IFC: A Solution Provider for Sustainable Waste Management

Two billion people lack access to basic municipal solid waste collection services. More than 90 percent of waste in low-income countries continues to be burned or openly dumped. Society's most vulnerable are paying a high price: injury, illness, and loss of life from working in unsafe waste-picking conditions. The environment is also paying a high price, with our oceans choking on plastic waste, valuable land being contaminated by uncontrolled leachate, and methane from landfills and dumpsites adding to significant greenhouse gas emissions.

75%
of plastic waste is either mismanaged or ends up in landfills (World Bank)

of global emissions is estimated to come from the treatment and disposal of waste (World Bank)

12.9m

women may be at risk from exposure to toxic e-waste through their work in the informal waste sector (WHO)

The seriousness of the situation, exacerbated by surging global waste generation, makes the development of sustainable waste management and circular economy opportunities more important than ever. IFC works with clients in emerging markets to build, scale, and grow innovative, market-oriented, long-term solutions to waste infrastructure challenges.

Waste portfolio

IFC has a long track record and a global reach, with more than \$1.4 billion in waste sector commitments.

By region South Asia 2%
East Asia and the Pacific 42% Europe 27%

Middle East, Central Asia, Türkiye, Afghanistan, and Pakistan **24%** Latin America and the Caribbean **5%**

Our approach

Collaborating closely across teams within the World Bank Group, IFC engages with cities and private players in emerging markets to explore potential opportunities through the entire value chain in the solid waste management sector. Through our offering of investment and advisory services, access to blended finance, guarantees, and in-house expertise, we work to provide a complete solution for all our clients.

The IFC Circularity Plus Platform

IFC created the Circularity Plus platform to accelerate the development of sustainable waste solutions that reduce the climate impacts of cities and private sector waste generators. The program provides advisory support to waste management companies and municipal governments committed to developing projects with a focus on circularity.



About IFC

- Largest multilateral source of debt and equity financing for the private sector in developing countries
- AAA-rated by S&P and Moody's
- Loans, equity, quasi-equity, local currency and risk management products, capital markets access, and mobilization
- Advisory services to help develop priority projects, structure and tender PPPs, and improve financial management
- World-class social, environmental, and corporate governance standards and risk mitigation
- Unrivaled expertise in structuring financial instruments such as sustainability-linked, green, and blue bonds and loan, as well as mobilizing blended finance

IFC's Waste Management Business: A Circular, Whole-Value-Chain Approach













Selected IFC waste management projects

TRANSACTIONS

Brazil

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Orizon

\$27 million

Sustainability linked loan

2023

Sanitary landfill & recycling

Vietnam

Bac Ninh

\$30 million

Loan 2022

Poland



Elemental

\$90 million

Equity 2022

E-waste

China/Indonesia



Alba Asia

Tranche 1: \$60 million Tranche 2: \$40 million Loan/equity

2022, 2020 Hazardous waste and bio-waste China



BGE

Invest 1: \$87 million Invest 2: \$57 million

Bond/loan

2022, 2019

Waste to energy

Thailand

INDORAMA

Indorama

\$300 million

Blue loan

2020

Brazil

Middle East/Africa



Averda

\$30 million

Loan

2022

Multi-material recycling

Serbia



Belgrade

\$178 million

Loan 2019

China



New CWI

\$50 million

Equity 2022

Landfill gas to energy

China



Canvest

Invest 1: \$60 million Invest 2: \$180 million

Loan, equity 2018, 2016

China



C&G

\$5 million Equity

2015

Waste to energ



Aihuishou

\$5 million Equity 2014

China

Estre Ambiental

\$24.4 million

Loan/quasi-equity

2009

Sanitary landfil

Mexico



Petstar

\$24.5 million

Loans

2007

Plastic recyclir

China



China Green

\$20 million

Loan/equity

2004

Waste to energy

ADVISORY

Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico



Feasibility study for the deployment of bioconversion technology to process organic waste

Poland



Preparation of the company's carbon projects for issuance of carbon credits

India



Advisory support for structuring model concession agreements and solid waste action plans

Argentina, Colombia, Türkiye

City of Buenos Aires City of Bogotá Empresas Públicas de Medellín

Municipality of Izmir

Pre-feasibility study and advisory, solid waste management, treatment and disposal Serbia

City of Belgrade

PPP advisory, wasteto-energy and landfill remediation

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