

WasteAid

*Delivering circular economy solutions
so that people and planet can thrive*

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The problem

1 billion tonnes of waste
p.a. is mismanaged

1 in 3 people globally are
forced to dump or burn
their waste

5-10 % of climate change
emissions are caused by
the open burning of waste

9 million people die every
year from diseases linked
to waste and pollution



Our recent programmes in 9 countries.



The Gambia

Cameroon

South Africa

Egypt

Kenya

Malawi

India

Vietnam

Indonesia



Progress to a circular economy in less developed areas of the world

- Each country is on its own individual journey
- Common thread is that *'necessity is the mother of invention'*
- Legislation has had different levels of success
- Sophisticated and technologically advanced solutions have their place, but....



What is needed to build circular communities where we work?

- A whole systems approach
- More capex and business development support to the private sector
- More support to basic collection systems so that off takers/buyers have access to quality local feed stock and do not need to import as much
- Support to develop end markets for hard to recycle materials
- More inclusive approach across the value chain to ensure the contribution of the informal sector is better recognised (and remunerated)



Spotlight on a successful approach in South Africa

- Testing out ways to drive separation and segregation
- Community bins; 20% of community using the bins after one month
- Working with collector groups – 11 MT of plastic removed from the environment
- Linking to off takers – getting a better price for materials
- Selling greater variety, new groups setting up
- Participatory approaches – using music, drama, murals



What can Scotland do?

- Recognise the value that an international circular economy approach can have in tackling the climate crisis and environmental issues, but also in alleviating poverty and boosting economies. Be a strong advocate.
- Support areas of the world to develop a circular economy through prioritisation of the issues, through policy decisions on international funding.
- Support systems sharing expertise gained in Scotland through skills transfer programmes and exchanges.
- Be conscious of what Scotland is exporting and lead by example.



How can you get involved?

- **Become a Regular Donor** – please visit www.wasteaid.org/donate

Giving a monthly donation is one of the best things you can do to support our work. It provides regular, reliable funding that helps transform informal waste collectors into circular economy innovators, tackling the waste crisis where it's most needed.

- **Fundraise for WasteAid**

We can provide a fundraising pack, including tips and ideas of how you can get involved with fundraising for WasteAid – from skydives to abseils, sponsored litter pics to bake sales, and everything in between!

Please contact my colleague Jessica to find out more! Jessica.Stickland@wasteaid.org



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