



# WASTE WISE CITIES TOOL DATA TO ACTION BASED ON SDG FRAMEWORK

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2 billion ppl  
w/o waste  
collection

3 billion ppl  
w/o access to  
controlled  
waste  
disposal

Business-as-  
usual:  
8 – 10 % of  
global GHG  
emissions

# SDGS — SHED LIGHT ON WASTE



## Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



### Targets

11.6

By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.

### Indicator

Proportion of municipal solid waste collected and managed in controlled facilities with regards to the total waste generated by the city

## Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



### Targets

12.3

By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.

### Indicator

Food loss Index  
Food Waste Index

12.4

By 2030, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.

Hazardous waste generated per capita and proportion of hazardous waste treated, by type of treatment

12.5

By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

National recycling rate, tons of material recycled

## Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



### Targets

14.1

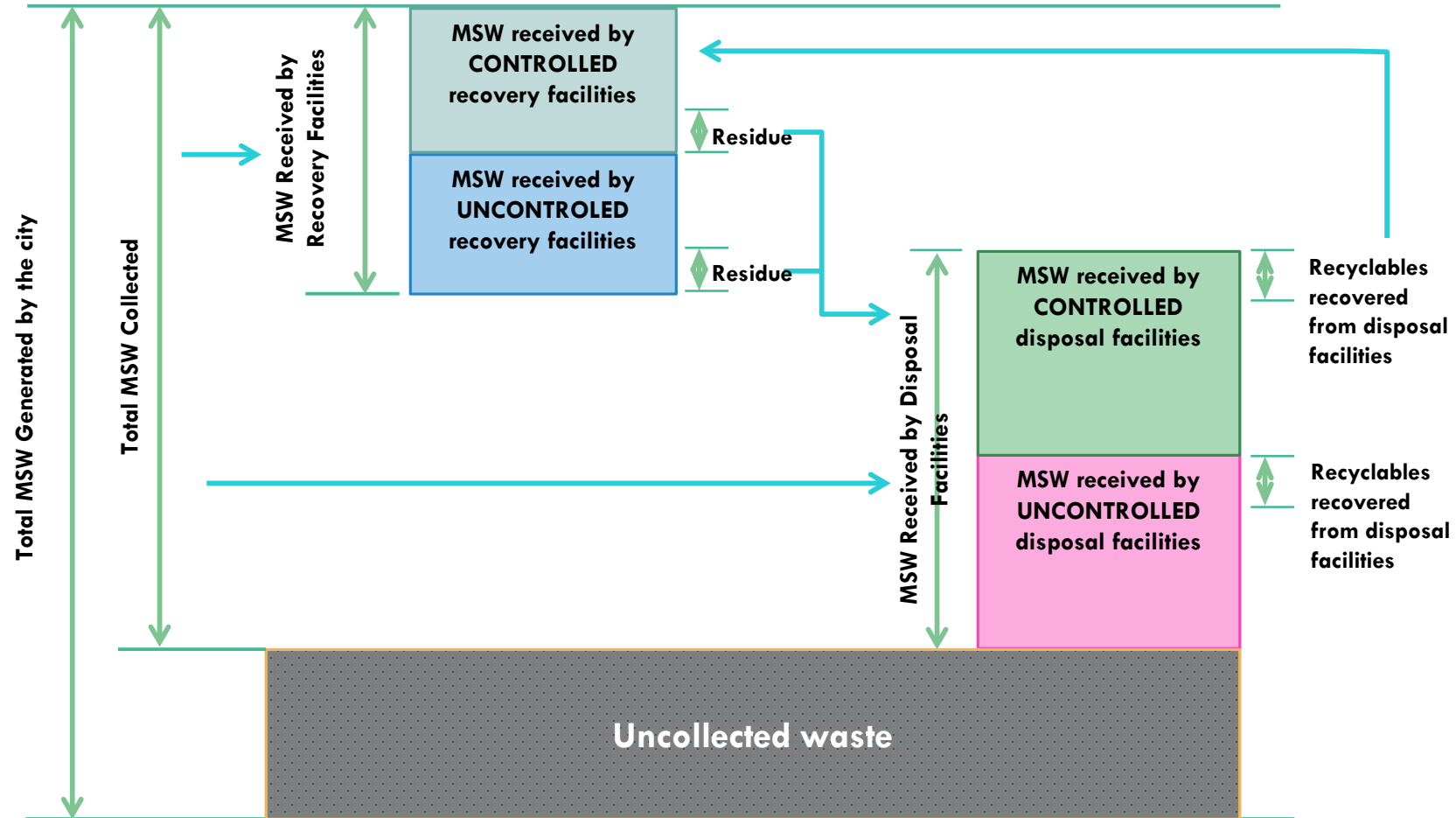
Index of coastal eutrophication and floating plastic debris density

### Indicator

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# WHAT SDG 11.6.1 MEASURES?

% of MSW collected and managed in controlled facilities out of total MSW generated by the city



## MSW and MSW Generation

**Municipal Solid Waste** includes waste generated from: households, commerce and trade, small businesses, office buildings and institutions (schools, hospitals, government buildings). It also includes bulky waste (e.g. white goods, old furniture, mattresses) and waste from selected municipal services, e.g. waste from park and garden maintenance, waste from street cleaning services (street sweepings, the content of litter containers, market cleansing waste), if managed as waste. The definition excludes waste from municipal sewage network and treatment, municipal construction and demolition waste.

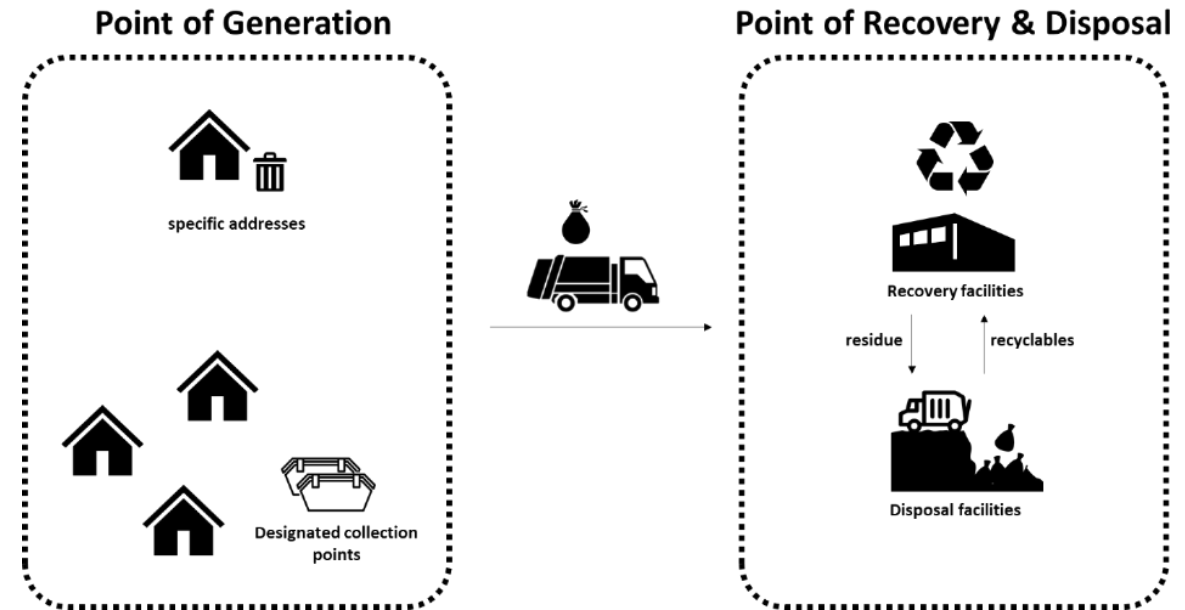
**Total MSW Generated** by the City is the total MSW generated by the population and their economic activities within the defined system boundary.

# KEY DEFINITIONS

## MSW Collection

**Total MSW Collected** refers to the amount of MSW generated that is moved from the point of generation, such as specific addresses or designated collection points, to facilities where the waste is recovered or disposed, regardless of collection modality (e.g. by municipal governments, non-state actors or informal sector). The remaining share of MSW generated is considered “uncollected”.

**The proportion of Population with Access to Basic MSW Collection Services** is the proportion of the population who receive waste collection services that are either basic, improved or full, defined by the service ladder of MSW collection service. It considers aspects of frequency, regularity and proximity of the collection points. This aspect is measured under the SDG indicator 11.6.1 assessment but it is reported through a different indicator, SDG 1.4.1. on access to basic services.



SERVICE LEVEL	DEFINITION
Full	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving door-to-door MSW collection service with basic frequency and regularity and MSW is collected in three or more separate fractions; or <input type="checkbox"/> Having a designated collection point within 200m distance served with basic frequency and regularity and without major littering and MSW is collected in three or more separate fractions
Improved	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving door-to-door MSW collection service with basic frequency and regularity and MSW is collected in a minimum of two, separate fractions (eg. wet and dry fractions) <input type="checkbox"/> Having a designated collection point within 200m distance served with basic frequency and regularity and without major littering and MSW is collected in a minimum of two, separate fractions (eg. wet and dry fractions)
Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving door-to-door MSW collection service with basic frequency and regularity or <input type="checkbox"/> Having designated collection point within 200m distance served with basic frequency and regularity
Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving door-to-door MSW collection service without basic frequency and regularity; <input type="checkbox"/> Having a designated collection point within 200m distance but not served with basic frequency and regularity; or <input type="checkbox"/> Having designated collection point in further than 200 m distance.
No	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving no waste collection service

Note: Basic frequency and regularity: served at least once a week for one year

## MSW Recovery

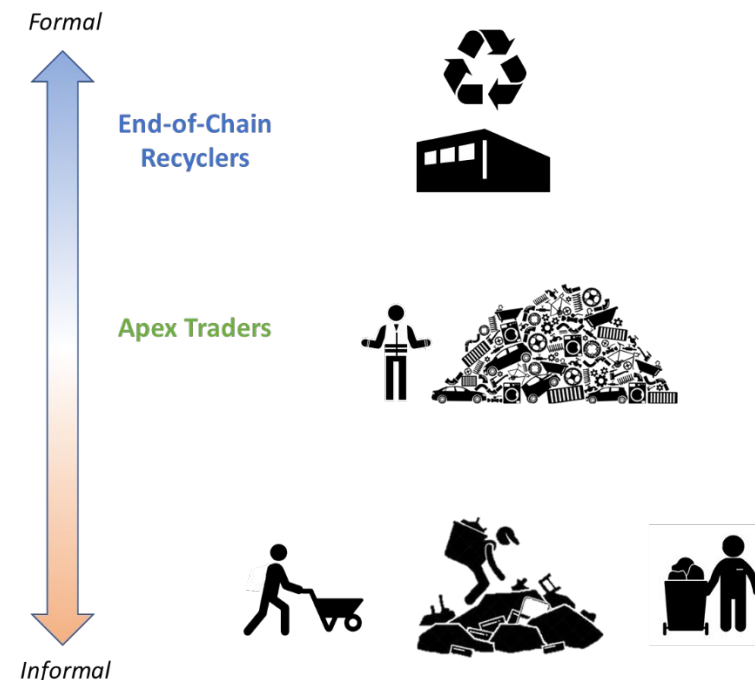
**Recovery** means any operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the facility or in the wider economy.

**Recovery facilities** include any facilities with recovery activities defined above including recycling, composting, incineration with energy recovery, materials recovery facilities (MRF), mechanical biological treatment (MBT) facilities, etc.

**Recycling value chain** usually involves several steps of the private recycling industry which purchase, process and trade materials from the point a recyclable material is extracted from the waste stream until it will be reprocessed into products, materials or substances that have market value. In many low and low-to-middle income countries, this involves informal waste pickers, intermediate traders, apex traders and end-of-chain recyclers.

**Apex traders** collect recyclable materials from different sources and suppliers (sometimes including materials from different cities and countries) and supply them to different end-of-chain recyclers (sometimes after pre-processing such as sorting, washing and bailing).

**End-of-chain recyclers** purchase recyclable material from suppliers such as apex traders, and reprocesses them into products, materials, or substances that have market value.



Example of Plastic



## Disposal

**Disposal** means any operation whose main purpose is not the recovery of materials or energy even if the operation has as a secondary consequence the reclamation of substances or energy.

**MSW Managed in Controlled Facilities** refers to MSW collected and transported to recovery and disposal facilities that are operated under basic, improved or full control according to the Ladder of waste management facilities' control level (Table 2). The Ladder can be used as a checklist for assessing the level of control of a particular recovery or disposal facility. The facility should be classified by going through the decision making tree attached in the Annex. . Note that the emphasis is on operational control rather than engineering/design. A facility that is constructed to a high standard, but not operated in compliance with Level 3 (or above) standard is not regarded as a controlled facility.

# LADDER OF CONTROL LEVEL – RECOVERY FACILITIES

CONTROL LEVEL	Incineration with energy recovery	Other recovery facilities
Full Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Built to and operating in compliance with current national laws and standards including stringent stack and GHG emission criteria</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emission controls are conducted compliant to environmental standards and results of tests are accessible and transparent to citizens/users</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fly ash managed as a hazardous waste using the best appropriate technology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A strong and robust environmental regulator inspects and monitors emissions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Built to and operating in compliance with current national laws and standards</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pollution control compliant to environmental standards</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The nutrient value of biologically treated materials utilized for separate organic waste (e.g. in agriculture/horticulture)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Materials are extracted, processed according to market specifications, and sold to recycling markets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording of incoming loads conducted</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All outgoing loads registered by weight and type of destination</li> </ul>
Improved Control	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineered facilities with effective process control</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pollution control compliant to environmental standards</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of materials extracted being delivered into recycling or recovery markets.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording of incoming and outgoing loads conducted</li> </ul>
Basic Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emission controls to capture particulates</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trained staff follow set operating procedures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Equipment maintained</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ash management carried out</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Registered facilities with marked boundaries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some environmental pollution control</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provisions made for workers' health and safety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording of incoming and outgoing loads conducted</li> </ul>
Limited Control	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered facilities with distinguishable boundaries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No environmental pollution control</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No provisions made for workers' health and safety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted</li> </ul>
No Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrolled burning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No air/water pollution control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered locations with no distinguishable boundaries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No provisions made for workers' health and safety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No environmental pollution control</li> </ul>

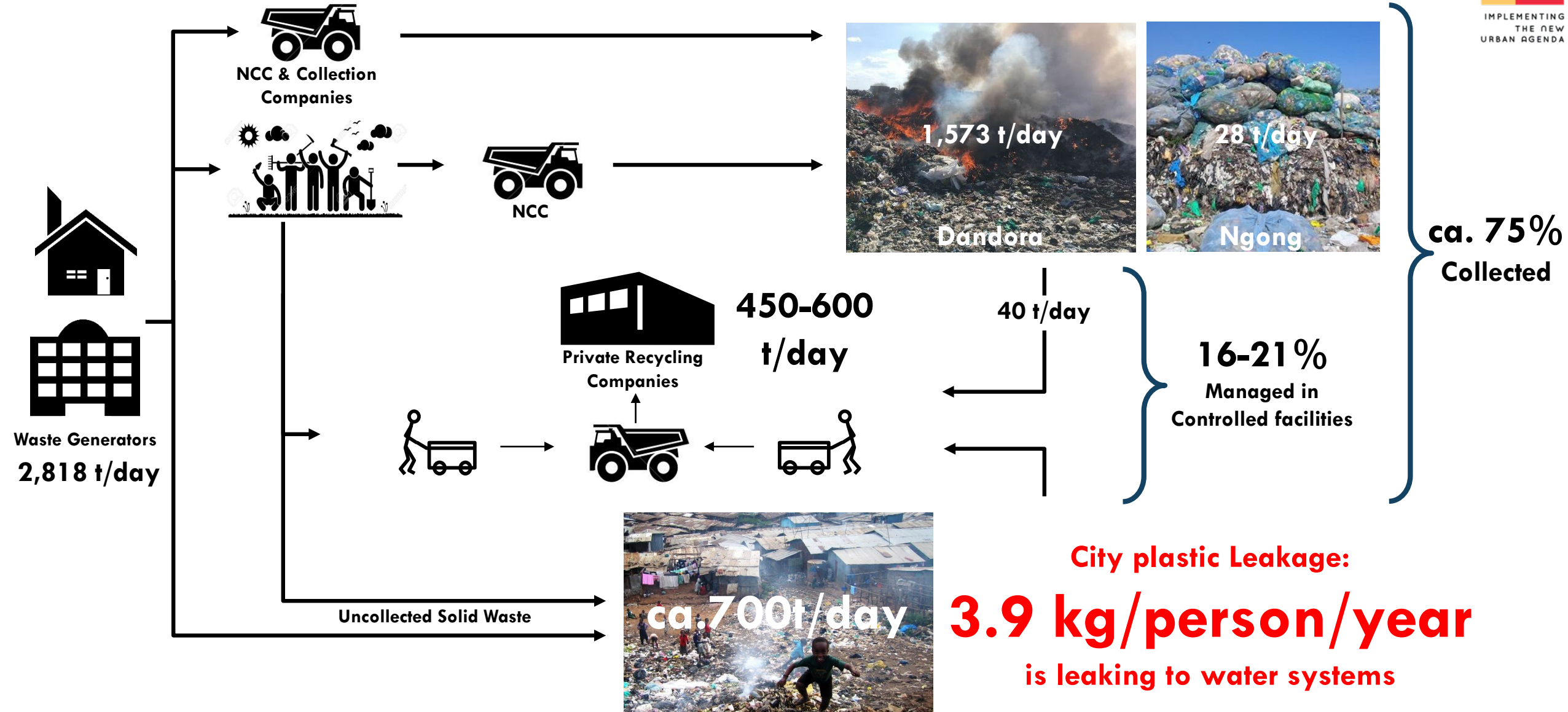
# LADDER OF CONTROL LEVEL – DISPOSAL FACILITIES



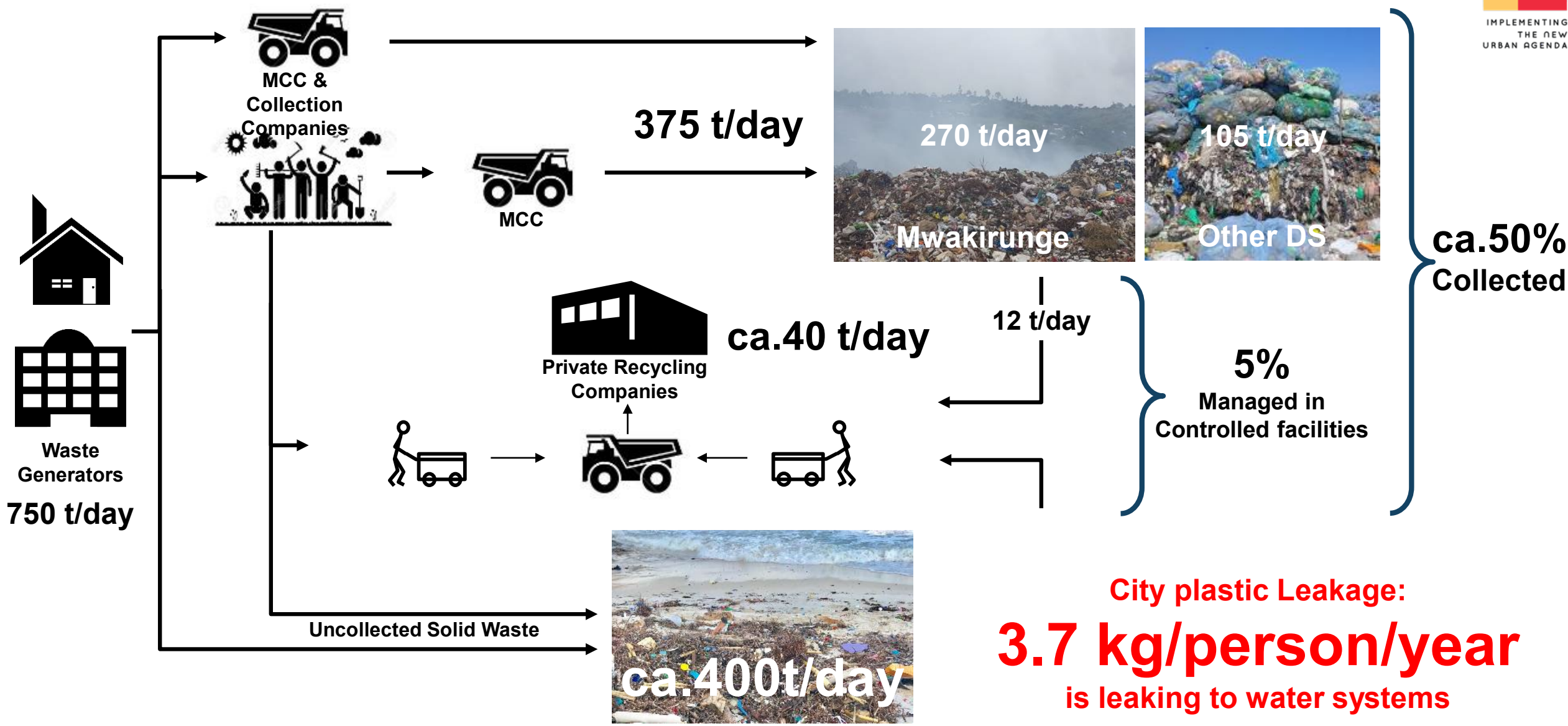
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CONTROL LEVEL	Disposal Facilities	
Full Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste daily covered <input type="checkbox"/> Waste compacted <input type="checkbox"/> Site fenced and full 24-hour control of access <input type="checkbox"/> Properly sited, designed and functional sanitary landfill <input type="checkbox"/> Leachate containment and treatment (naturally consolidated clay on the site or constructed liner)	<input type="checkbox"/> Landfill gas collection and flaring and/or utilization <input type="checkbox"/> Site staffed; <input type="checkbox"/> Post closure plan <input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety
Improved Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste periodically covered <input type="checkbox"/> Waste compacted <input type="checkbox"/> Site fenced and control of access <input type="checkbox"/> Leachate containment and treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Landfill gas collection (depending on landfill technology) <input type="checkbox"/> Site staffed <input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety
Basic Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Some use of cover <input type="checkbox"/> Waste compacted <input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient equipment for compaction <input type="checkbox"/> Site fenced and control of access <input type="checkbox"/> No fire/smoke existence	<input type="checkbox"/> Site staffed <input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted <input type="checkbox"/> The slope of the landfill is stable, landslides not possible <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of workers' health and safety
Limited Control	<input type="checkbox"/> No cover <input type="checkbox"/> Some compaction <input type="checkbox"/> Some equipment for compaction <input type="checkbox"/> Some level of access control/fencing <input type="checkbox"/> No leachate control	<input type="checkbox"/> Some fire/smoke existence <input type="checkbox"/> Site staffed <input type="checkbox"/> Weighing and recording conducted <input type="checkbox"/> The slope of the landfill is unstable with high possibility of a landslide
No Control	<input type="checkbox"/> No cover <input type="checkbox"/> No compaction <input type="checkbox"/> No/ limited equipment <input type="checkbox"/> No fencing	<input type="checkbox"/> No leachate control <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/smoke existence <input type="checkbox"/> No staff <input type="checkbox"/> The slope of the landfill is unstable with high possibility of a landslide

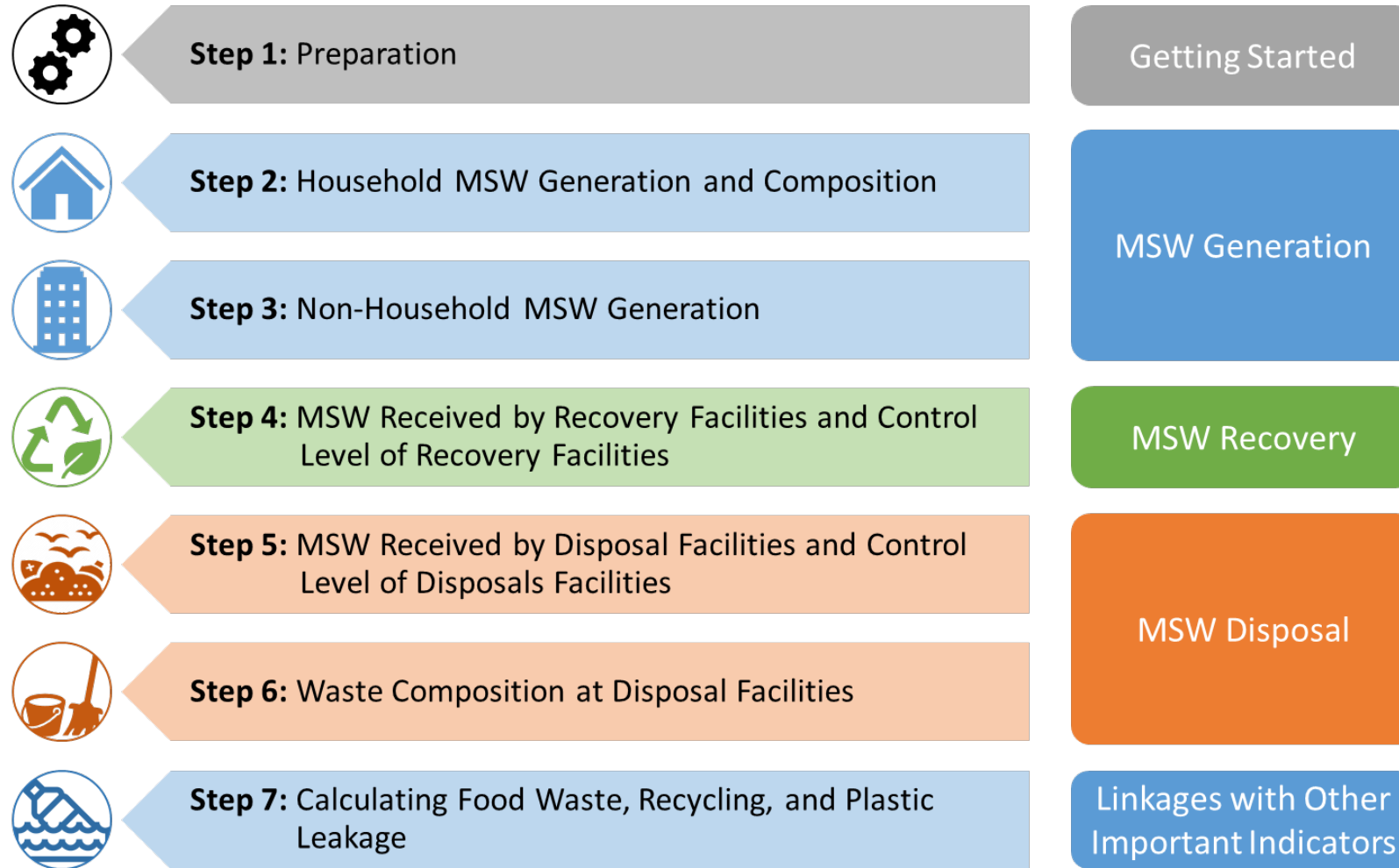
# Municipal Solid Waste Flow in Nairobi



# Results 2: Municipal Solid Waste Flow in Mombasa, Kenya



# SDG 11.6.1 MONITORING STEPS



# STEP 1: PREPARATION

- Gain political and senior management endorsement and support from the city
- Establish a working team (20-30 members who are dedicated full-time for 2-3 weeks and led by 2-3 well trained experts, better if from the waste management/environmental office of the city). Small teams of 2/3 people will be assigned to each neighborhood to survey. Nominate a team leader for each small team.
- With support of team leaders/experts select:
  - 9 neighborhoods to survey (3 per economic segment: low, middle, high) and
  - 10 households to survey (inform them about the survey and make sure about their participation before the survey starts)
- Obtain necessary data from statistics office or relevant offices that will help to conduct the survey and data analysis process (e.g. population, population according to income levels)

# STEP 2: HOUSEHOLD MSW GENERATION AND COMPOSITION

- Waste sampling from 10 household from 3 survey areas per income groups (high, middle and low income groups)
- To obtain representative sample, 7 days' sample from each household to be collected
- Collected samples weighed to obtain average waste generation per capita
- After weighing, waste composition is measured for each income groups



Family  
4 members

Day 1



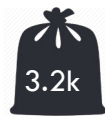
**Discard!**

Because ppl put accumulated waste in the bag making the sample not representative

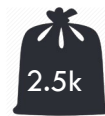
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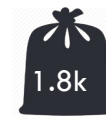
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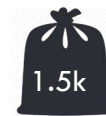
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Day 5



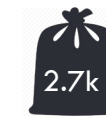
Day 6



Day 7



Day 8



7 x 4

= **0.57kg/day/person**



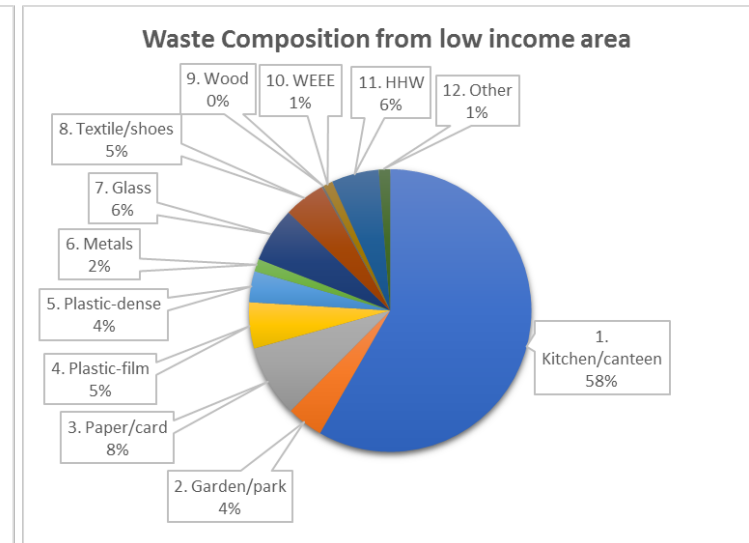
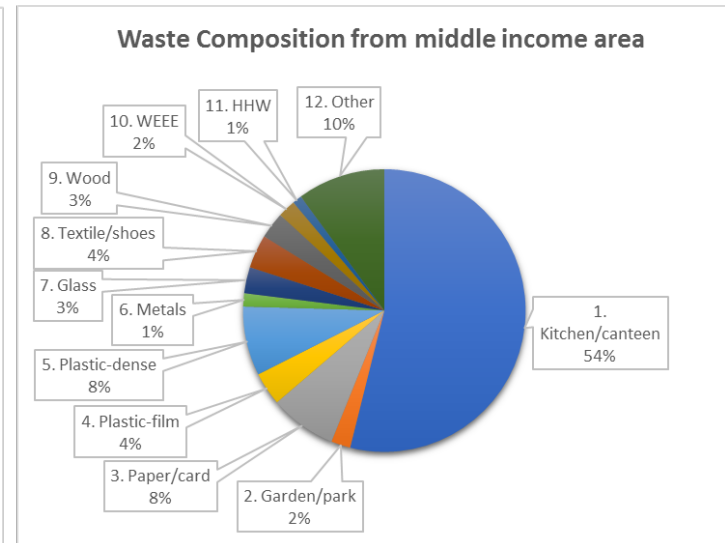
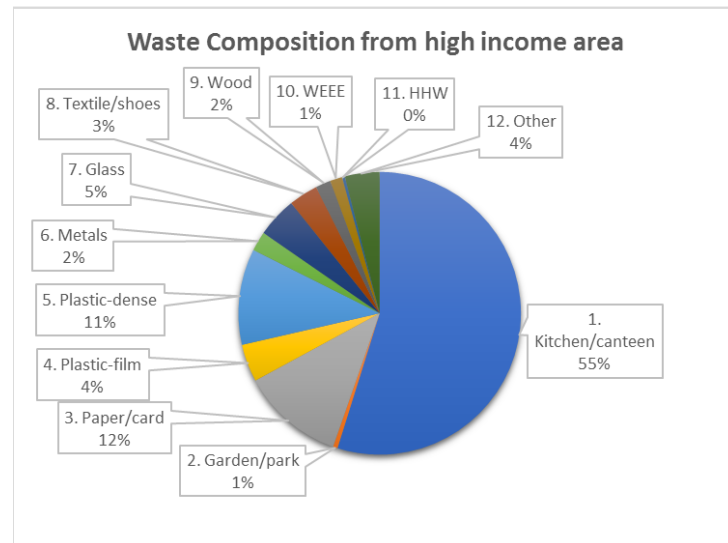
# WASTE CHARACTERIZATION INTO 12 TYPES

Categories	Examples
Kitchen / Canteen Waste	Bread, coffee grinds, cooked or uncooked food items, food leftovers, fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, pet foods, tea bags
Garden / Park Waste	Flowers; Fruit and vegetable garden waste; Grass Cuttings; Hedge trimmings; Leaves; Pruning; Tree branches; Weeds
Wood	Bottle corks, Cork packaging, Untreated Pallet, Solid timber and timber fragments, Wood from DIY, Wood furniture or toys
Paper / Cardboard	Brochures, magazines, newspapers, cereal packets, Cleaning product cartons, Cards, Books, Tissue Paper, Writing papers
Plastic Film	Biscuit wrappers, Cling film, Compost/peat bags; Crisp packets; Frozen food bags; Cellotape; Shopping Bags, Tarpalins
Plastic Dense	All plastic bottles/jars, Plastic bottles, Food packing trays, Roll on deodorant bottles, Bottle tops, Toothpastes, Plastic toys
Glass	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks bottles, Food jars, Medicine bottles, Cookware, Flat glass, Light bulbs, Mixed broken glass
Textiles	Trousers; Skirts; Socks; Stockings; Tights; Balls of wool; Blankets; Braids; Carpets; Ropes; Rugs; Sheets; Threads; Towels
Metals	Biscuit containers; Packaging for carbonated drinks, Fish, Pet food etc; Aluminium foil sheets; Shoe polish cans; Soft drinks;
Hazardous Household Waste	Batteries/Accumulators;
Complex Products	Composite/Complex Packaging such as Aluminium Foil-coated card, liquid containers e.g. milk; fruit juice; Appliance parts
Other	Boulders; Bricks; Gravel; Pebbles; Sand; Soil; Stones; Ceramics; Clay plant pots; Crockery; Stone/ceramic floor and wall tiles; Children's disposable nappies; Ashes; Sand; Small fragments <10mm of all above categories

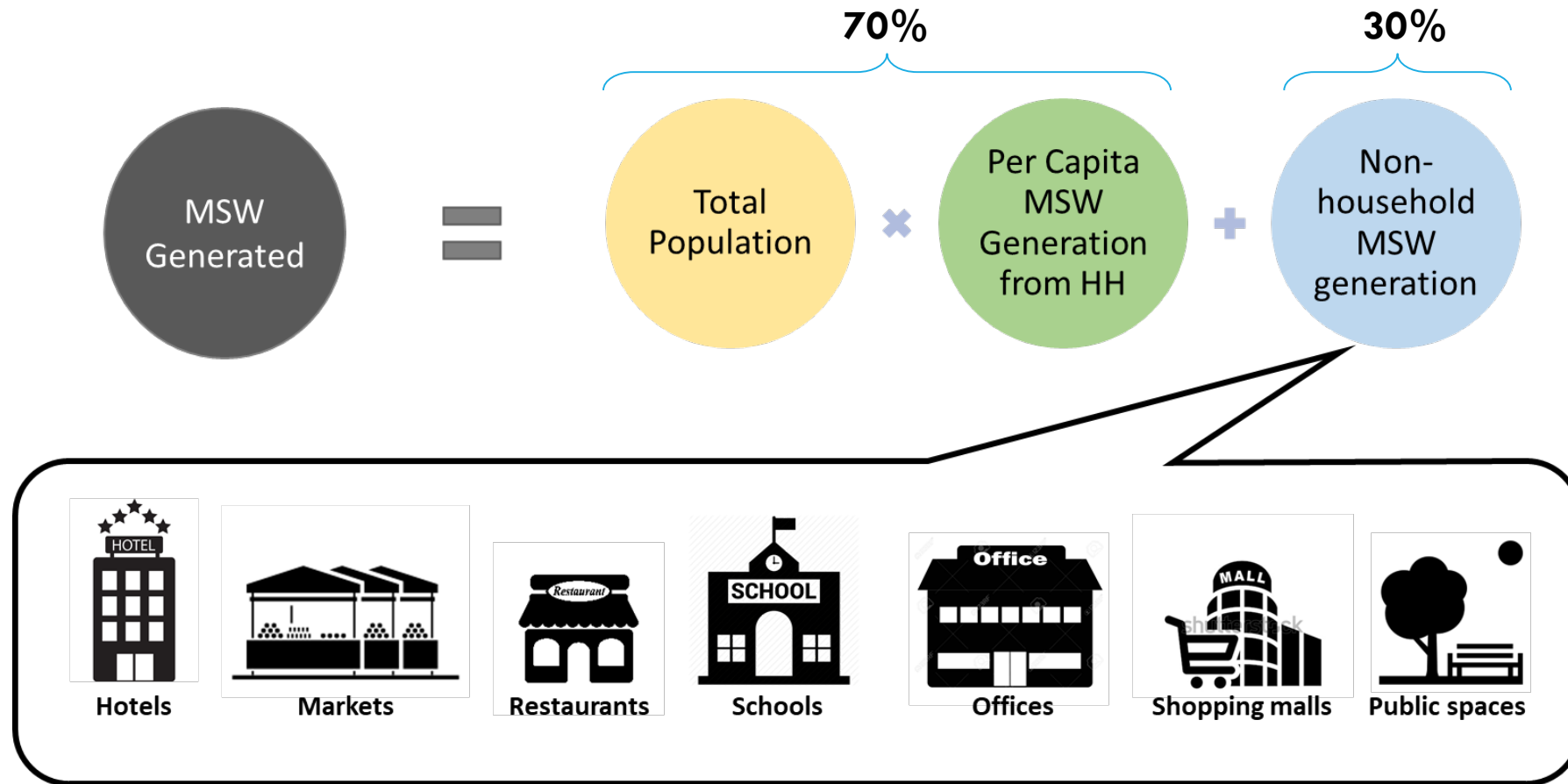
# EXAMPLE OF NAIROBI – SURVEY RESULTS OF STEP 2

Income level	MSW Generation per capita (kg/capita/day)	Population	Population rate	MSW Generation from each income level (t/day)
High Income	0.62	607,174	13%	378
Medium Income	0.89	1,629,660	35%	1,450
Low Income	0.19	2,408,719	52%	462
<b>Total</b>	N/A	4,645,553	100%	<b>2,290</b>

Types	Recyclable waste generation from HH (t/day)
Food waste	1,259
Plastic film	96
Plastic dense	176
Paper and cardboard	198
Glass	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,820</b>



# STEP 3: NON-HOUSEHOLD MSW GENERATION



$$Total\ MSW = \frac{Total\ MSW\ from\ households}{70\%}$$

# STEP 4: MSW RECEIVED BY RECOVERY FACILITIES & LEVEL OF CONTROL



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- Identify recovery facilities during the preparation phase (STEP 1)
- Arrange visits and interviews with identified recovery facilities (Annex 5 of WaCT Step by Step Guide)
- Evaluate the level of control of recovery facilities based on the ladder environmental level of control (ladder provided in to WaCT Step by Step Guide)
- Compile the collected information (in provided file)



# STEP 5: MSW RECEIVED BY DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND LEVEL OF CONTROL



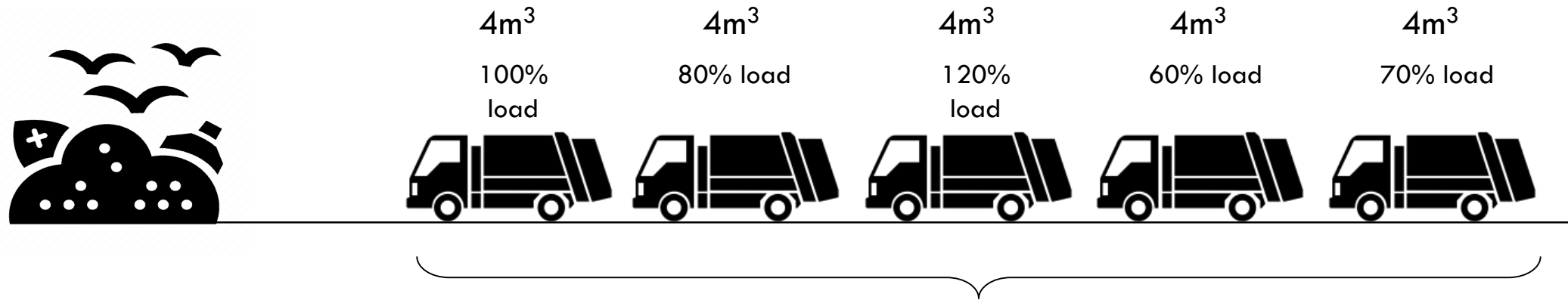
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- Identify disposal facilities
- Arrange visits and interviews with identified disposal facilities
  - Obtain records of waste received (weigh bridge record or counting the number of truck)
  - Interview waste pickers (average daily amount of recyclables recovered by one waste picker and the approximate number of waste pickers in the disposal site)
- Evaluate the level of control of disposal facilities
- Compile the collected information (in provided file)



# IF THE SITE DOESN'T HAVE A WEIGHBRIDGE....

Count the number of trucks! And get the average density of the waste!



$$4 + 4 \times 0.8 + 4 \times 1.2 + 4 \times 0.6 + 4 \times 0.7 = 17.2\text{m}^3$$



**Waste density:**

100 litter bin full of garbage is 75kg.  
75kg ÷ 100 litre (0.1m<sup>3</sup>) = **750kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

$$750\text{kg} \times 17.2\text{m}^3 = 12,900\text{kg} = 12.9\text{t}$$

# STEP 6: MSW COMPOSITION AT DISPOSAL FACILITIES

## Preparation

- Hire and train workers (8-10 people)
- Acquire necessary equipment
- Prepare site for the audit

## Waste sampling & composition analysis

- Select trucks for waste sampling from each income level (a minimum of 3 trucks, one each from low, medium and high-income service areas)
- Take a 200-300kg sample from the truck
- In total 600-900kg of waste sample is obtained per income level
- Use quartering technique to get a sample
- Sort the waste into 12 types
- Weigh the waste fractions



# STEP 7: CALCULATING FOOD WASTE, RECYCLING, AND PLASTIC LEAKAGE



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$$HH\ FWI = \frac{\text{Total MSW generated (t/day)} \times \text{proportion of food waste (\%)}}{\text{Total population}} \times 365 \left(\frac{kg}{person/day}\right)$$



*Quantity of material recycled from the MSW stream*

$$= \sum \text{Amount of recycled products sold by each of the recovery facilities}$$



- 1) Quantifying plastic leakage from every stage of the MSWM system
- 2) Determining the fates of each flow in the environment (i.e. retained on land, water systems, storm drains or burnt).

<https://plasticpollution.leeds.ac.uk/projects/>





- Dissemination of Waste Wise Cities through city networks such as Waste Wise Cities and African Clean Cities Platform
- Online course on Waste Wise Cities Tool application + waste management action planning
- Capacity development training through African Clean Cities Platform



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