

34. In the environmental area, the same series of studies by the Consumers Association of Penang has yielded work on toxic chemicals, hazardous waste management, and pesticides.

35. IDRC has funded many other occupational health projects, such as multi-country study with the Asian Association of Occupational Health in Singapore which examined the magnitude and severity of the problem of pesticide poisoning in the agricultural areas of Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. The study included a review of relevant legislation and recommendations for reform.

36. IDRC has also provided a grant to an association of activist lawyers in the Philippines, called SALAG, to study the legal situation of a community faced with liquified petroleum gas tanks being built near homes and places of work. The study is to identify relevant laws, develop and enhance the active participation of the people in the identification, planning and implementation of legal actions and strategies; and to formulate law reform proposals.

37. IDRC has also funded a seminar held by the Environmental Problems Foundation of Turkey, which examined the implementation of the major piece of environmental legislation in Turkey. In particular it looked at the failure to develop standard-setting regulations to protect the environment.