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## Identification and Remediation of Contaminated Sites with Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

### Project Newsletter

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### Project News

The kick-off meeting of the project was held on 07.11.2019 with participation of MoEU, EU Delegation to Turkey, and UNDP Representative Mr. Mahmut Osmanbasoglu, on behalf of UNDP, explained the role of UNDP in this Project as well as provide a historical information on how this cooperation agreement enter into force. He also made a presentation on projects activities, annual workplans, management arrangements and monitoring and evaluation procedures of the organization. Experts from MoEU DGEUFA stated that all communications and amendments in the Project must be written format and in a timely manner, project milestones should be considered and an email list including all relevant partners should be formed to keep them update on the project progress.

The first Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 10.12.2019. During this first meeting, operational and financial details of the project were discussed.

The second Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 08.01.2020. Organizational and financial details concerning staff recruitment and project inception event were discussed.

The launch meeting of the Project, funded by the European Union (EU) and directed by the Priority Chemicals Management Unit of Chemicals Management Department and the Soil Pollution Control Unit of the Water and Soil Management Department of the General Directorate of Environmental Management under the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, took place on 14.01.2020 in Point Hotel, Ankara with 158 participants.

The inception period of the project has ended on 15.01.2020 and the inception report has been submitted.



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The Project Manager Meral Mungan Arda, started her duty as of 02.03.2020.

The third Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 21.02. 2020. The draft inception report was represented and received comments on that, and visibility rules and materials were discussed.

The fourth Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 20.03.2020. The participants of OCU gathered virtually to discuss about the updates in the project, during COVID-19 Outbreak. The risk and measures within the scope of the subject project are discussed.

The first six-month activity report of the project was also presented on 17.04.2020.



The first Steering Committee was held on 30.04.2020. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, UNDP and EUD Turkey representatives attended the meeting through video conference means due to COVID-19 related measures. Project progress, necessity of the postponing of trainings due to the COVID-19, Procurement modality of the remediation of two contaminated pilot sites and the issue of inclusion of disinfectants used during COVID-19 to the Project Document were discussed.

The project web site [www.kalicikirleticiler.com](http://www.kalicikirleticiler.com) is ready and operational on 10.05.2020.



The fifth Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 20.05.2020 through video conference due to COVID-19 related measures. It was mentioned that the ToRs of the Project experts to be recruited would be prepared and technical specification of the remediation of 2 pilot contaminated site was discussed.

Project Associate, Leyla Şimşek Çavuş started her duty on 22.05.2020. Project Assistant Zeynep Özay started her duty on 01.06.2020.

Newsletters will be prepared monthly from now on.