AN OVERVIEW OF:
HIGHLY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES

ONE THIRD OF GLOBAL CROP PRODUCTION IS LOST TO PESTS.
That could double without the use of crop protection products like pesticides. A small percentage of these are highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) which farmers can use when no effective alternatives exist.

*Source FAO/OECD

WHY DO FARMERS USE HHPs?

HHPs form part of a farmer’s crop protection toolbox:

- To control pests and protect food supplies
- To produce enough to earn an adequate income
- To prevent overuse and pest resistance to other pesticides

Certain HHPs are also used to control vectors, such as mosquitoes and rodents, that spread deadly diseases.

WHAT’S BEING DONE TO REDUCE THE RISK?
The crop protection industry is working to reduce the risk HHPs pose to people and the environment through:

- Adhering to strict safety regulation
- Farmer training
- Developing alternatives to HHPs
- Stakeholder capacity-building to manage risk

If a pesticide poses an unacceptable risk to people or the environment, under real use conditions, and if the risk cannot be mitigated, it should be withdrawn from use.

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