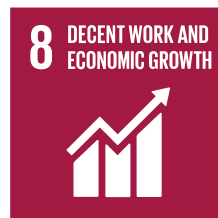


ADAPTIVE URBAN-INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS STRATEGY

Utilizing Municipal Waste as an Economic Source

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WASTE IS COMMONLY PERCEIVED AS
UNWANTED MATERIALS

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HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS AN
ECONOMIC SOURCE

THOUGH WASTE ECO-SYSTEM BUILDING, WE AIM TO BUILD A CIRCULAR ECONOMY



PROBLEM

Low source segregation and recycling rate



TRASURE

Community waste-sorting program and incentives

Lack a central platform to buy recyclables



Waste E-commerce

Poor working condition & low income for the informal sector



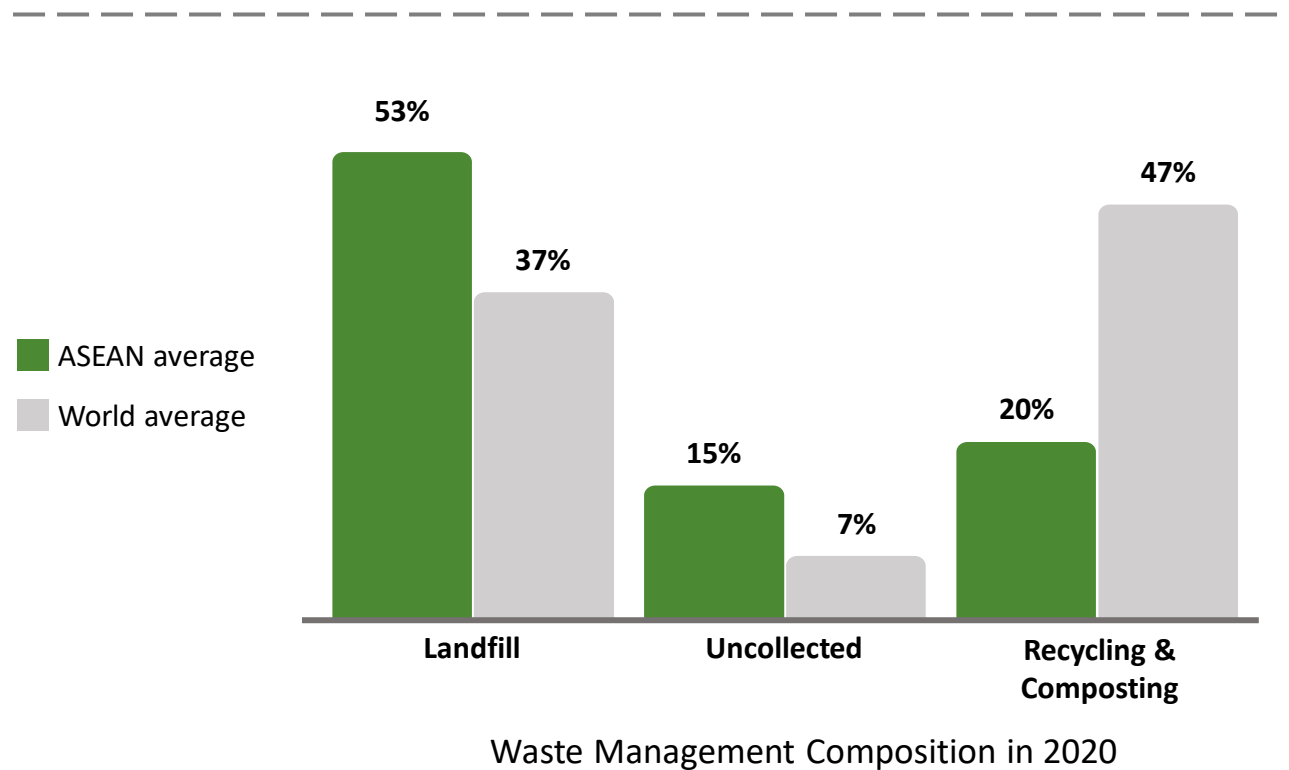
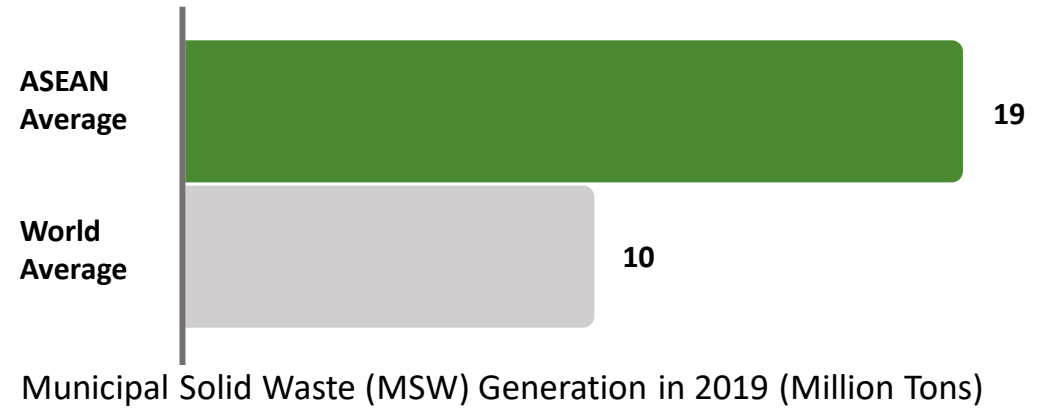
Green jobs creation for the informal sector

While ASEAN Nations generates waste about

2 TIMES MORE

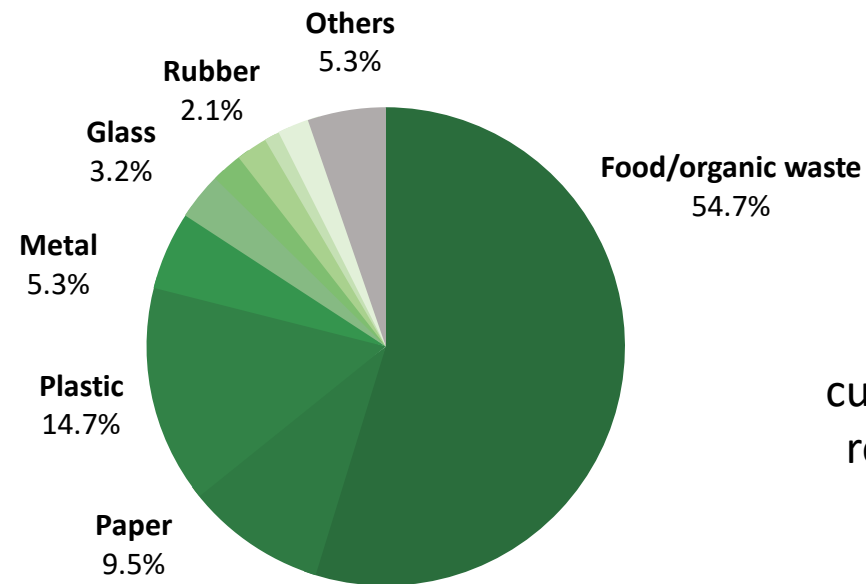
than the world average, their waste management method is

MUCH LESS SUSTAINABLE



Source: The World Bank 2016, United Nations Environment Programme 2017

ASEAN IS MISSING OUT
not just
ENVIRONMENTALLY
but also
ECONOMICALLY



ASEAN annual waste composition in 2020

> 90%
current material can be
reused, recycled, and
composted

190 Million Tons of MSW

Generated annually 2019 by ASEAN



65% of generated MSW

are wasted in landfills or uncollected

\$7.7 Billions are Wasted

in terms of Green economic potential



Source: United Nations Environment Programme 2017, Statista 2020, Kristanto & Koven 2019, US EPA 2019, Njoku et al. 2019, MSV2016, Chinda 20, Cesaro 2020, CNN Philippines 2020, CCAC 2015, WMW 2013, Shams et al. 2014, Corbey 2011

ASEAN popular waste disposal method
is **HARMING** its
**ENVIRONMENT &
THE PEOPLE**

100 Million Tons

MSW dumped in ASEAN **landfills** each year



2,844 km²

of land is used for waste dumping

50 Million Tons

of Toxic gas emitted from landfill sites



Filled with waste and toxic gas

leaving areas that are hard or impossible to live in

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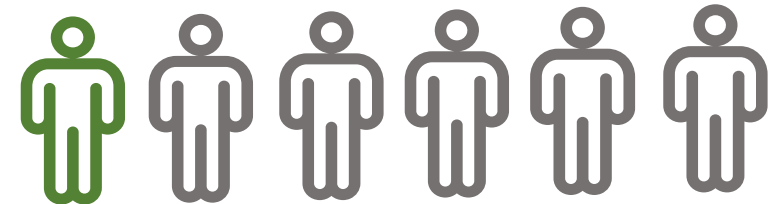
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One in every six people in ASEAN are
vulnerable to respiratory diseases



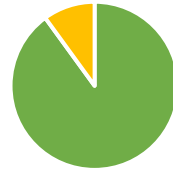
110,250,000 PEOPLE

WHO
is **SAVING** us
from the
WASTE LAND



6.7 Million people

are involved in the informal waste picking sector



82% - 90%

of recyclable waste

are collected by these waste pickers



Make \$4.5 - \$11 daily

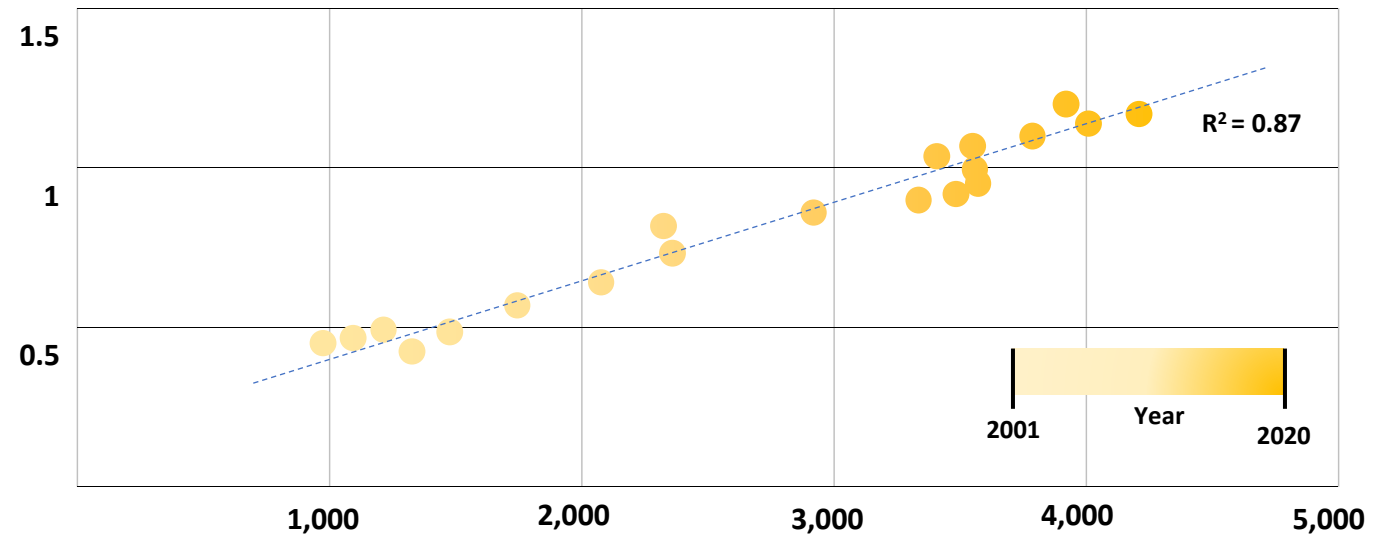
and are excluded from formal finance



90% - 98% of waste pickers

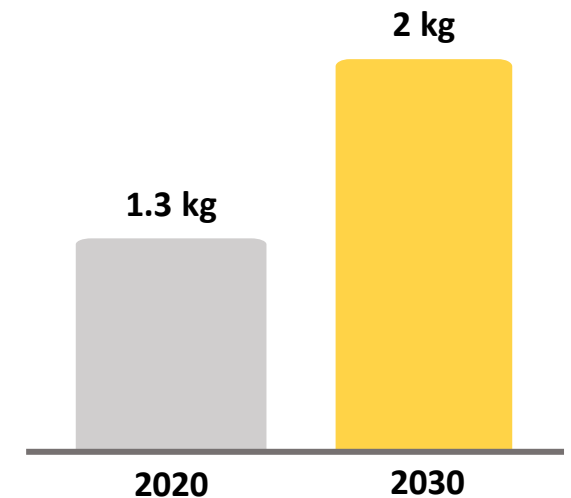
are vulnerable to physical injuries and health infections

MORE WEALTH, MORE WASTE



Correlation between ASEAN waste generation kg/person/day explained
GDP/capita growth from 2001-2020

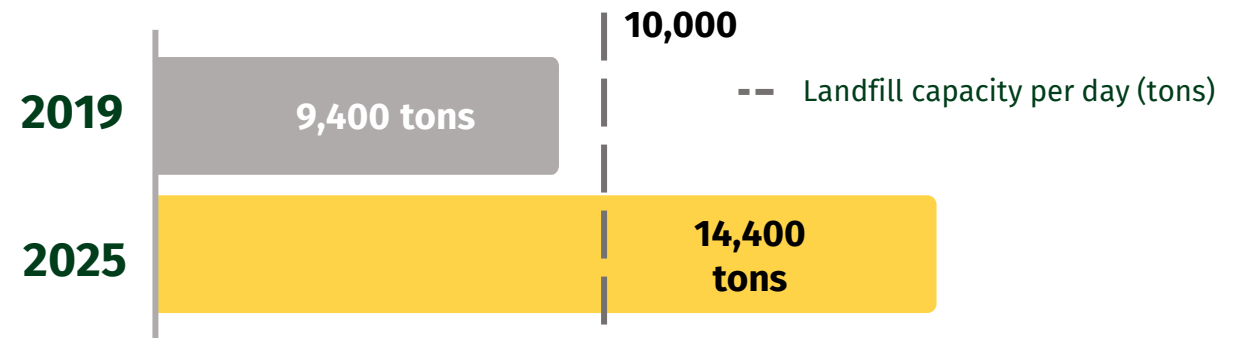
With the current economic growth
rate,
An average person in ASEAN will
generate
1.5x more waste by 2030



ASEAN waste generation
kg/person/day forecast by 2030
based on GDP/capita growth

At the
CURRENT GROWTH RATE,
we will run
**OUT OF LAND TO
FILL WASTE.**

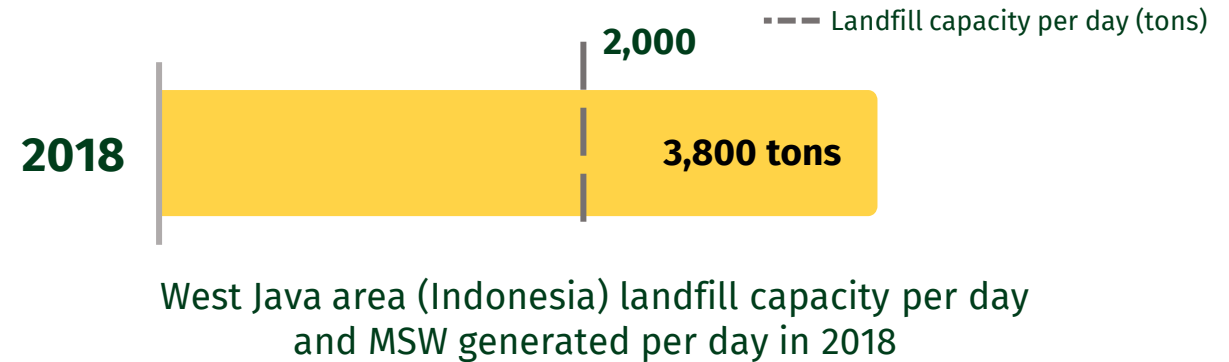
In 1-2 years
Landfills in Vietnam will run at overcapacity



Ho Chi Minh's (Vietnam) landfill capacity per day and
MSW generated per day in 2019 and 2025

PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE Is ALREADY HERE

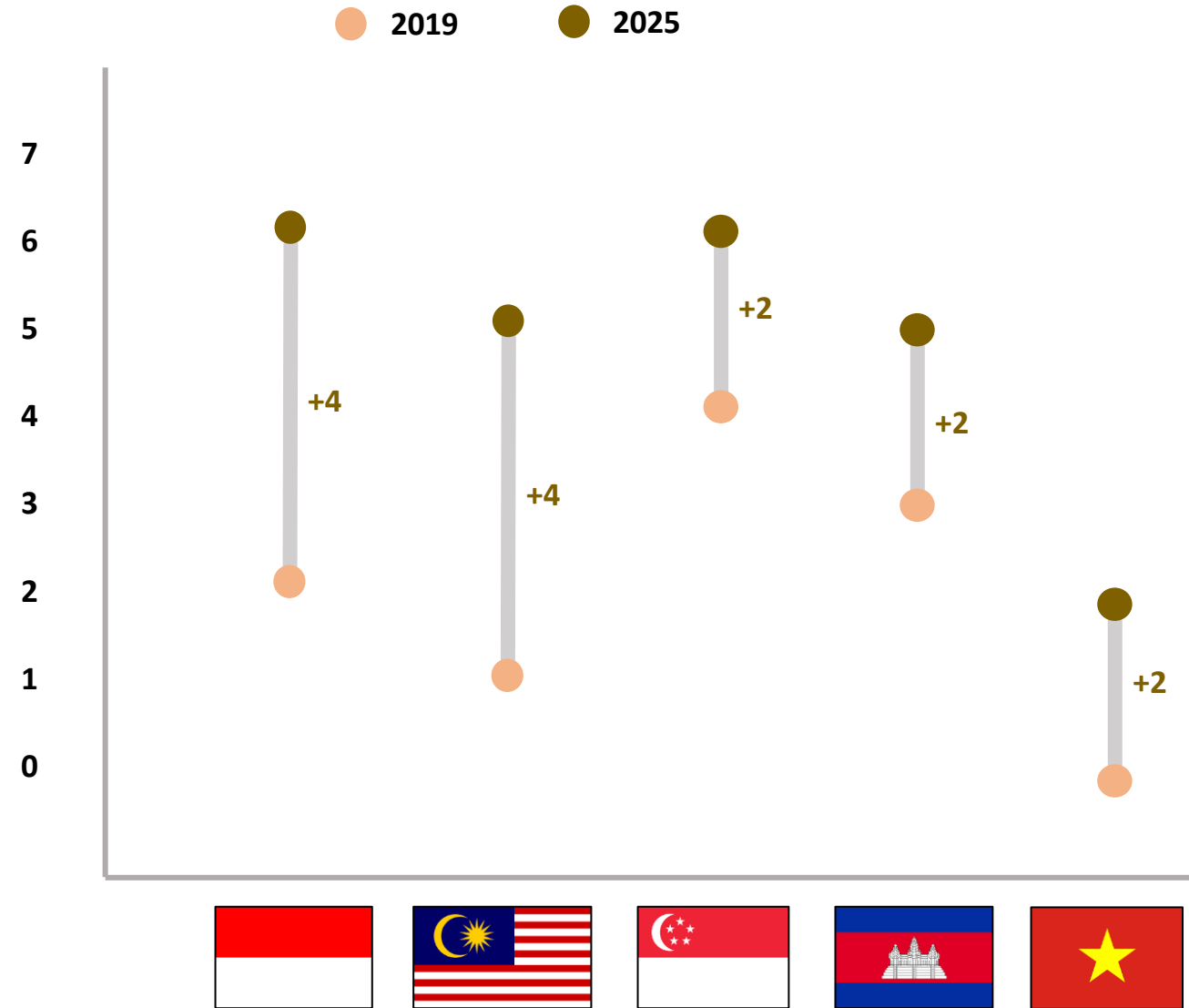
Overcapacity
Is already a reality in Indonesia



Ocean, River & Open Dumping
Occur as a result

No.1
polluted river in the world
Indonesia's Citarum River

COUNTRIES ARE CHANGING TO INCINERATION

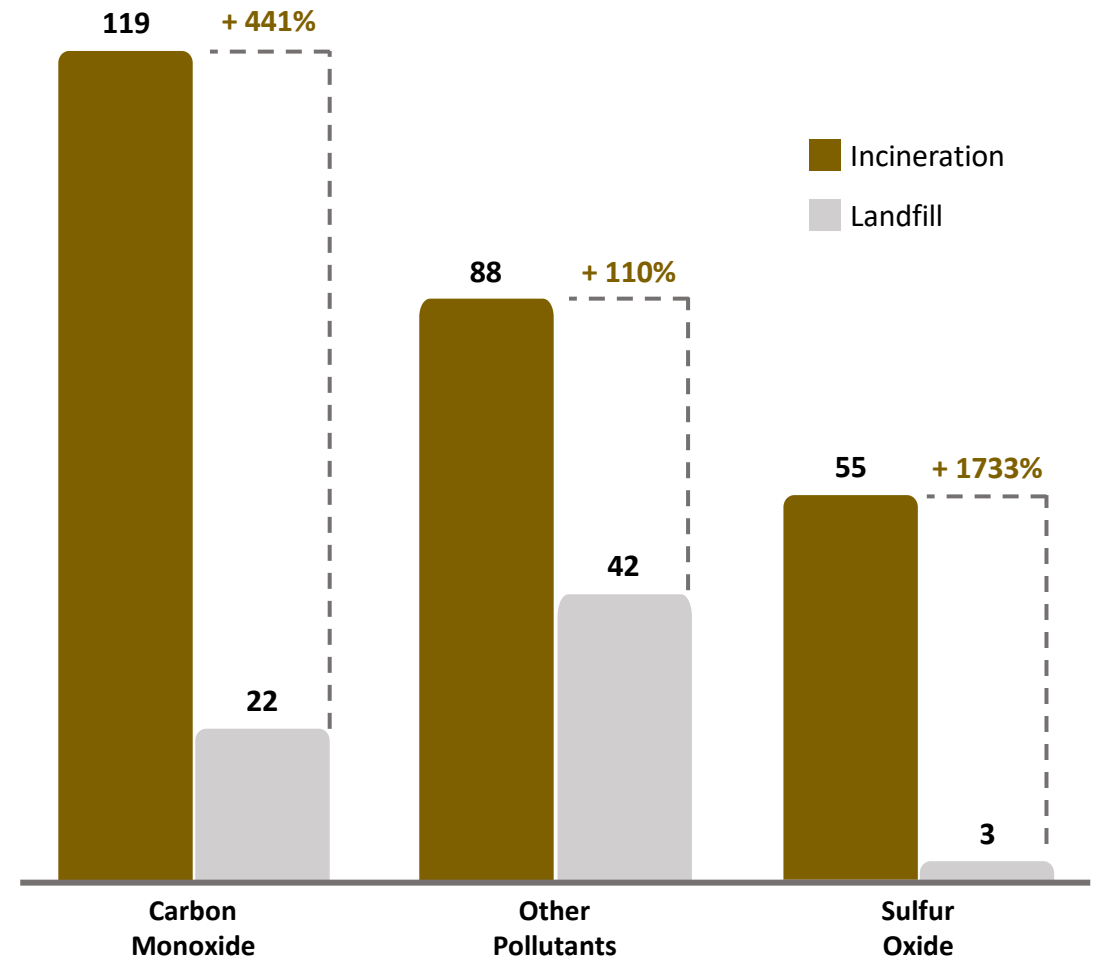


Number of incineration plants (capacity > 1000 tons per day)
countries plan to build until 2025

Source: United Nations Environment Programme 2017, The World Bank 2020, Euromonitor International 2019, Zero Waste City 2020, Tun et al. 2020, Waste Management World 2021, Kahfi et al. 2019

INCINERATION IS ONLY A QUICK FIX

Even though incinerations creates energy,
it is not worth the sacrifice of the environment

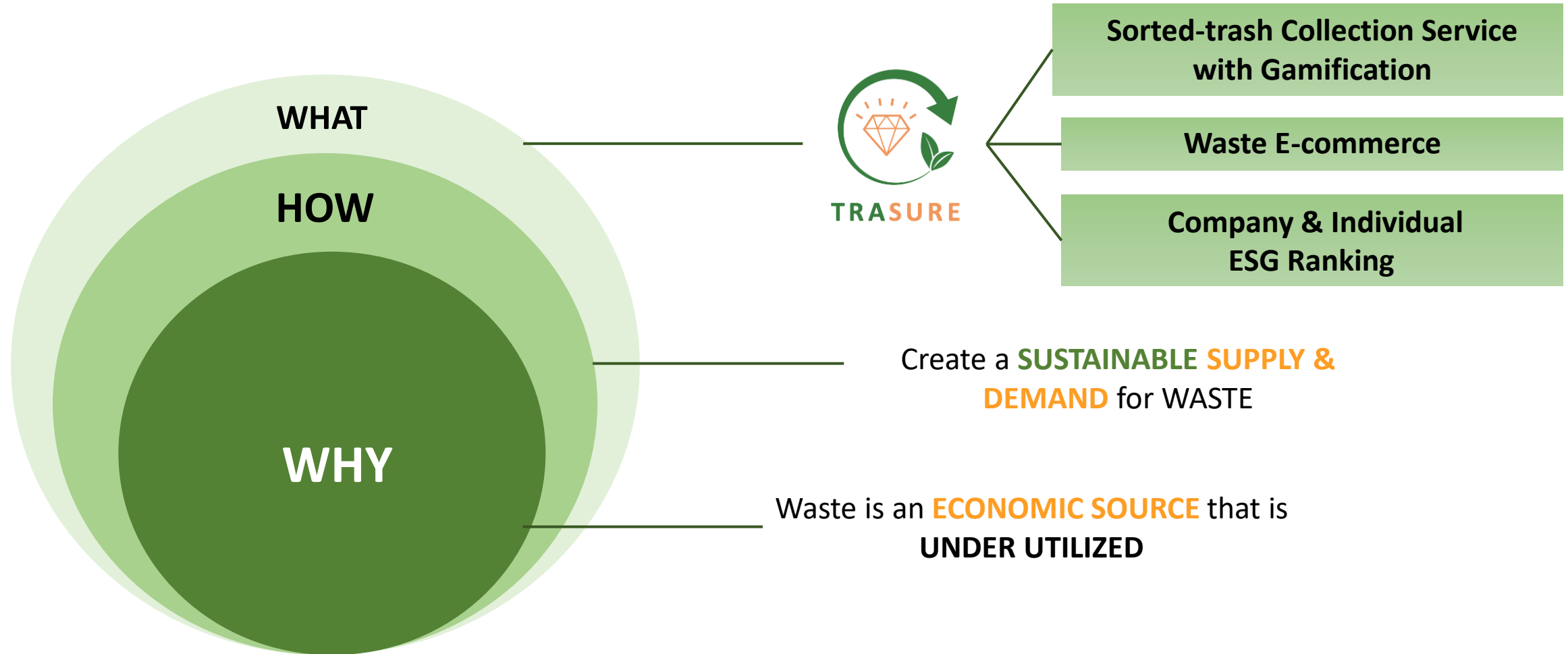


Pollutants measured from 6 incinerators and 17 landfills
(samples from Washington D.C, USA in 2017) (in tons)



THE PERCEPTION ON WASTE HAS TO CHANGE:

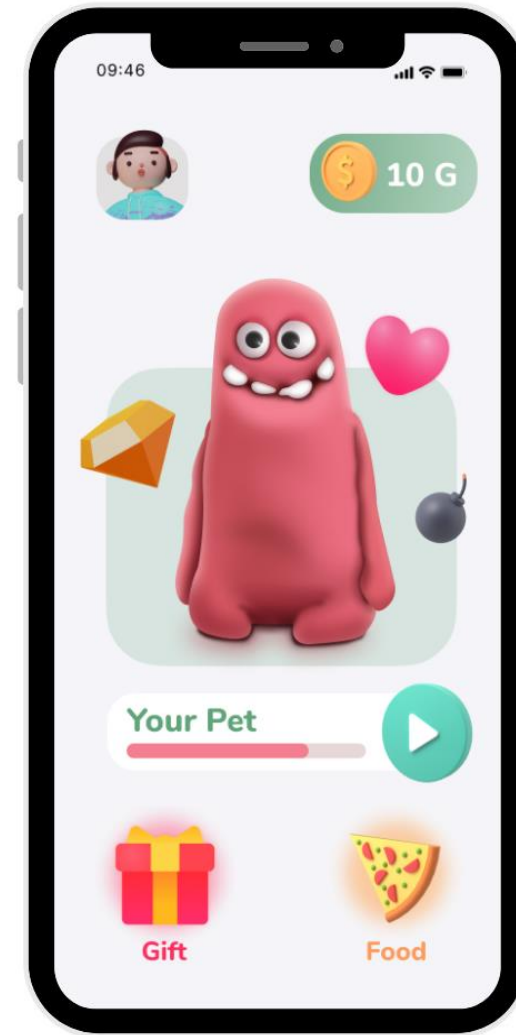
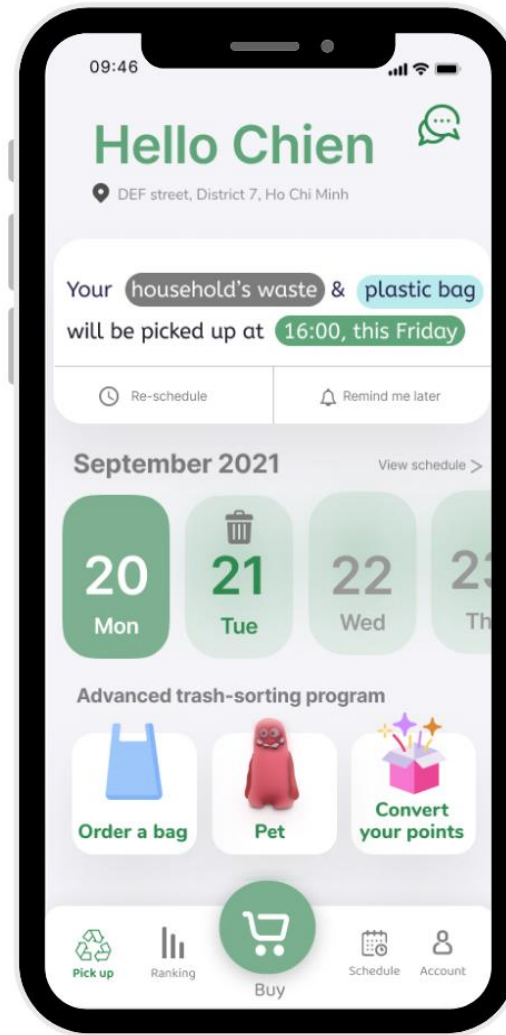
TRASH IS TREASURE





HOW TRASURE ENSURES THE SUPPLY OF WASTE

Mandatory and Advanced Trash-sorting Program for households



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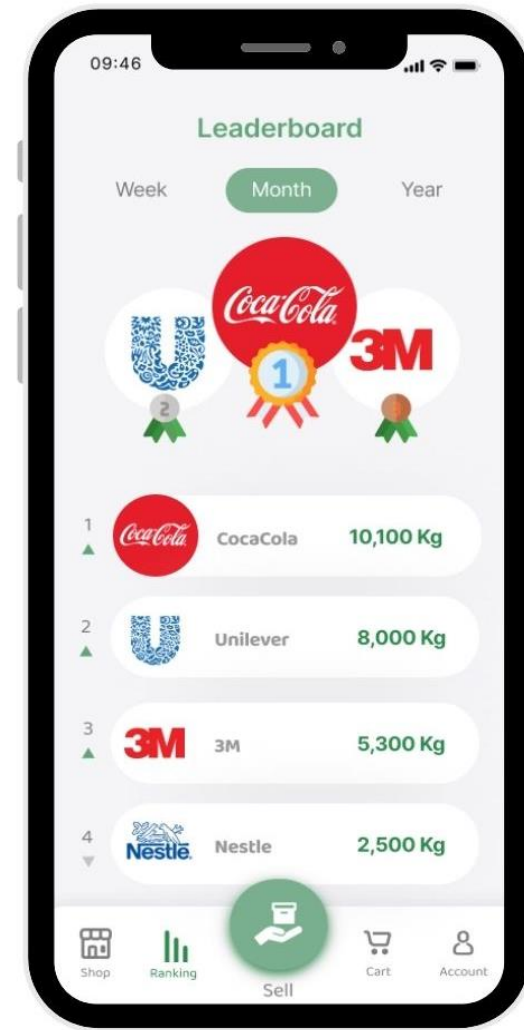
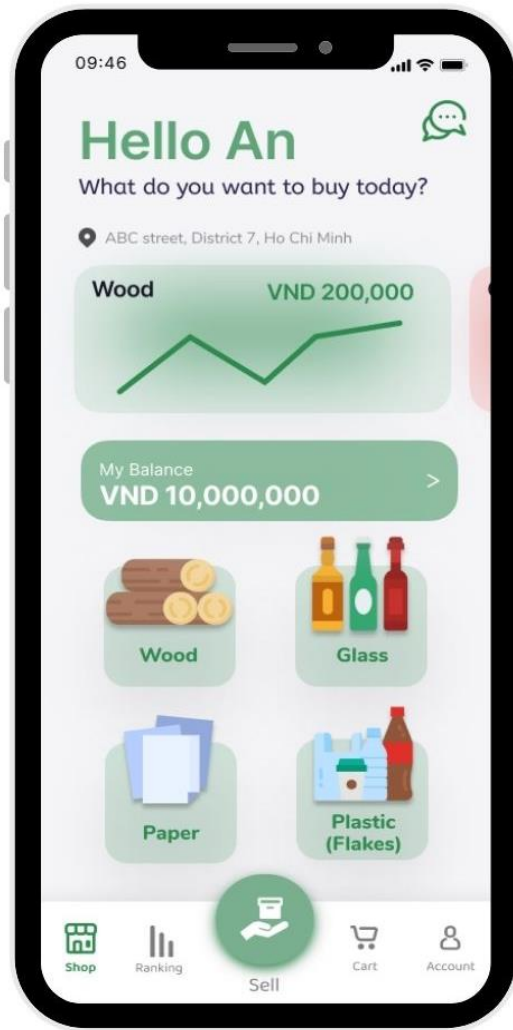
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HOW TRASURE SATISFIES THE WASTE DEMAND

Recyclable E-commerce for companies



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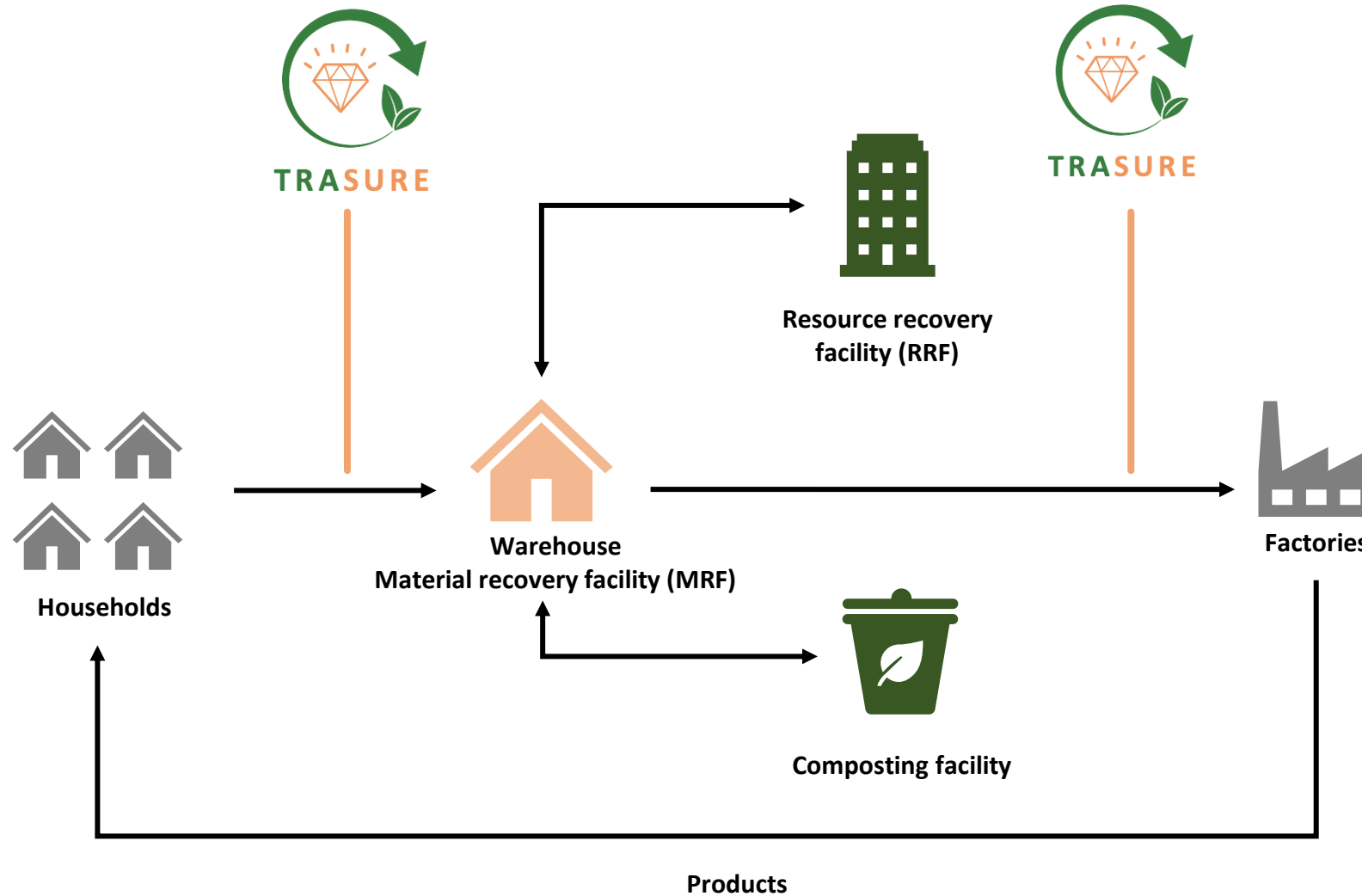
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TRASURE ACTS AS THE MIDDLE-MAN FOR URBAN AND INDUSTRIES' WASTE SYMBIOSIS



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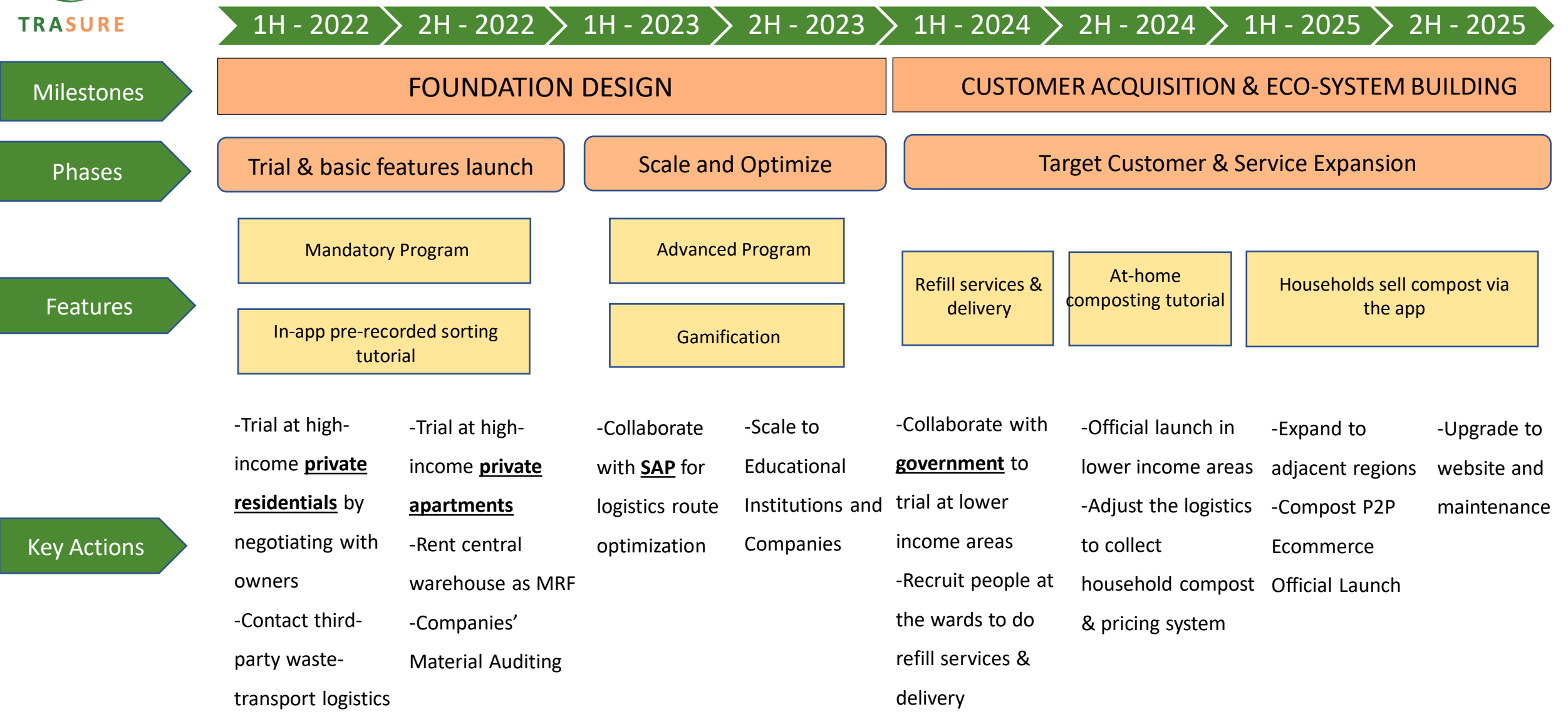
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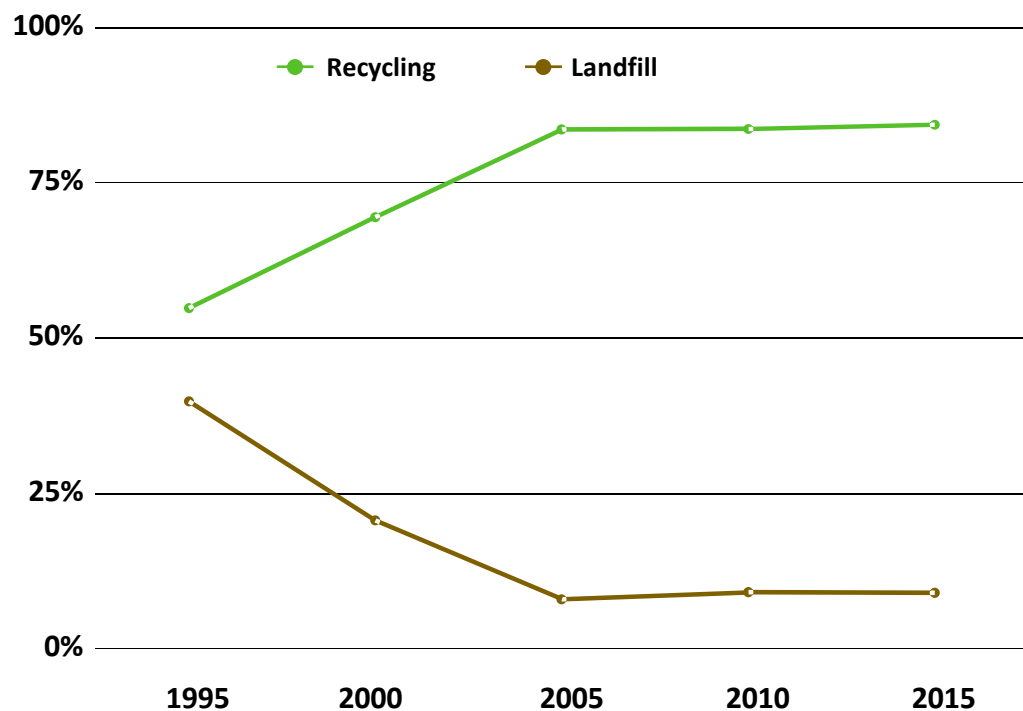
HOW WE ROLL OUT OUT TO THE MARKET



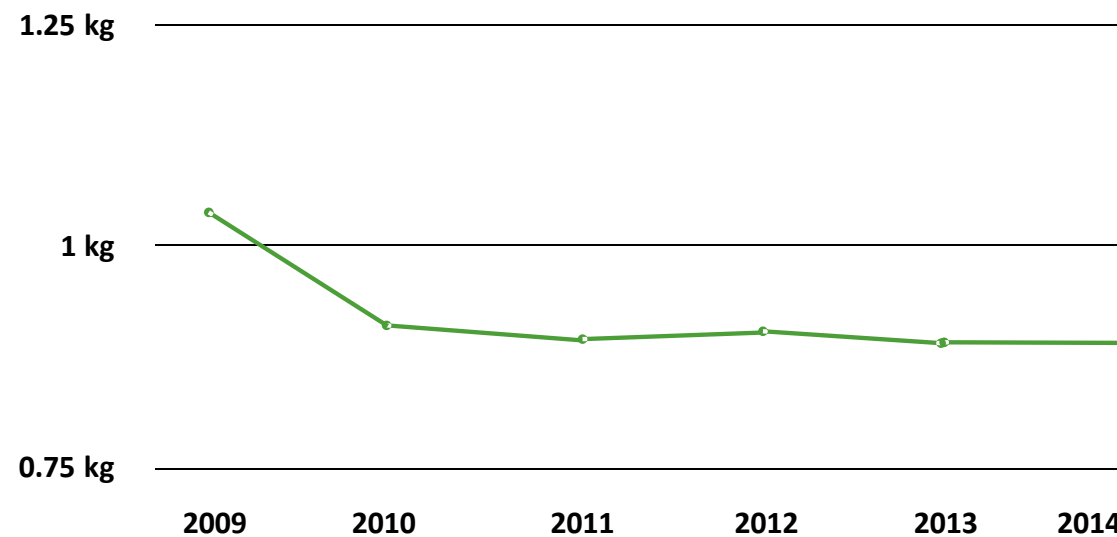


SOUTH KOREA HAS **SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED** THE WASTE PROBLEM SINCE 1995

Thanks to the Mandatory Pay-as-you-throw System



South Korean Landfill and Recycling Rate from 1995 – 2015



South Korean waste generation/person/day from 2009 – 2014

Source: Korean Ministry of Government n.d

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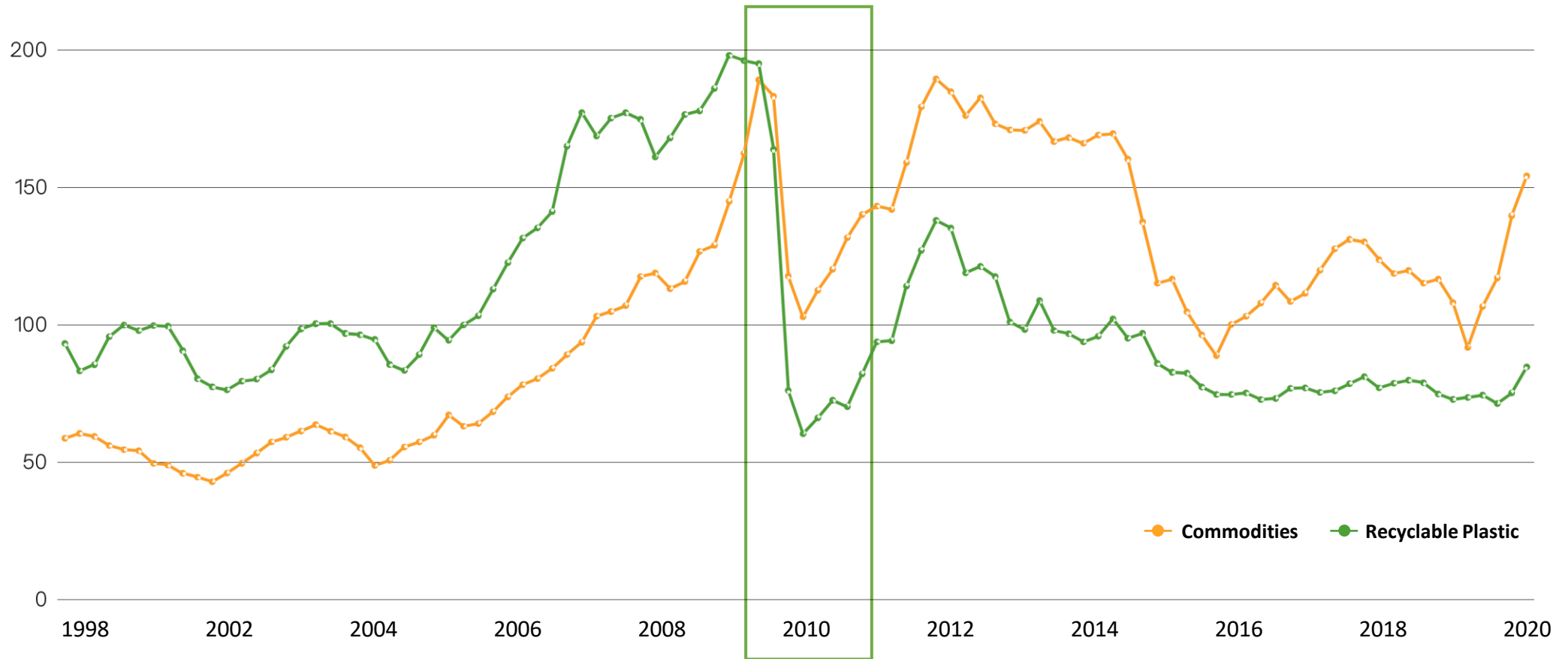
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RECYCLABLES HAS BECOME DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF MATERIALS



Commodities Global Price Index and Producer Price Index of Recyclable Plastic from 1998 – 2020, June 2016 = 100

Source: FRED Economic Data 2021

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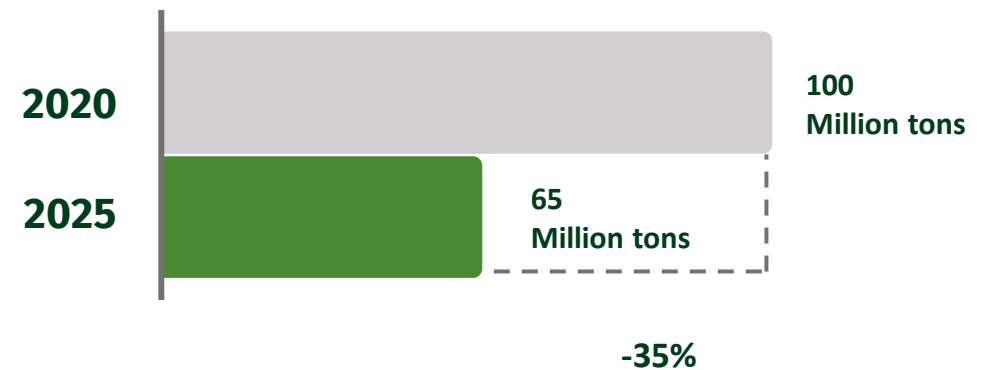


GOAL #1: REDUCE CO2 & LANDFILL GAS EMITTED

Section C.1 –ASCCBP
Conservation and Sustainable
Management of Biodiversity and
Natural Resources



Decrease CO2 & toxic gas
through reducing waste going
to landfill by **35% by 2025**



**Benchmarking South Korean's case*

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



GOAL #2: CREATE A SUSTAINABLE WASTE ECONOMY

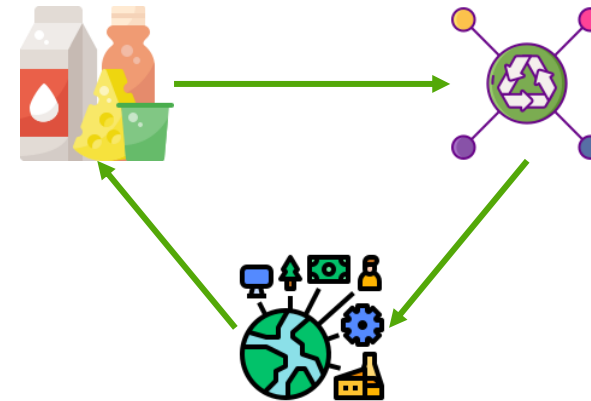
Section B.8 – AECBP
Sustainable Economic Development

Section C.4 – ASCCBP
Sustainable Consumption and Production

Section C.2 – ASCCBP
Environmentally Sustainable Cities



Putting **60% of MSW**
back to the economy
through **recycling**



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8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



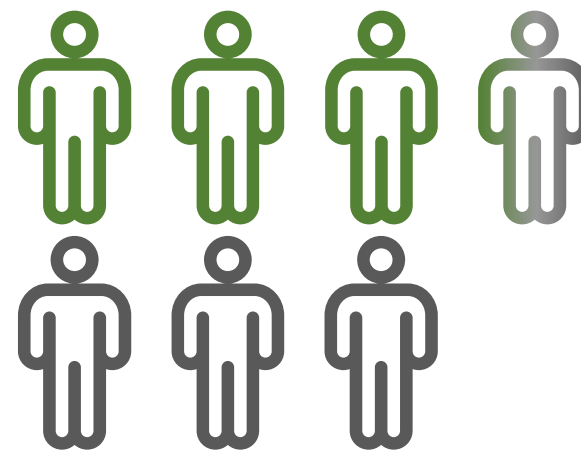
GOAL #3: GENERATE GREEN JOBS

Section A.2 –ASCCBP

Empowered People and
Strengthened Institutions



Formalizing 50% of the informal
waste pickers by 2025 by creating
3.35 Millions GREEN JOB



Source: McAllister & Dow 2021

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