



**IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE LOW AND NON-CHEMICAL
DEVELOPMENT IN SMALL-ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
(ISLANDS) IN THE CARIBBEAN**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:
DEVELOPMENT OF A BIOPESTICIDES
REGISTRATION MANUAL AND
TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE
CARIBBEAN REGION**

GEF 10279 Project Countries

Antigua and Barbuda (ATG), Barbados (BRB), Belize (BLZ)
The Dominican Republic (DOM), Guyana (GUY), Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN),
Saint Lucia (SLU), Suriname (SUR), Trinidad and Tobago (TTO)

The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and
Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC-Caribbean)

1. BACKGROUND

The ***Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island Developing States (ISLANDS) Programme***¹, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), seeks to address the sound management of chemicals and waste in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The ISLANDS Programme covers four (4) geographical regions including **the Caribbean**, Indian Ocean, Pacific Islands, and Atlantic Ocean Islands.

The **Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC-Caribbean)** is currently executing the Caribbean Child Project², GEF 10279³ (implemented by the FAO and UNEP) which involves nine (9) countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago).

The overarching goal of the ISLANDS programme is the sound management of chemicals and wastes in SIDS. **Output 1.5** of the Caribbean projects aims to promote sustainable procurement among key stakeholders, with a view to reducing the manufacture/import of products containing hazardous chemicals. Incorporating mechanisms to transition to green procurement at both the national and regional levels will not only support countries with their compliance to the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)⁴, but also protect human health and the environment. Sustainable procurement has four key foundational elements: environmental stewardship, social responsibility, economic development, and innovation.

Under Output 1.5, there are four (4) specific FAO-implemented activities that will involve the development of materials and trainings focused on supporting the improvement of sustainable procurement as it relates to the agricultural sector:

¹ Programme Website: [GEF Islands](#)

² Project Brief: <https://www.bcrc-caribbean.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ISLANDS-10279-10472-projects-brief-final.pdf>

³ Recognising that although this activity falls under GEF 10279 and is being implemented by the FAO, GEF 10472 project countries (The Bahamas, Cuba, and Dominica) will also be involved and benefit from this activity based on the synergised approach to project execution which was endorsed by the Project Steering Committee (PSC).

⁴ The Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions (giving consideration to SAICM synergies).

- **Development of Biopesticides⁵ registration manual for Caribbean SIDS;**
- Development of consumer risk assessment with Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for exports and locally consumed agricultural produce;
- Development of guidance on sustainable procurement (farmers, distributors, public procurement); and
- Development of tools/assessment with guidance and knowledge products for farmers and distributors on sustainable procurement & Provision of trainings.

It is recognised that the registration of pesticides is an important process in the management of their use, as it enables authorities in countries with limited resources to make informed decisions on pesticide approvals, including technical, scientific, and regulatory aspects related to risk assessment. The FAO provides technical guidance for the implementation of pesticide registration systems⁶.

In this regard, the BCRC-Caribbean is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified and experienced individual **Consultant** to develop **a biopesticide registration manual and deliver a regional training on the manual for the Caribbean SIDS** as for priority stakeholder groups (including regulatory stakeholders which support pesticide management, such as pesticide and toxic chemicals control boards, pesticide registrars, agrochemical institutions, environmental and customs and border control agencies) in the nine (9) project countries.

The biopesticides registration manual and all associated materials and tools developed and delivered under this consultancy will be required to be designed in a sustainable manner and made compatible with the BCRC-Caribbean's Digital Learning Hub (DLH) and the FAO e-learning Academy⁷. The work under this consultancy must be synergised with the work of the Consultant Team responsible for

⁵ A generic term applied to a substance derived from nature, such as a microorganism or botanical or semiochemical, that may be formulated and applied in a manner similar to a conventional chemical pesticide and that is normally used for short-term pest control [adapted from ISPM Pub. No. 3, 1996 (IPPC, 2005)].

⁶ Guidelines for the registration of microbial, botanical and semiochemical pest control agents for plant protection and public health uses: [FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit - better decision for better lives | Department of Economic and Social Affairs \(un.org\)](#).

The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit which is designed as decision support system for pesticide registrars in low- and middle-income countries: [Pesticide Registration Toolkit | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(fao.org\)](#).

⁷ FAO e-learning Academy: <https://elearning.fao.org/>

the Development of a Sustainable Training Programme on Pesticides Registration for the Caribbean (TOR reference number BCRC#10279_2024_002)⁸.

2. DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SERVICES FOR THIS CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy is to **develop a biopesticides registration manual for the Caribbean region and conduct a hybrid regional training workshop** to promote sustainable procurement through the registration of biopesticides.

Under the technical guidance of the FAO, the BCRC-Caribbean, and in close collaboration with the National Working Groups (NWG)⁹ of the project countries, the Consulting Team will undertake the following:

I. Attend virtual kick-off call with the BCRC Caribbean and FAO.

- The Consultant will participate in a virtual kick-off call with the BCRC-Caribbean and FAO to discuss the approach to the work and the engagement of stakeholders. The BCRC-Caribbean will also provide guidance for the administrative matters, planning and facilitation of the virtual regional inception meeting and the training workshop with other project stakeholders.

II. Facilitate a virtual regional inception meeting with project stakeholders.

- The Consultant will be required to support BCRC-Caribbean with the planning of a **virtual regional inception meeting** for this activity, and will be required to present on the following to all relevant stakeholders and partner agencies at the meeting:
 - draft workplan and approach to work;
 - draft stakeholder engagement plan;
 - preliminary overview of baseline on biopesticide usage in the Caribbean, based on desktop research.

⁸ <https://www.bcrc-caribbean.org/our-projects/consultancy-opportunity-development-of-a-sustainable-training-programme-on-pesticides-for-the-caribbean/>

⁹ NWGs are a management mechanism developed under the project to ensure national buy-in and oversight on project activities. NWGs facilitate the coordination of project activities on a national level in their countries. NWG members comprise of representatives from all national stakeholders relevant to the management of Waste and Chemicals. The NWGs will support the BCRC-Caribbean in the review of all deliverables under the consultancy.

- The Consultant will develop and submit an **inception report** outlining a summary of the proceedings of the inception meeting to the BCRC-Caribbean following the virtual regional inception meeting. The Consultant's final workplan, final stakeholder engagement plan, and list of meeting participants must be appended to the inception report.

III. **Develop an assessment and recommendations report on the baseline situation on biopesticide usage and registration in the Caribbean.**

- The Consultant will be required to assess the following in the nine (9) project countries:
 - existing legislative procedures in place for the registration of biopesticides by pesticides control boards, including any significant successes or challenges with the application of the existing FAO Pesticides Registration Toolkit;
 - the biopesticides which are currently registered for use, any which have been registered within the past five (5) years;
 - the market demand for biopesticides in the nine (9) project countries;
 - identification of suitable biopesticides for the region, based on factors including, but not limited to, climatic nuances and market availability;
 - identification of suppliers of biopesticides in the Caribbean region and consideration of their production capacities;
 - consideration as to whether the skills required for the commercialisation of biopesticides are available in the Caribbean, and whether these skills are being considered in the secondary or tertiary level education systems.
- The Consultant will be required discuss any challenges in the current registration procedures for biopesticides in the Caribbean and provide recommendations as to how these will be addressed through the Biopesticides Registration Manual for the Caribbean (see section IV).
- The assessment and recommendations should be informed through engagement of key national stakeholders in the project countries, as well as through desktop research.

- Based on the findings, the Consultant will develop and submit a **Regional Assessment and Recommendations Report on Biopesticides Usage and Registration in the Caribbean** to the BCRC–Caribbean for review by the FAO and the NWGs.
- The report must also be presented to the project stakeholders for validation at a **virtual regional validation meeting**.
- Following the virtual regional validation meeting, the consultant will be required to submit a **Regional Validation Meeting Report**, outlining the proceedings of the meeting and the next steps towards the finalization of the Regional Assessment and Recommendations Report on Biopesticides Usage and Registration in the Caribbean. A list of meeting participants must also be appended to the report.

IV. **Develop Biopesticides Registration Manual for the Caribbean.**

- The Consultant will be required to design and develop the Biopesticides Registration Manual for the Caribbean.
- The manual layout and content will be informed by the Regional Assessment and Recommendations Report. The manual must include all relevant content and guidelines for risk analysis and registration of biopesticides, with a focus on addressing the challenges identified in the report.
- The manual will include, but not be limited to, the following main sections:
 - Relevant terms and definitions
 - Caribbean specific data as it relates to biopesticide use;
 - Scope of specifications for biopesticide uses and registration
 - Label practices and protocols;
 - Application procedures (how to apply for registration);
 - Registration tools and strategies;
 - Data requirements and testing guidelines; and
 - Risk mitigation for human health and the environment.
- The Consultant will develop an application checklist, guided by the FAO specifications for quality of agricultural pesticides (FAO), public health pesticides (WHO), and any specifications or additional considerations for biopesticide products.

- Reference must be made to existing national policies, protocols and guidance documents.

V. **Develop a training plan on the Biopesticides Registration Manual for the Caribbean.**

- Given that this training programme will be delivered through a hybrid regional training workshop, the Consultant must develop a detailed training plan, giving consideration to the facilitation of both face-to-face and remote participation. which must include, *inter alia*:
 - A list of participants to be trained at the regional training workshop;
 - An outline of the curriculum that is tailored for the Caribbean region;
 - Clearly defined learning objectives and outcomes;
 - Framework of the materials and tools for the training programme;
 - The workshop agenda;
 - Approach to training via hybrid meeting format¹⁰;
 - Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tools must also be developed to capture the effectiveness of the training programme.
- The Consultant must submit the training plan to the BCRC-Caribbean for review by the BCRC-Caribbean and FAO.

VI. **Develop training materials on the Biopesticides Registration Manual for the Caribbean**

- The Consultant will develop **training materials** and any additional tools, as necessary, that is tailored for a regional training workshop on the registration of biopesticides in the Caribbean.
- Given that this training programme will be linked to the BCRC-Caribbean's DLH and the FAO's e-learning Academy, the Consultant must develop a **concept note** to outline any virtual training tools that could support the integration of the regional training programme into the BCRC-Caribbean's DLH and the FAO's e-

¹⁰ Consideration should be given to the engagement of workshop participants who are present both in-person and via online platforms.

Learning Academy.^{11, 12} This will ensure sustainability of the training materials and tools beyond the delivery of the regional training workshop under this consultancy, and wider access to the information arising out of this consultancy.

VII. Deliver hybrid Regional Training Workshop on the Registration of Biopesticides.

- The Consultant will be required to deliver a hybrid regional training workshop based on the training materials developed and in accordance with the training plan.
- The aim of this regional training workshop will be to strengthen the capacities of regulatory authorities within the region as it relates to biopesticide registration and monitoring its use.
- The Consultant must also develop a **Regional Training Workshop Report** to summarise the proceedings of the training and discuss the Monitoring and Evaluation of the workshop.

VIII. Provide monthly progress reports to the BCRC-Caribbean.

- These reports should highlight the consultancy activities completed, GPS coordinates of activity sites where relevant, deliverables submitted, payment progress, challenges encountered and mitigation measures, upcoming activities, and expectations for the next month. All raw data, such as meeting notes, stakeholder engagement notes, collected data, etc. should be included in the annex of the report.
- The BCRC-Caribbean will provide a template for reports.

IX. Project Closeout Phase.

- The Consulting Team will attend a virtual close out meeting with the FAO and the BCRC-Caribbean to review and discuss the outcomes of the project activity and the consultancy. This will include successes, challenges faced, lessons learned, and potential up-scaling and transfer for future work.

¹¹ Consideration can be given to virtual tools which may be employed during the Consultant's delivery of the hybrid Regional Training Workshop on the Registration of Biopesticides.

¹² The integration of the virtual training tools and the regional training programme into the BCRC-Caribbean's DLH and the FAO's e-Learning Academy will be undertaken by a separate consultancy.

3. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The Consultant, under the guidance of, and reporting directly to the BCRC-Caribbean, is expected to deliver the outputs outlined below. Consideration should be given throughout to the provision of draft deliverables for stakeholder review and finalisation of same, based on the feedback provided.

- **Deliverable 1 (D1): Inception Report** including an overview of the proceedings of the inception workshop, final workplan, stakeholder engagement plan, and participants register.
- **Deliverable 2 (D2): Regional Assessment and Recommendations Report on Biopesticides Usage and Registration in the Caribbean** on the current biopesticides registration practices in the Caribbean.
- **Deliverable 3 (D3): Regional Validation Meeting Report** outlining the proceedings of the regional validation meeting.
- **Deliverable 4 (D4): Biopesticides Registration Manual for Caribbean**, containing relevant content and guidelines for risk analysis and registration of biopesticides.
- **Deliverable 5 (D5): Training Plan for hybrid Regional Training Workshop on the Registration of Biopesticides** including an outline of the workshop agenda, outline of the training programme curriculum, workshop learning outcomes and objectives, final approach to training.
- **Deliverable 6 (D6): Training materials** and any additional tools to be employed in the hybrid Regional Training Workshop on the Registration of Biopesticides.
- **Deliverable 7 (D7): Concept note** to support the integration of the training materials and tools developed under this consultancy into the BCRC-Caribbean's DLH and FAO's e-learning platform.
- **Deliverable 8 (D8): Regional Training Workshop Report** including a summary of training proceedings and M&E results.
- **Monthly progress reports** to inform the BCRC-Caribbean of the progress made during the consultancy.

4. CONSULTANT RESOURCES

Travel may be required for the regional training workshop as well as any national stakeholder engagement/ information gathering initiatives as determined by the consultant's approach to work. The travel and visa requirements must be taken into consideration, as the consultant will be responsible for ensuring that these requirements are met.

5. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

In order to facilitate the activities in the participating countries, the Consultant is expected to possess following minimum Education, Qualifications and Experience:

- Advanced university degree (Master's level or above) in biological control, agriculture, agronomy, agroecology, crop science, soil science, animal science and veterinary science, or a related field.
- A minimum of ten (10) years professional experience in the fields of the waste and chemicals management specific to the agriculture sector under the MEAs, with specific proven expert experience in pest and pesticides management and registration, and risk assessments.
- A minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience in a national/international context working either with a government institution, relevant Non-Governmental Organizations, National Regulatory Authorities, industry, academia, or other related functional area.
- Demonstrated technical skills in:
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM);
 - Assessment and evaluation of biological control agents;
 - Registration of biological control agents;
 - Designing and leading implementation of biological control programmes, and/or developing;
 - Implementing global or national strategies, policies, or guidance; and/or
 - Research & development of Biological Pest Control Agents.

- Experience in preparation of training materials and/or e-learning modules.
- Experience in facilitating stakeholder meetings and workshops.
- Previous experience in the aforementioned fields in the Caribbean region and or other SIDS (considering the capacity and eligibility to work in the participating countries).
- Working knowledge and experience with the FAO Public-private Dialogue Stakeholder Mapping Toolkit, and the Participatory Stakeholder Analysis.
- Professional experience working on and managing multinational (including UN agencies and the GEF) and multidisciplinary team projects will be an asset.
- Project management certification (PMP, PRINCE2 etc.) and/or as tangible project management experience will be an asset.
- Excellent technical writing skills and demonstrated experience in technical screening of information.

NOTES:

- (i) *The working languages of the GEF 10279 Project are English and Spanish. As such the Consultant will be required to provide evidence of access to a technical Spanish speaking resource. Project correspondence, outputs and consultations are expected to be conducted with English/Spanish interpretation and translations.*
- (ii) *Bidders are also encouraged to use local content wherever possible. Wherein the Bidder uses the services of one or more sub-contractor(s), the Bidder shall explicitly identify the parts of the Terms of Reference (ToR) where sub-contractors are to be used.*

6. DURATION

The tasks of this consultancy are estimated to be completed in **nine (9) months** starting from **June 2024**.

7. REMUNERATION

- A total gross fee plus expenses, inclusive of all taxes, will be as agreed upon within the contract based on the financial proposal developed and negotiated cost for this consultancy.
- Expenses will be paid on a reimbursable basis where evidence and expenditure is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract agreement.
- Payment shall be made in instalments based on key deliverables identified within the contract and agreed on between the FAO, BCRC-Caribbean and the Consultant.

8. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Consultant will be directly supervised by the FAO and BCRC-Caribbean with support from the National Working Groups in each Project Country. During the consultancy, the Consultant will be expected to attend virtual meetings for general information exchange, to provide updates on the progress of the works and discuss feedback as required. This will include, but not be limited to, the introductory briefing meeting and the consultancy closeout meeting.

9. MODE OF WORK

- The Consultant will be expected to conduct work virtually from their own location using their own resources and facilities, as required.
- Unless authorised in advance, expenses¹³ of every kind incurred in connection with such execution shall be solely for the account of the Consultant.
- Regional travel between project countries may be required for the purposes of the regional hybrid training workshop, where the expenses to be incurred from travel (i.e., travel, accommodation, per diem¹⁴) will be reimbursed by the BCRC-Caribbean by mutual agreement.

¹³ Such expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, the cost of wages, housing, food, travel, visas, medical attention, and insurance.

¹⁴ Pro-rated DSA as per UN rates will be paid by the BCRC-Caribbean for the respective destination.

10. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications are open to individual Consultant's that meet the qualifications outlined in this Terms of Reference (TOR).

A. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

1. **Cover Letter**, confirming availability to start work in June 2024.
2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, clearly illustrating the relevant project/work experience.
3. **Technical Proposal** - describing how the Consultant will approach and complete the assignment. This should include the Consultant's methodology and work plan, relevant qualifications and experience including bilingual competency, and non-financial resources to be assigned.
4. **Financial Proposal** - which should provide the best fixed price in United States Dollars (USD) to complete the proposed work. The fees and detailed expenses should be matched up against key milestones and a breakdown of the fees and expenses associated with each project task (in accordance with the Bill of Quantities template provided in Appendix 1) should be included in the proposal.

NOTES:

- *All documents included in an application for this consultancy are to be submitted in English.*
- *All documents included in the submission package must be typed and the cover letter must be signed by an officer authorised to enter contracts on behalf of the Consultant.*

B. QUERIES

Interested bidders may submit all queries in English via email to:

Ms. Darielle Rampersad Research Officer, BCRC-Caribbean Email: darielle.rampersad@bcrc-caribbean.org	Ms. Janine Boodram Research Analyst, BCRC-Caribbean Email: janine.boodram@bcrc-caribbean.org
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When submitting queries, ensure that the Reference number and name of this TOR (*BCRC#10279_2023_004 - Development of a Biopesticides Registration Manual for Caribbean SIDS*) is stated in the subject of the email.

C. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

Interested bidders are invited to apply in English by submitting an application **via email** to:

Ms. Jewel Batchasingh

Director

Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and
Technology Transfer for the Caribbean

#8 Alexandra Street, St. Clair,

Port-of-Spain,

Trinidad and Tobago.

Email: submissions@bcrc-caribbean.org

The deadline for the submission of applications will be **Sunday 12th May 2024**, at **11:59 p.m. (GMT -4)**.

11. NEXT STEPS

The submissions received will be reviewed and evaluated by the BCRC-Caribbean in a fair and impartial way in accordance with the BCRC-Caribbean’s Evaluation Procedure and Criteria. Following the evaluation process, the identification and recommendation of a preferred applicant to the Director of the BCRC-Caribbean will be made for consideration. The estimated timeline for the completion of the evaluation process is four (4) to six (6) weeks. However, please note this timeline is contingent upon the number of bids received and if there is a need to enter into negotiations with the preferred applicant.

NOTES:

<i>Submission</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. When submitting, applicants must ensure that all documents are clearly labelled according to the following protocol: BCRC#10279_2024_004_LastNameFirstName (or organisation name)_DocumentTitle ii. The application documents must be submitted in PDF file format unless otherwise stated. iii. Application documents shall remain the property of the BCRC-Caribbean. iv. The successful applicant will be notified in writing of the award of the contract. 	
<i>Obligations</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. The BCRC-Caribbean reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to the award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders. vi. The BCRC-Caribbean is not bound to accept the lowest Financial Bid. vii. The successful bidder will be notified in writing of the award of contract and provided with an authorisation to proceed. The successful bidder shall be required to enter an appropriate Contract based on the terms of reference and incorporating any other appropriate provisions within that period of time. 	

- viii. The relationship between successful candidate and the BCRC-Caribbean is expected to be one based on mutual respect. Disrespectful behaviour by either party will not be tolerated.
- ix. Any data gathered, and draft and final deliverables developed under this consultancy shall not be shared with third parties without approval from the BCRC-Caribbean.

Language

- x. The working languages of the GEF 10279 Project are English and Spanish. As such project correspondence, outputs, and consultations are expected to be conducted with English/ Spanish interpretation and translated resources; the ability to communicate in Dutch will be regarded as an asset.

Gender Sensitivity

- xi. The ISLANDS Programme encourages that all projects, staff, consultants, and all activities, engage in a working environment that embraces equality, eradicates bias, and is inclusive.
- xii. The ISLANDS Programme is seeking to enable equal opportunity for applicants to overcome structural biases in recruitment and selection. ISLANDS does not discriminate in its recruitment practices, welcoming applications from all qualified people. We strongly encourage applicants of diverse and marginalized backgrounds, especially racial or ethnic minorities, Indigenous peoples, youth, and/or anyone identifying as a gender or sexual minority.

Conduct and Disabilities

- xiii. Reasonable accommodation for applicants with disabilities may be provided to support participation in the recruitment process when requested and indicated in the application.
- xiv. The successful consulting team will be expected to uphold professional conduct throughout the contracted period. Any misconduct, including unprofessional behaviour, will result in mutual termination of the agreement.
- xv. The consulting team is expected to conduct professional communication and interaction with the FAO, National Working Group representatives, BCRC-Caribbean representatives, and other project stakeholders, at all times.

Health and Travel

- (i) All health-related risks associated with travel, are the consultant's responsibility.
- (ii) Recognising the recent concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic¹⁵ the Officer will be expected to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols in all countries during face-to-face engagements and travel.

ISLANDS Reporting Requirements

- (i) In accordance with the reporting requirements stipulated by the GEF and UNEP, the Consulting Team will be required to report the global positioning system (GPS) coordinates for meetings and site visits conducted while on missions to the Project Countries.
- (ii) To support with the knowledge management requirements under the Coordination, Communication and Knowledge Management (CCKM), the Consulting Team will be required to assist with the collection of content for knowledge products related to the work under the consultancy, e.g., photographs and summary notes from stakeholder engagements. These may be included in the Consulting Team's reports, as well as the reports and social media posts of the BCRC-Caribbean.
- (iii) The Consulting Team will be required to apply the GEF ISLANDS Branding Kit, Gender Action Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Communications Strategy to all work under this consultancy, including the development of presentations, reports, etc. All templates and documents will be provided to the Consulting Team by the BCRC-Caribbean, and guidance on the use of the GEF ISLANDS Branding Kit, plans and strategies will be discussed at the briefing meeting between the BCRC-Caribbean and the Consulting Team.

¹⁵ As of May 05, 2023, COVID-19 is now classified as an established and ongoing health issue, which no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. <https://bit.ly/3OqAbcm>