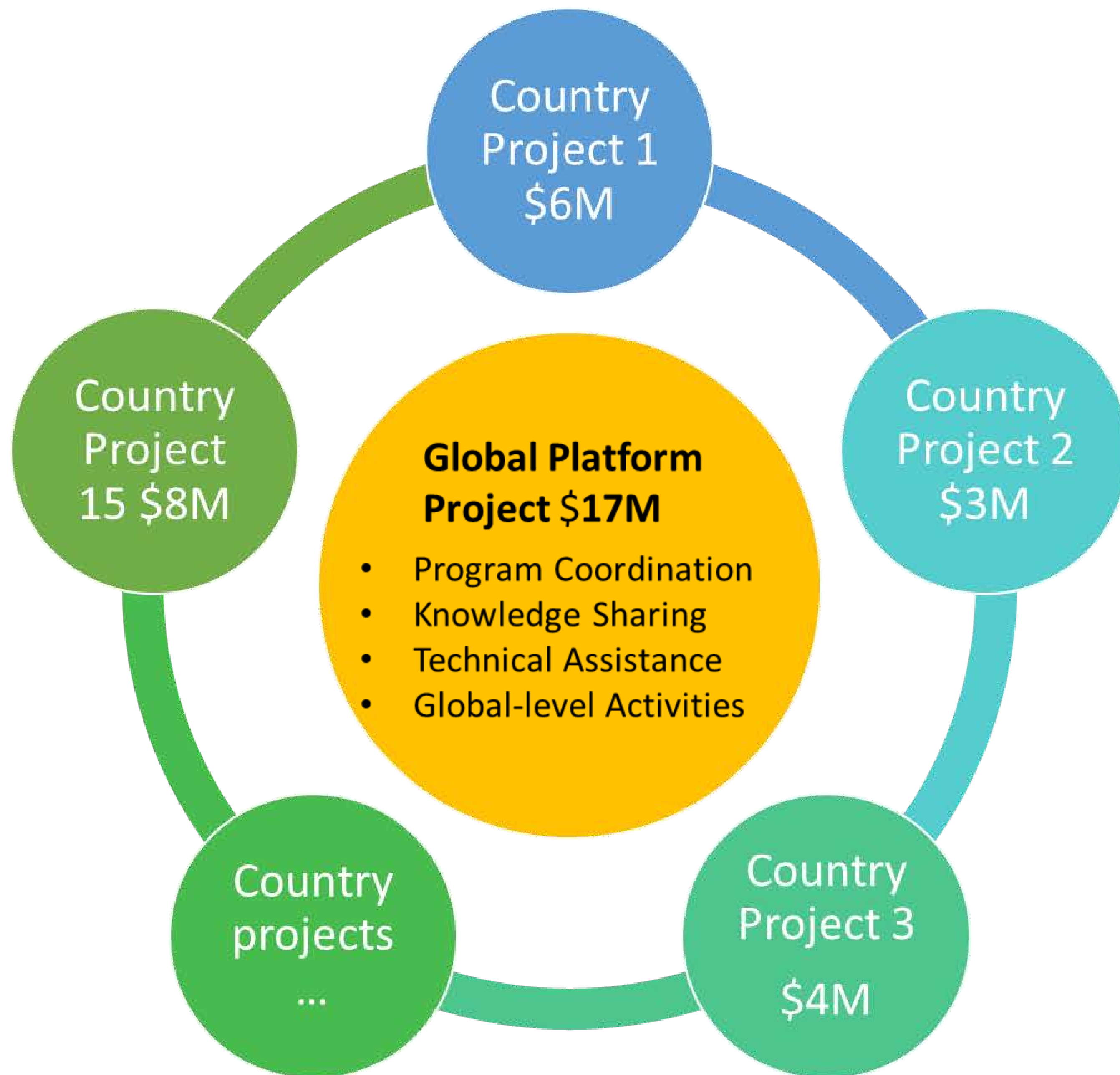
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution *Integrated Program*

Suite of projects...

- Integrating across sectors, themes, and drivers
- Engaging governments, civil society organizations, private sector

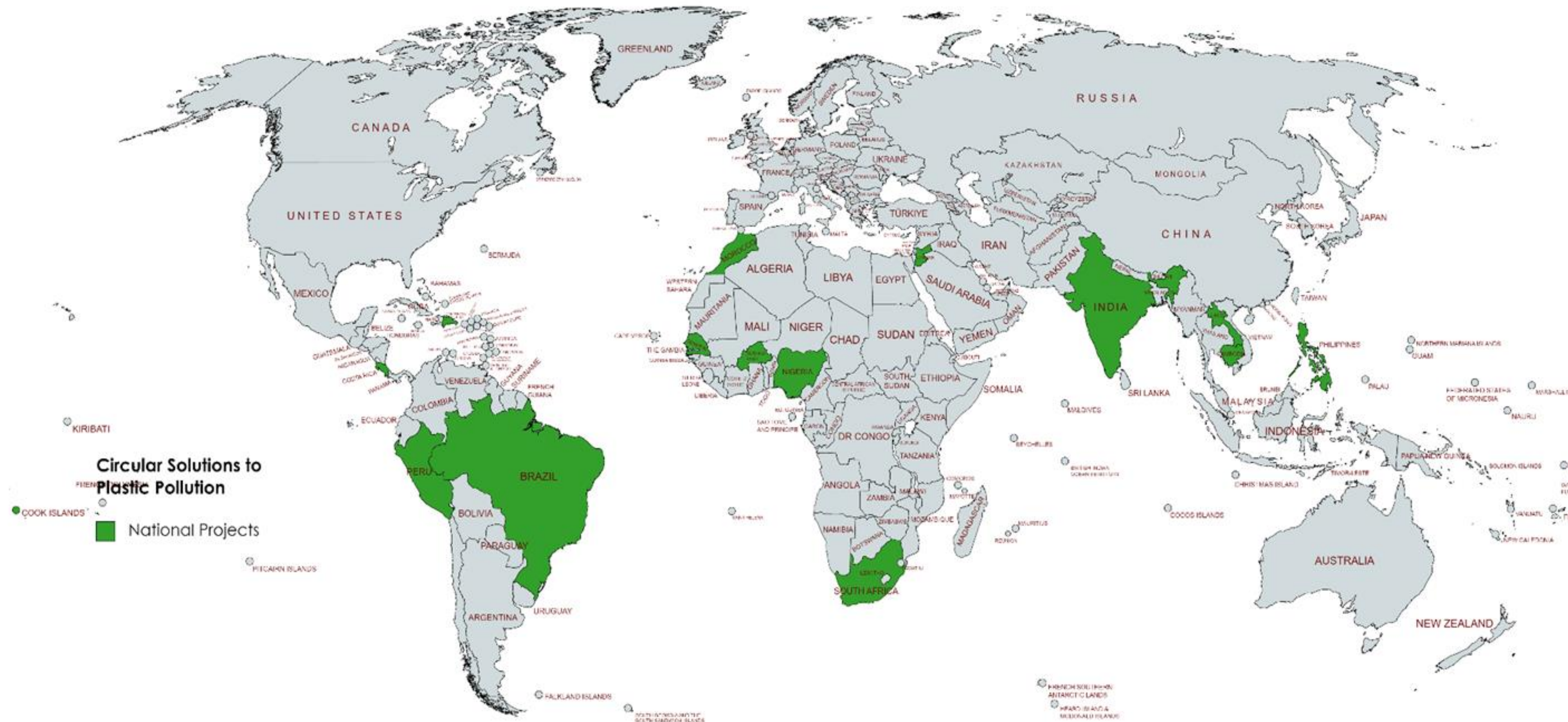
“The whole is greater than the sum of the parts”





Circular Solutions
to Plastic Pollution
Integrated Program
\$107M

Countries recommended for GEF Council review and approval




- Global** (UNEP & WWF)
- Africa**
 - Burkina Faso (UNEP)
 - Morocco (UNIDO)
 - Nigeria (UNEP)
 - Senegal (UNDP)
 - South Africa (UNIDO)
- Asia**
 - Cambodia (UNEP)
 - India (UNEP & UNIDO)
 - Jordan (UNDP)
 - Laos (WWF)
 - Philippines (UNIDO)
- Latin America**
 - Brazil (UNEP)
 - Costa Rica (UNDP)
 - Peru (UNEP)
- SIDS**
 - Cook Islands (UNEP)
 - Dominican Republic (UNDP)

The private sector plays a critical role in this program

1. **Pilot testing** circular solutions to reduce plastic packaging
2. Catalyzing **system change** among businesses
3. Supporting circular government **policies**
4. Participating in an **incubator** program



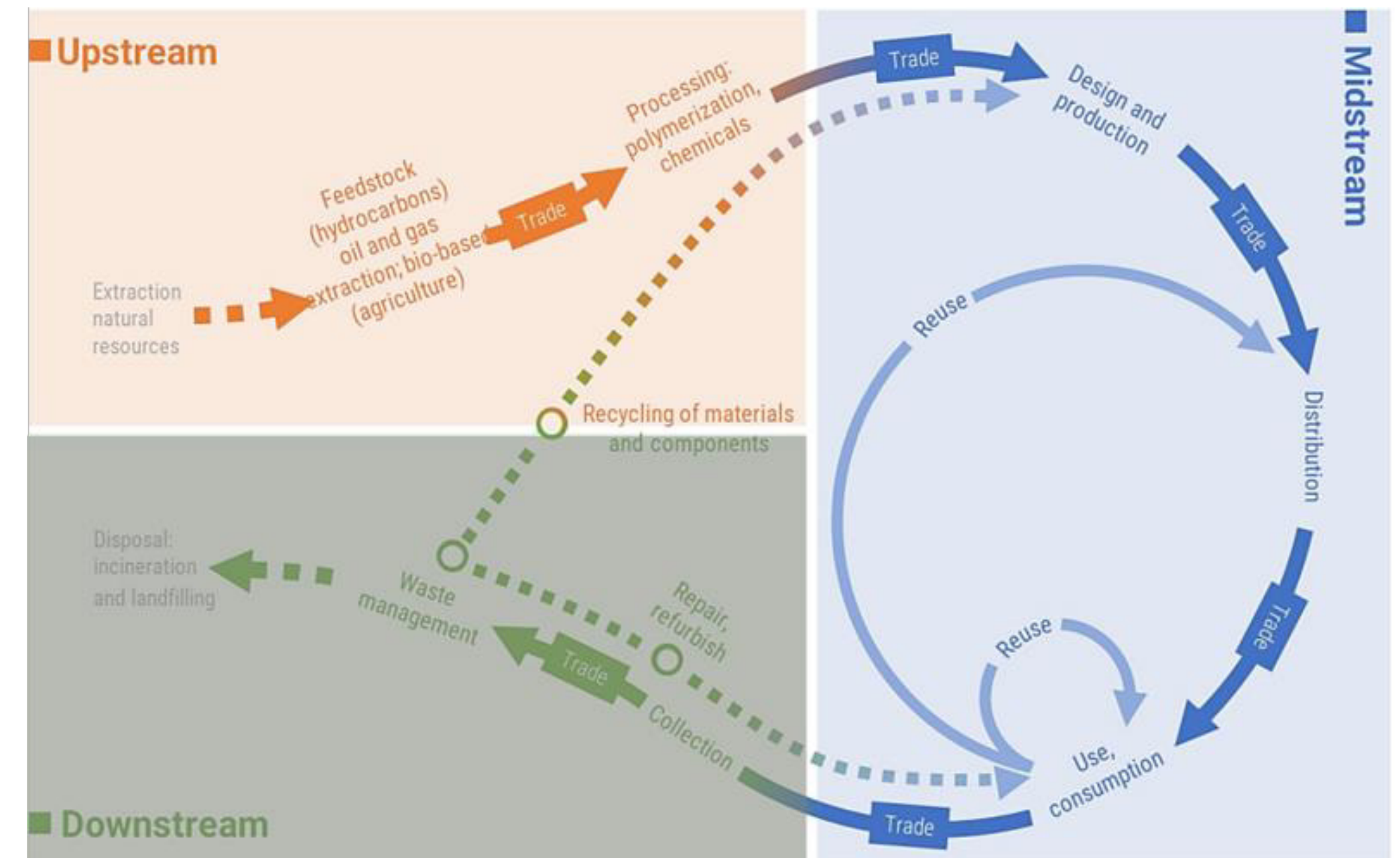


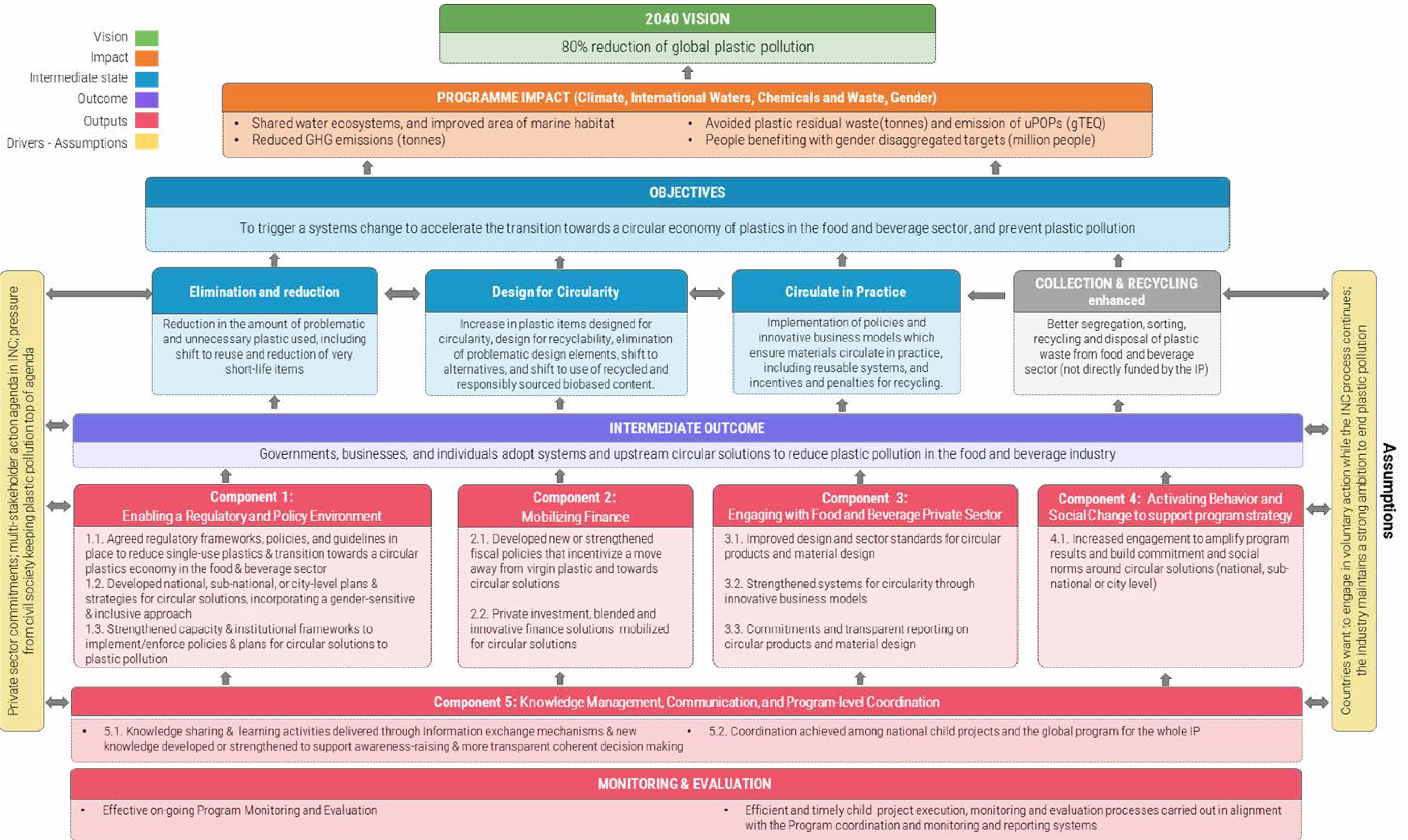
A deeper dive: Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution Integrated Program

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution Integrated Program (IP)

This program will demonstrate and scale **upstream** and **midstream** solutions in the **food and beverage sector**, including:

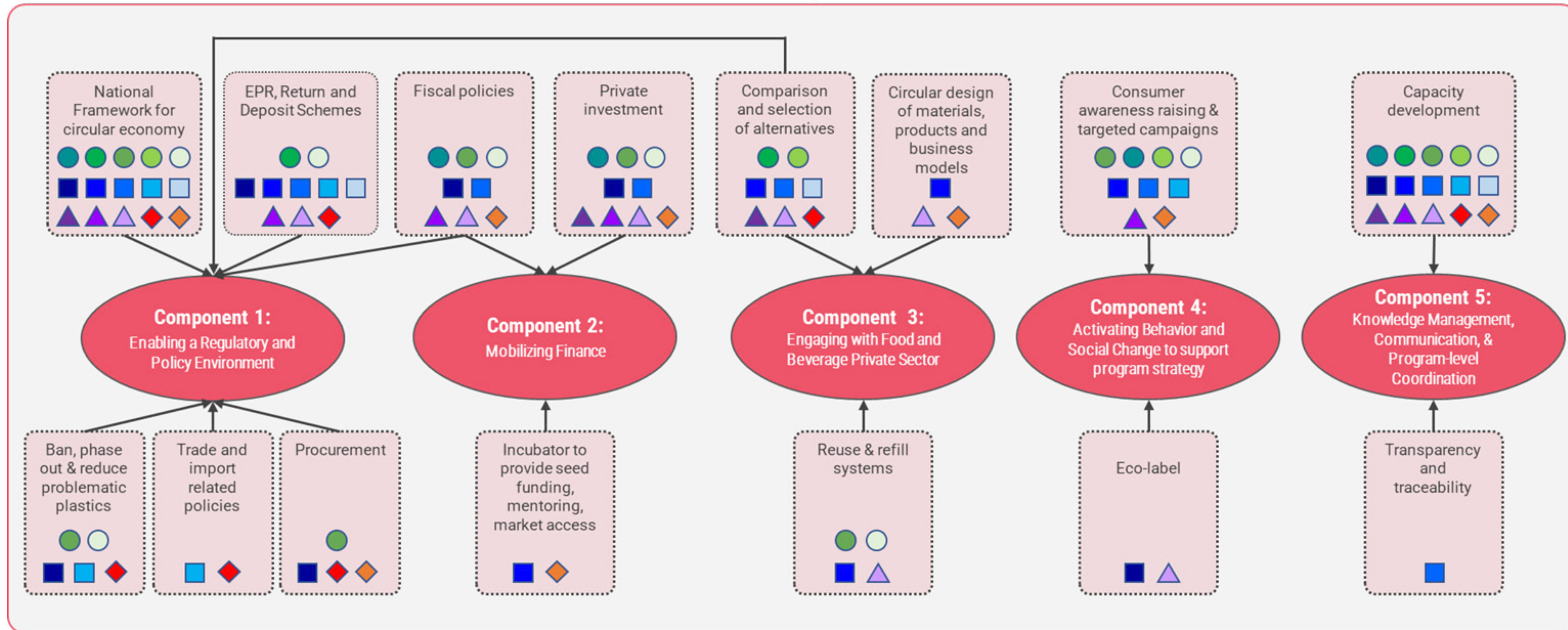
- Eliminate single-use plastic products/packaging and reduction of using crude oil as the primary feedstock.
- Enable circular design of materials, products and business models.
- Ensure circulation of materials and products in practice through reuse and refill systems.





INTERMEDIATE OUTCOME

Governments, businesses, and individuals adopt systems and upstream circular solutions to reduce plastic pollution in the food and beverage industry



Africa

Burkina Faso (UNEP) ●
 Morocco (UNIDO) ●
 Nigeria (UNEP) ●
 Senegal (UNDP) ●
 South Africa (UNIDO) ●

Asia

Cambodia (UNEP) ■
 India (UNEP & UNIDO) ■
 Jordan (UNDP) ■
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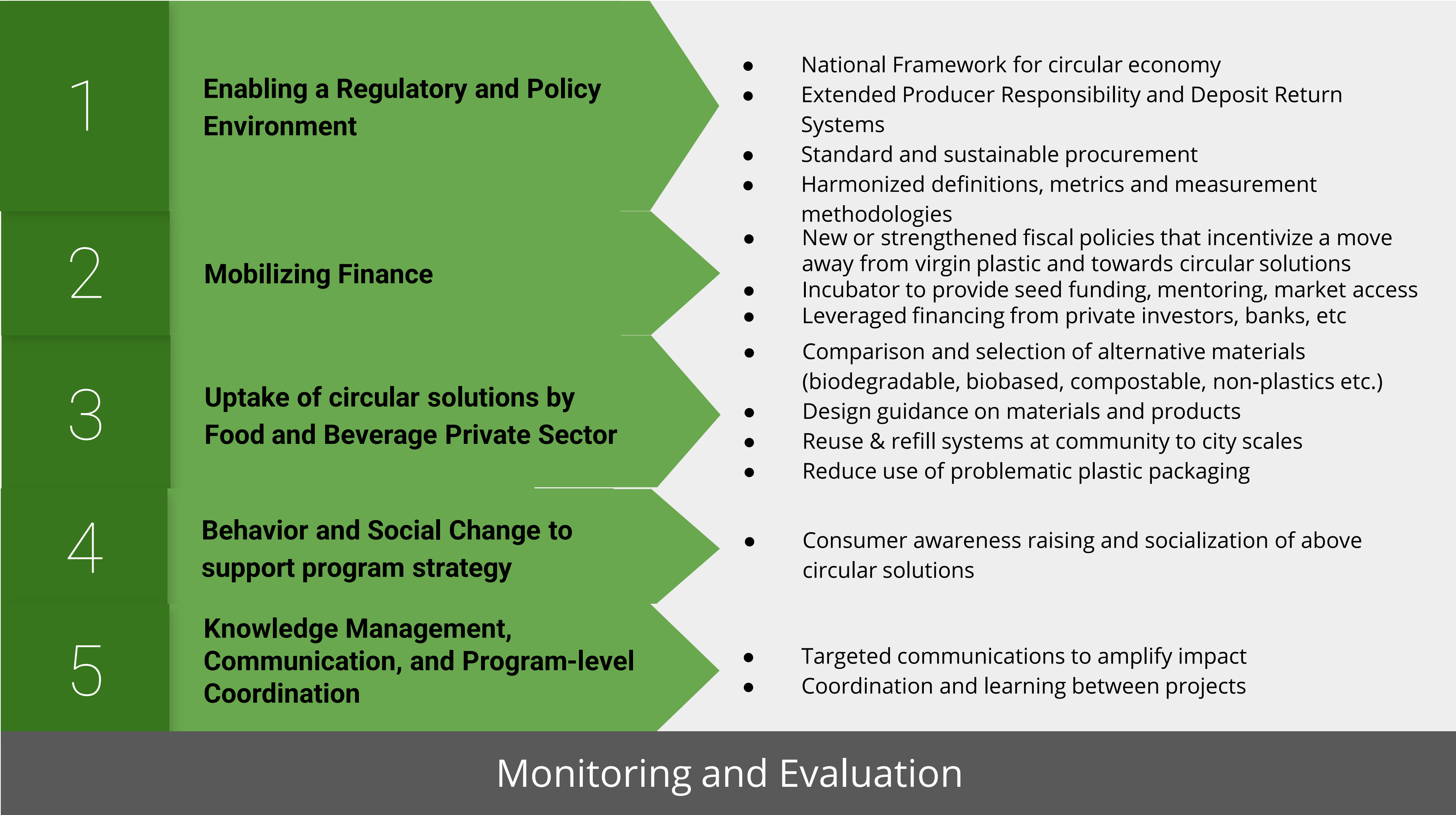
Latin America

Brazil (UNEP) ▲
 Costa Rica (UNDP) ▲
 Peru (UNEP) ▲

SIDS

Cook Islands (UNEP) ◆
 Dominican Republic (UNDP) ◆

Program Framework for Country Projects



Not Included in Program Scope:

- Recycling and waste management
- Clean ups
- Research
- Material development (e.g. biodegradable / alternative materials)
- General awareness campaigns
(communications and campaigns should support project components)



Global Project Overview



GLOBAL PROJECT

Objectives & Approach

Vision: Advance upstream and midstream solutions to plastic waste in the food and beverage sector through:

- Providing best practice program management and coordination
- Creating the cross-cutting enabling conditions needed to scale impact beyond what the child projects would be able to achieve individually
- Focusing on key transformational levers to unlock change at a systemic level
- Creating widely applicable or replicable assets to multiply influence beyond direct project work

Global Project Framework



Engagement Opportunities



Coordination & Governance

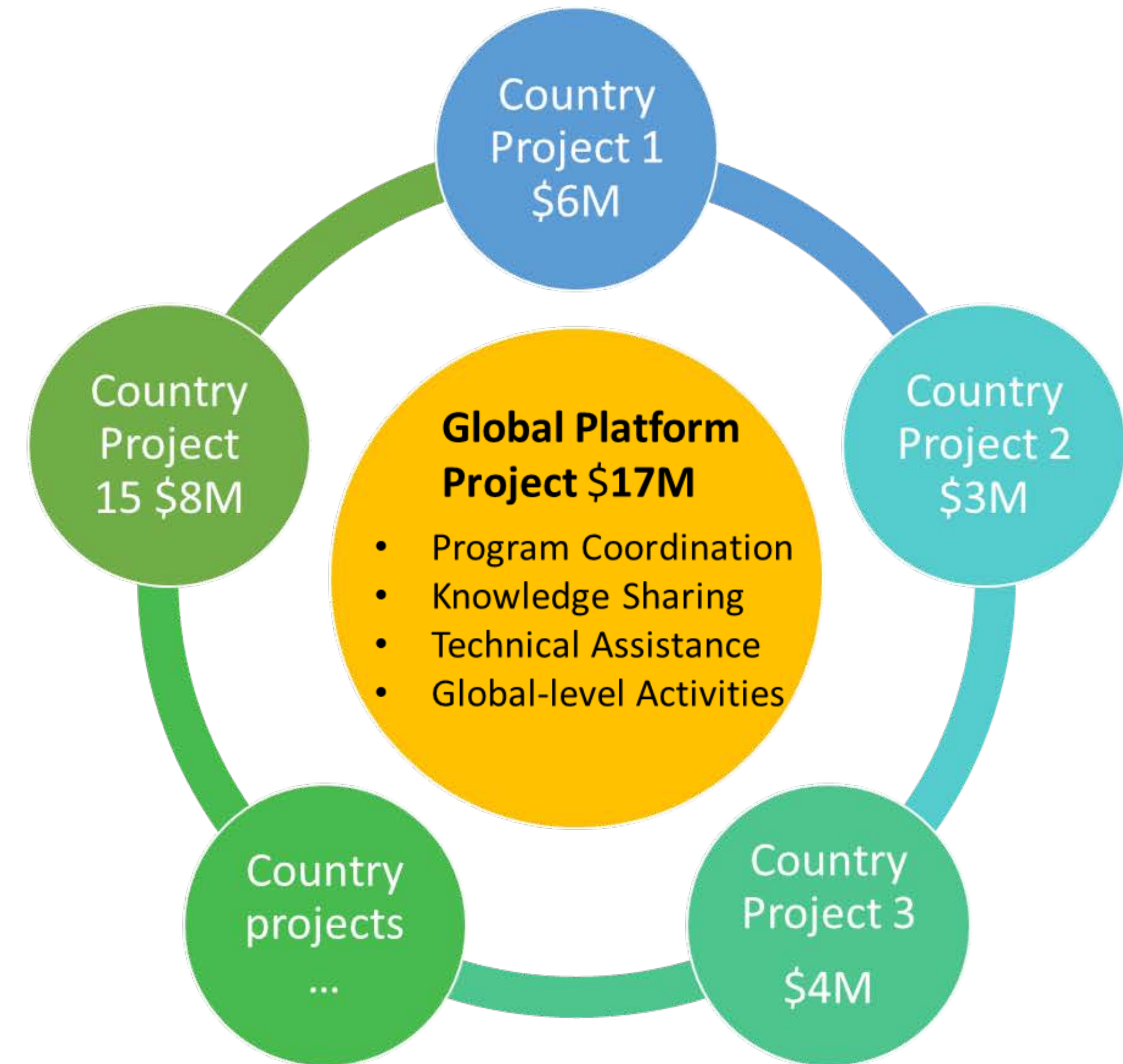
Advisory Council | *Semi-Annual Meetings*

- 2-3 Global Executing Partners (rotating)
- 3 Country Representatives (rotating)
- 2-3 Community Groups (e.g. women entrepreneurs, youth, innovators)
- 2-3 Private Sector Organizations



Engagement Opportunities

- Provide **technical assistance** to the country and global projects
- **Pilot** solutions in countries
- **Share** your initiative's experience with the countries and learn from them
- **Co-finance** country & global project activities
- Participate in **Advisory Council**



Timeline

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June 2023

Integrated Program goes to GEF Council for approval

June 2023 – June 2024

PPG – National Child Project formulation

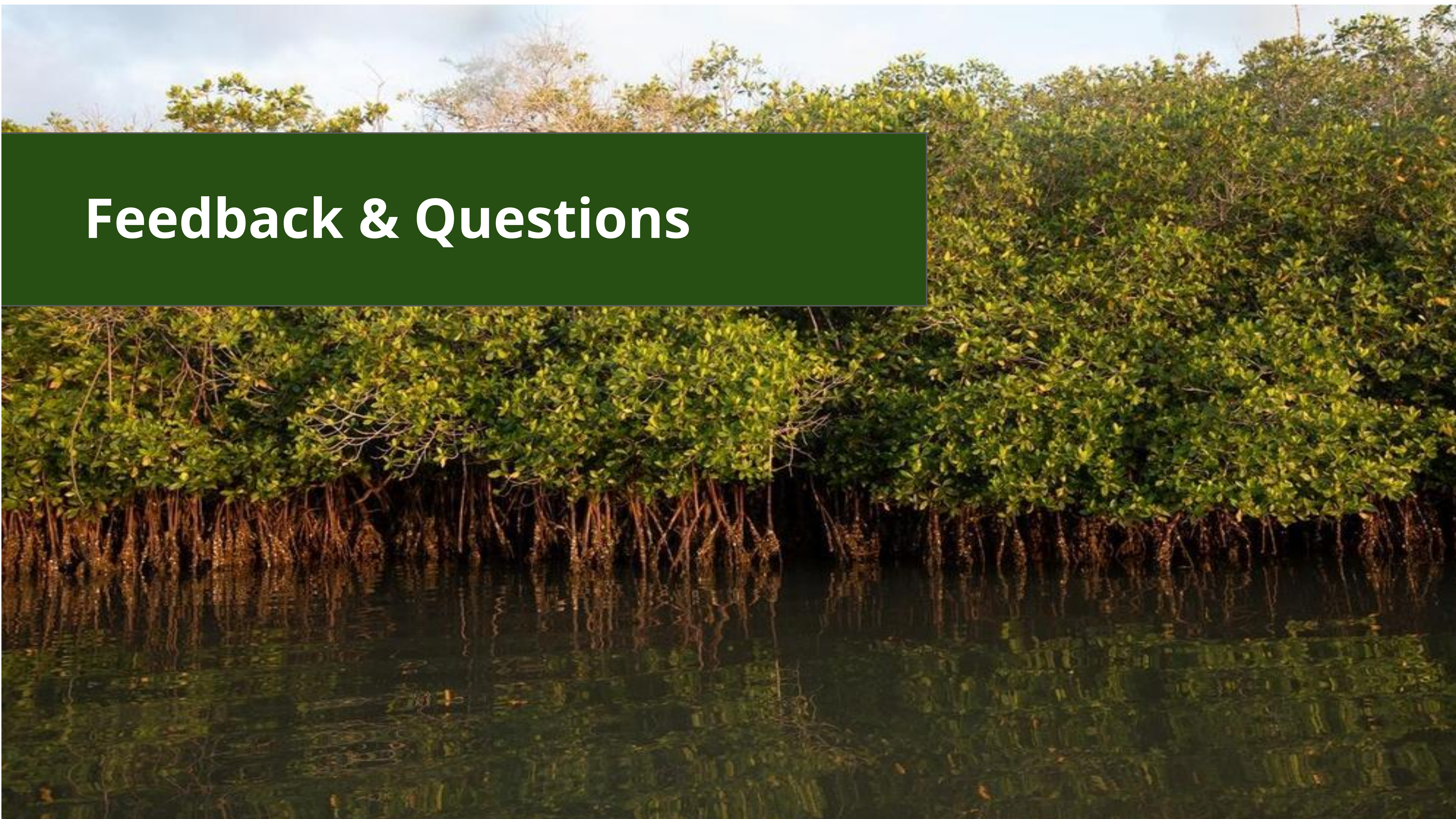
November 2023

Development of the Global Platform Child Project ends

2024 - 2032

Program Implementation

Feedback & Questions





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Thank you

PLASTIC INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

Concepts/Components

Discussions



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RESPONSE

Reducing Single-use Plastics ON Small-island Economies



**SAY NO
TO NO
PLASTIC**





OBJECTIVE

To reduce the amount of single use and unnecessary plastic products in the food & beverage industry entering the Cook Islands, and support enabling environments for reuse and other alternative solutions, thus reducing the burden of end-of-life waste management, pollution and other harmful plastics impacts.

Total Project cost = US\$6,200,000

Length of project = 5 years, 2025 - 2030





OUTCOME 1

Upstream policies to limit plastic pollution
in the Cook Islands are strengthened

Output 1.1 – Gaps analysis of existing plastics policy and legislation

Output 1.2 – Develop a national Strategic Action Plan on plastics

Output 1.3 – Develop legislation according to Gaps Analysis (1.1) and the SAP (1.2)

GEF Financing = US\$800,000





OUTCOME 2

Large scale regional producers are identified to replace harmful F&B packaging commonly imported into the Cook Islands

Output 2.1 - Analyze the current import products in the F&B sector

Output 2.2 - Bringing policy that supports replacement of plastics in the FB sector

Output 2.3 - Support roll-out of alternative products in key businesses and venues
(e.g. supermarkets, schools, etc.)

GEF Financing = US\$800,000





OUTCOME 3

Local private sector (incl SMEs), NGOs and communities are engaged and supported

Output 3.1 - Provide technical and grant assistance to implement innovative practices

Output 3.2 – At least 10 pilot projects in F&B sector are implemented/ scaled up

Output 3.3 – At least 10 pilot projects in the tourism industry implemented/ scaled up

Output 3.4 – Stakeholder platforms are facilitated for knowledge exchange and support

GEF Financing = US\$2,180,000





OUTCOME 4

National data on single use plastics is enhanced to inform and improve decision

Output 4.1 - National inventory on plastics for the F&B industry undertaken

Output 4.2 - Capacity building, including support for tertiary education in plastics science-policy programmes

Output 4.3 - Regional knowledge exchange with PICs and other SIDS

GEF Financing = US\$1,000,000



OUTCOME 5

Best practices, innovative solutions and lessons learned are documented and exchanged through knowledge management and knowledge transfer

Output 5.1 - Knowledge Management and Communications Strategy developed.

Output 5.2 - Gender-sensitive processes and project findings developed and disseminated to stakeholders

Output 5.3 – Knowledge, Aptitudes & Practices (KAP) surveys throughout the project

Output 5.4 - Participatory monitoring and evaluation

GEF Financing = US\$850,000



BREAKOUT GROUP

Discussion and Activity

RECAP DAY 1





PROGRAMME DAY 2

PART 1: OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

- 8.00-8.30 Arrival & registration of participants
- 8.30-8.35 Opening Prayer & Welcoming remarks
- 8:35 -8:45 Recap of Day 1 and Agenda Day 2

PART 2: RESULTS AND LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE GEF PORTFOLIO EXPERIENCES

- 8.45-10:30 Overview of country's gef portfolio and discussion
Elements for preparing an integrated project with focus on a target geography
Q&A

MORNING TEA (15min)

PART 3: NATIONAL PRIORITIES & PLANNING

- 10:45-11:00 Overview of nsda 2020+ relating to gef focal areas (key targets)
- 11:00-12:00 Identifying key issues/priorities (breakout groups, activities, feedback)
- 12:00-1:00 Critique/ranking/feasibility of proposals as potential gef projects
Q&A

PART 4: RECAP, NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

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