RATIONAL

Rapid population growth and urbanization has put pressure on urban services and waste management. Waste generation continues to surge as fast as human consumption. Poor solid waste management systems in growing urban centers, segregation of market actors and weak leadership from municipalities are challenges the residents of Mwanza and Morogoro municipalities face.

As is the custom, waste is not separated at source leaving few recoverable tonnes and resulting in huge piles of uncollected waste in open spaces. Private sector actors lack access to waste processing technology and adequate recycling knowledge thus limiting their income generating options. The key waste collectors, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), often handle waste as a part-time occupation.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project employs an Inclusive Markets approach that intends to build Solid Waste Management (SWM) systems that are durable and can handle fast growing populations. It strengthens public and private service providers involved in urban solid waste collection, treatment and recycling to facilitate job creation and subsequently increase incomes.

Taka ni Mali addresses burdens of urbanization by creating decent employment opportunities and strengthening service delivery. It builds capacity at the municipality level and supports the strengthening of a regulatory framework for Solid Waste Management (SWM) systems.

The project targets 400 (200 female) waste collectors, 90 (45 female) waste recyclers and 400,000 residents directly engaged in the project in the three municipalities. It supports waste collectors and waste recyclers in acquiring market-oriented knowledge and assessing finance to improve their working and living conditions. Additionally, it enables municipalities to promote good Solid Waste Management practices and public policy dissemination to enable residents to contribute to the improvement of their own sanitary conditions.

Taka ni Mali also focuses efforts on facilitating positive change for women and capturing learning especially on their mainstreaming in the Solid Waste Management (SWM) system. By addressing gender-based barriers in the sector, Swisscontact better understands how to design interventions and make solid cases for the inclusion of women in urban market systems.

EXPECTED PROJECT IMPACT

- Improved socio-economic situation of 1 million urban residents.
- 12,000 households empowered to properly sort and dispose of solid waste (including composting).
- Reduced environmental pollution and degradation by 41,500 tonnes of CO$_2$ emissions.

TESTIMONIAL

"Having the Taka ni Mali Project support us in Solid Waste Management has been very helpful. Our officers have been trained and our Community Based Organisations are shifting their mind frames. Many of them now see waste collection as a full-time job rather than a part-time one. They are now more dedicated to their role and have increased their incomes. We hope there will be more Community Based Organisations able to benefit from this project and are very keen on growing our existing partnership."

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