


GRET


Waste management

Supporting implementation of sustainable, innovative, inclusive waste management services.

Theme factsheet



BENCHMARKS

Work on this subject area since 2004.

16 countries of operation in 2019:

Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, France, Guinea, Haiti, Laos, Madagascar, Mauritania, Moldavia, Morocco, Myanmar, Togo, Vietnam.

13 projects and 11 consulting missions conducted by GRET in 2019.

By 2050, annual waste production worldwide is estimated to reach 3.4 billion tons, compared to just over 2 billion currently. An increase of 70% over thirty years, with disparities between territories (300% in Sub-Saharan Africa for example, 200% in South East Asia): this is the challenge that stakeholders in the sector will have to meet, starting with local authorities, which are mostly responsible for project management. Populations and public authorities are becoming increasingly aware of issues relating to waste in terms of health, environment, climate and the economy.

Through projects in the field and consulting missions, GRET works alongside local stakeholders (social businesses, local authorities, informal workers) from pre-collection through to valorisation of waste. Projects conducted have two structural pillars: definition of joint strategies at sectoral level and support for project management.

GRET also raises awareness on prevention and reduction of waste production, marine pollution and waste processing (recycling of plastic waste, composting, energy valorisation), and is active in the search for innovative financial tools such as carbon finance.

Methods of intervention

GRET takes an approach based on strengthening of capacities and joint governance by all stakeholders.

This approach is prioritised in all GRET's work, whether support for project management, technical assistance to sectoral State structures, support to structure waste pre-collection and valorisation segments, citizen responsibility or positionings within specialised networks.





GRET's approach

» «Cities in developing countries are invaded by solid waste, particularly due to transient, mainly imported, consumption habits: plastic and electronic waste, etc. As public authorities are often powerless and civil society ill-equipped, GRET provides technical and financial support, strengthens informal stakeholders' knowledge and dignity, and highlights the circular economy and prevention, with a view to more sustainable, resilient societies», explains **Florian Marchadour**, Waste management project manager with GRET.



Key stakeholders' views



“The [Filipa project](#) contributed to improving the pre-collection operators' (PCOs) image among the authorities and the population. It laid the bases for professionalisation of the sector through training and consideration of health risks related to our job (vaccination, personal protective equipment). Today, PCOs no longer consider themselves as marginalised, but as ‘small businesses’.” **Rock Koumbemba**, chairperson of the **Brazzaville PCO association, Congo**

“I am proud to be the manager of a social business rooted in the community, ensuring a public utility service and demonstrating that we can try things that succeed in precarious neighbourhoods in Port-au-Prince. Our adaptability – to reach the greatest possible number of users – and our pricing flexibility enabled us to attain financial stability in just two years. Our ambition? To continue supporting the State and the municipality!” **Jean Bony Luxamma**, manager of **Sevis Jesyon Fatra**, a business launched during the [Jefakaf project](#), Haiti



Focus on three projects

Improving household waste collection (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Budget: 1 M€ | **Funding:** AFD, Fondation Suez, City of Paris | **Partners:** Vietnam Cooperative Alliance, Song Hong Centre, Institute for Water and Environment.



The Pro-3 project improved the environment in Vinh Phuc province in Vietnam by monitoring household waste management and strengthening environment cooperatives' capacities. The project enabled the implementation of five pilot household waste valorisation units (waste sorting line, composting, vermicomposting, recycling of cement bags, incineration) and awareness-raising actions among populations.

Support for household waste treatment (Lomé, Togo)

Budget: 650 k€ | **Funding:** AFD, Fondation Suez, Sycotm | **Partners:** Enpro, Commune of Lomé.



The Africompost 2 project aims to support the managing operator of the household waste composting platform (Enpro), which treats 5,000 tons of waste on average per year. It also intends to structure the waste pre-collection service and implement actions to raise awareness on development of the public service and reduction of sand at source.

Technical assistance to the Sanita programme (Conakry, Guinea)

Budget: 200 k€ | **Funding:** European Union | **Partner:** National sanitation and public health agency (Anasp).

GRET is providing technical assistance to the Sanita programme, which is implemented by the Enabel agency. The programme aims to improve cleanliness in the cities of Conakry and Kindia, in Guinea. GRET is working along the entire waste management chain via punctual missions or remote support: master plan, funding of the sector, management procedures, waste valorisation, strengthening of capacities, etc.

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