

ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR ZERO WASTE CITIES



LESS RESIDUAL WASTE FEES

Effective collection systems and separation of materials means less fees for discarding residual waste in landfills or in incinerators. Separate collection schemes should be co-financed by the producers of the product that is to become waste.



HIGHER REVENUES

Products and packaging should be designed to not become waste, but instead to retain as much value as possible at the end of their useful life. A zero waste approach means more revenue from selling higher-quality recyclables.



LESS CAPITAL

Incinerators require a significant capital investment and incur continuous costs to maintain, expand and comply with emissions regulations. Because they require a constant supply of waste to run, they create a lock-in effect.



OPTIMISED COLLECTION SYSTEMS

Examples in Europe show separate collection achieving recycling rates of 80-90% of municipal waste. When separate collection is done properly then resources previously discarded as waste keep their value and can be recycled into secondary raw materials.

JOB CREATION

On average, Zero waste creates 10 times more jobs than landfilling or incineration. Increasing the capabilities of communities to re-use and repair materials facilitates work and employment through labour intensive repair systems and the deployment of re-use systems.

