

Waste Material Collection and Recycling



The idea involves collection of wastes from households, institutions and industries by unemployed youth living in the streets. The waste is transported to respective areas (assigned by the government authorities). For organic wastes, a land will be located for its accumulation and thereafter processed into organic manure for sale; for recyclable wastes they will be supplied to industries for recycling. The service can be replicated in districts, hence involving a group of youth per district.

Objectives

Activities:

- (a) Collecting garbage wastes from households, institutions and industries.
- (b) Supplying and distributing used and recyclable materials to manufacturing industries

Objectives Realized:

- (a) The service will improve the hygienic condition and therefore reduce environmental pollution. A lot of waste from various sources is left in the environment hence leading to health problems to the households, pollution to the environment and the society at large. At the end a lot of cost is spent in dealing with the side effects of wastes in the environment
- (b) It will also improve the sewerage system in the city areas and hence reduce water pollution.
- (c) It will add income to the nation through taxation.

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Young people

It will create employment opportunities and reliable alternative source of income to young people living in the streets. Their involvement in the service will also increase more employment opportunity because currently the street youth are invisible to several working opportunities which demand working experience and educational qualifications. Therefore they need to be involved in a project to start with, so that in future they can develop something big for themselves.

Additional information

Raising awareness of the service to the prospective customers and sensitize the community on the need for health environment.

Raising enough income for covering living expenses for the workers (unemployed youth)

Changing the mindset of the citizens on paying for the service

The service will make money by charging the prospective customers monthly or annually.

The initial investment needed is USD 10,000 where the expenses will include land acquisition, office space, hiring a vehicle, office furniture and equipment and administrative costs. With only eight people in one group in one district, sales are expected to increase in year 2. In coming years the service will strategically position itself and focus to expand in other unexploited regions.