



PRRP – Ethiopia Newsletter

Pesticide Risk Reduction Programme - Ethiopia

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to the PRRP-Ethiopia newsletter!

PRRP-Ethiopia is a programme on Pesticide Risk Reduction in Ethiopia and it was launched in the beginning of 2010. After a slow start of the programme it now is on track.

The challenge

Ethiopia is in the process of intensifying and diversifying its agriculture to meet national demands for food, but also to increase agricultural exports (e.g. of coffee, flowers and vegetables). Both intensification and diversification may lead to increased use of agrochemicals such as pesticides. However, pesticides, when used inappropriately, can affect agricultural productivity, thus reducing the sustainability of agricultural intensification and diversification, and can result in adverse effects on human health, the environment and water quality. Therefore, sustainable growth of the agriculture sector, and protection of human health and the environment in Ethiopia require effective regulation and management of pesticides.

Towards a better use of pesticides in Ethiopia

In 2010 a project entitled 'Pesticides Risk Reduction Programme – Ethiopia' has been initiated in Ethiopia. The overall goal of the programme is to contribute to a sustainable pesticide management system in Ethiopia by:

- Regulating the pesticide use by farmers, taking into account the whole pesticide life cycle from registration and procurement, import/local manufacture of pesticides, to distribution, use and monitoring, including waste management;

- Improving the environment, health of growers and the surrounding community, and to stimulate the economic performance of the Ethiopian agricultural sector.

It is acknowledged by all stakeholders, including representatives of relevant ministries and the African Union, that the present programme on pesticide risk reduction is important and may serve as a pilot project for other African countries or regions.

The programme

This programme will contribute to the national programme on food security and agricultural development focusing on sustainable intensified crop production in Ethiopia. It also contributes to The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), a programme of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Within the programme a frame work for registration and post registration will be developed. The main objectives of the PRRP - Ethiopia are:

1. To develop a legal framework for the registration and post registration of pesticides (regulation, directives and guidelines).
2. To develop a proper pesticide registration system for Ethiopia and capacity building on dossier evaluation.
3. To develop a well-functioning post registration system (including development of reference laboratory with analytical capacities for quality control, monitoring, procurement guideline, inspection, storage of pesticides, capacity building and training).
4. To develop a formal consultation platform that will support APHRD with advice on (post)registration issues.

5. To execute an impact assessment of the new (post) registration system.

In order to implement the PRRP-Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Government receives financial and technical support from the Government of the Netherlands, represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs/Development Cooperation, from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) and from Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM, UNEP). The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) of Ethiopia contributes to this programme by making available sufficient qualified personnel to execute the activities underlying the Programme.

The programme partners are the Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate of the MoA, Alterra Wageningen-UR and the FAO.

The PRRP Programme runs for 4 years and is expected to finalize in March 2014.

Newsletter and agenda

This is the first PRRP newsletter. We intend to send out a newsletter four times a year, depending on the progress of the activities. Starting from newsletter 2 on we will focus on the activities that are done and activities foreseen.

More information

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