Sustainable Finance for Reducing Hazardous Pesticide Use: The Experience of CONAFIPS and FARM Ecuador

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From credit guarantees to sustainable transition

CONAFIPS channels financial services and guarantees through popular and solidarity economy institutions.

CONAFIPS
Public second-tier financial institution

FOGEPS
Guarantees for SFPS institutions and productive loans

OSFPS
Credit cooperatives and mutual associations

Producers and PSE
Access to productive credit

REDESIGN IN PROGRESS

Proposal: sector-specific subfunds (agriculture and housing), inclusion of priority groups, and financing for sustainable practices.

38,734
guaranteed credit operations

USD 283.8 M
credit mobilized

30,793
unique beneficiaries

Cumulative figures, 2011–May 2026. They cover FOGEPS overall, not green loans or pesticide reductions.

Environmental policy + financial system = action

The transition calls for coordinated regulation, technical assistance and suitable financial products.

MAE

Environmental and chemicals management

MAGP

Sustainable agricultural production

CONAFIPS

Second-tier finance and credit guarantees

FARM / UNDP

Technical assistance and coordination

SHARED OBJECTIVE

Reduce pesticide risks and enable safer, sustainable alternatives

Commitments

Stockholm · Rotterdam · Basel

Instruments

Guarantees · subfunds · risk management

Beneficiaries

Producers · rural women · PSE

Environmental integration into FOGEPS remains under redesign; it is not yet an implemented mechanism.

Keys to lasting sustainable finance

Long-term continuity depends on strong institutions, viable instruments and cooperation networks.

01

Diagnose and strengthen

Build on national mechanisms; identify gaps and high-impact actions.

02

Connect environment and finance

Combine environmental criteria, risk-based pricing and fund viability.

03

Build capacity and networks

Embed tools and indicators; connect institutions and development partners.

COORDINATING TO MULTIPLY IMPACT

Diagnosis → institutionalization → donor partnerships → scale

Redesign remains underway. Mobilized finance and specific environmental outcomes will need to be measured.

Thanks

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