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# NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

## BRINGING INFORMAL WASTE PICKERS INTO THE WASTE VALUE CHAIN

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# National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)



## Inclusion of Waste Picker Component

*A joint initiative of MoSJE, MoHUA, MoPR and DoDWS launched in August 2024*

### Aim

1

Recognizing and strengthening contribution in waste collection, recovery & recycling.

2

Providing them access to finance and relevant technologies along with safe & sustainable work environment.

3

Linking them with the social security and welfare schemes

4

Providing safe, dignified and sustainable livelihoods by empowering them through various schematic and non-schematic interventions

### Target Group



Waste Pickers

### Stakeholders

- MoSJE (NSKFDC)
- MoHUA
- MoPR
- DoDWS
- NHA, MoHFW
- Waste Pickers/ Waste sorters/ Waste collectors
- Waste aggregators/ Kabadiwalas
- Districts, Blocks and Gram Panchayats (GPs)



## Interventions for Waste Pickers under NAMASTE



### 1. Enumeration of Waste Pickers ( ~250,000 wastepickers to be covered)

- Profiling and validation of Wastepickers in urban and rural areas and provision of Wastepickers ID cards to be done by ULBs/PRIs

### 2. Occupational Safety Training and PPE Kits:

- Occupational Safety Training on occupational hazards, safe handling & legal rights.
- Provision of need based PPE kits to protect against health hazards and improve working conditions

### 3. Integration in Municipal SWM:

- Formal engagement with ULBs/Gram Panchayats for long-term allotment of MRFs/Dry Waste Collection Centres to Wastepicker SHGs/cooperatives
- Establishment of Dry Waste Collection Centres managed by Wastepickers collectives with facilitation support of resource organizations and capital subsidy for waste collection vehicles

### 4. Linkage with Social Security Benefits:

- Coverage under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY
- Pre-Matric Scholarship to the children
- Registration under e-Shram portal

### 5. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign:

- Awareness campaigns for Waste pickers' safety, dignity and scheme benefits
- Encouraging citizens to segregate waste at the source
- Information on legal protections against harassment and discrimination

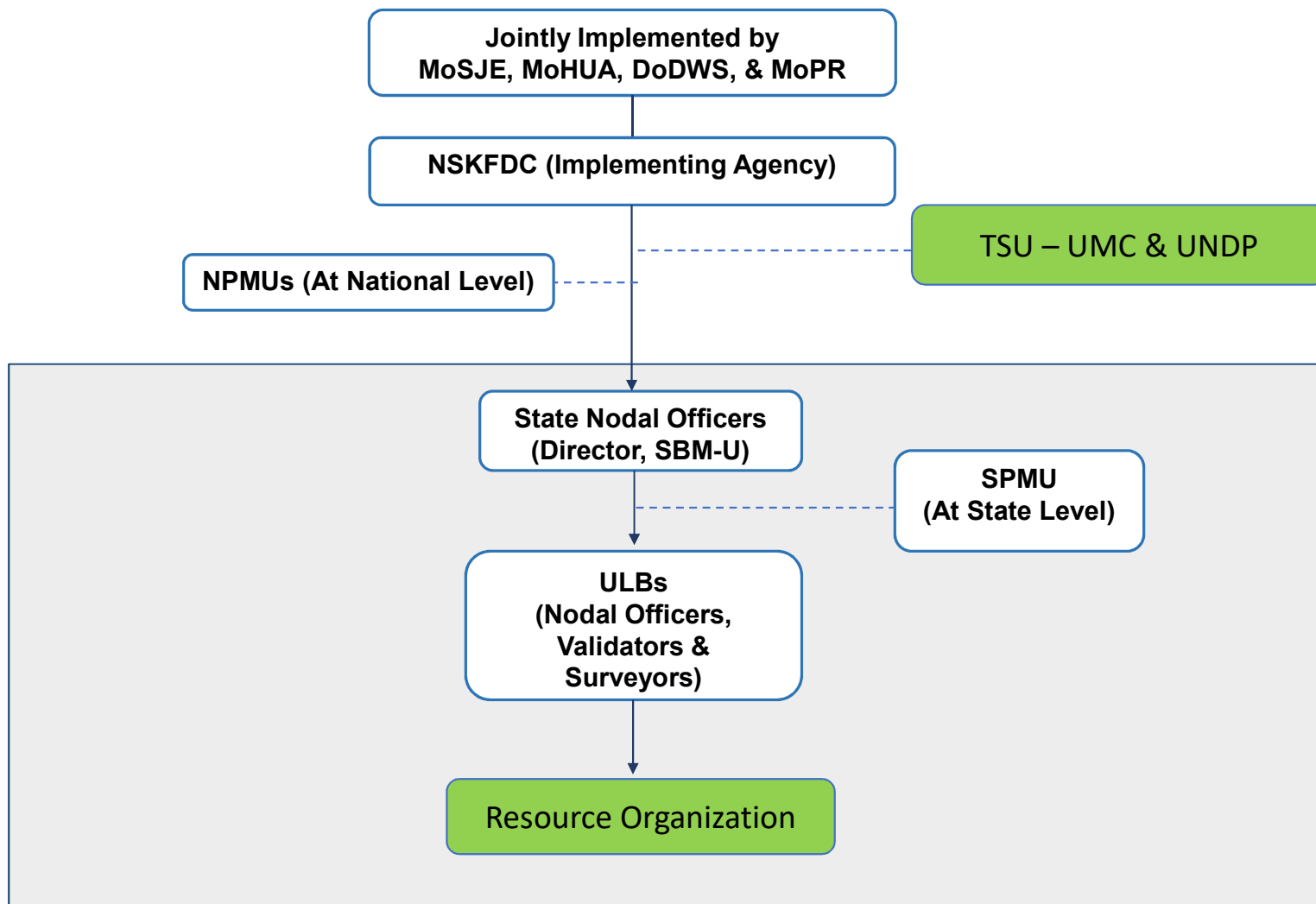


## Target group- Waste pickers



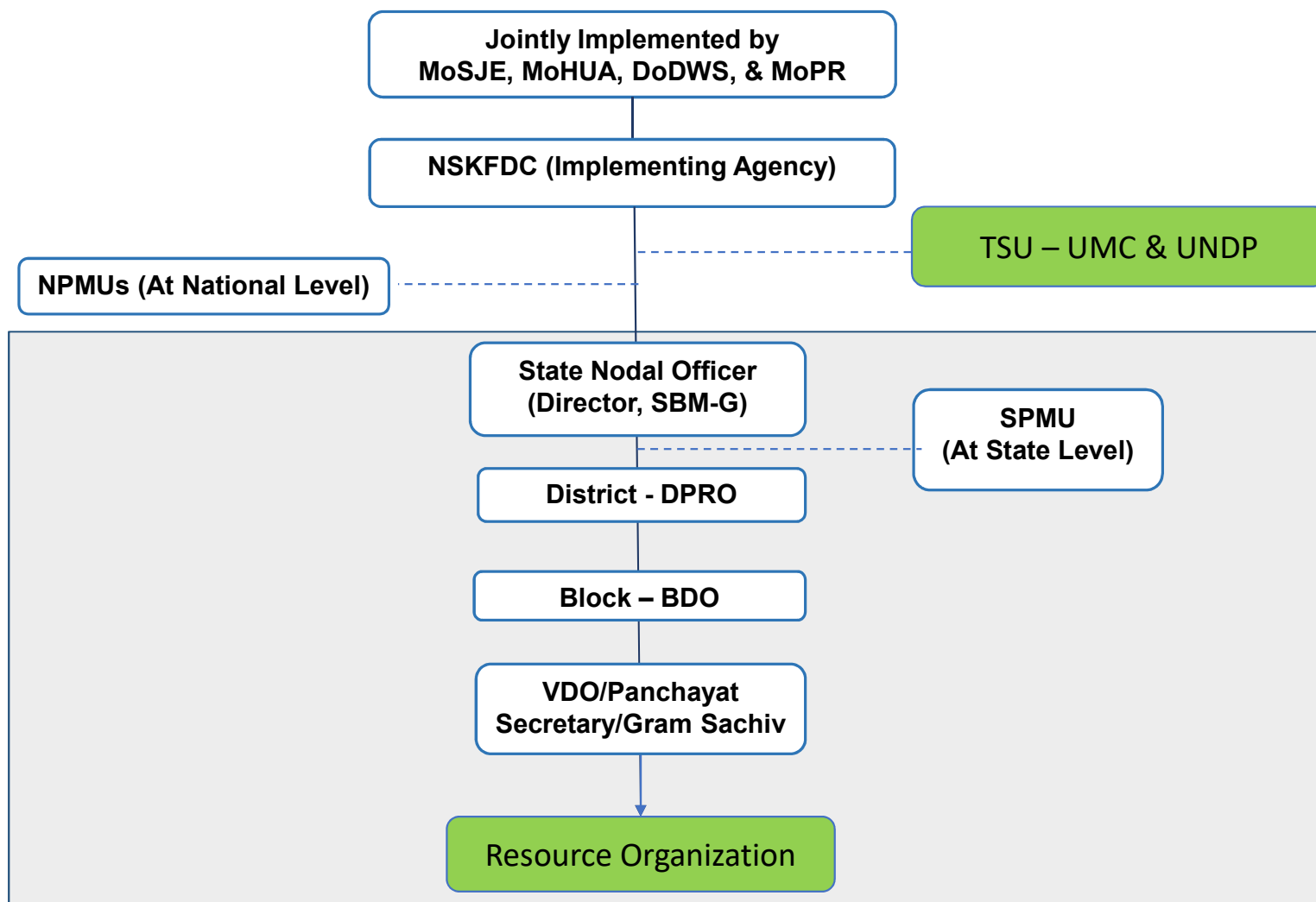
Waste Pickers who will be included in the Profiling	
Waste Pickers	Waste Pickers of 18 Years and above having at least one Govt. issued valid ID (Aadhaar, Voter ID)
	Waste pickers working independently/ self-employed.
	Waste Pickers who are formally/ informally/ contractually engaged by ULBs/ Blocks, Gram Panchayats, Villages, NGOs, Institutions, Contactors or other Organizations at various solid waste management sites, plants, or facilities.
	Itinerant waste buyers who purchase recyclable materials directly from households, shops and businesses (Called as Raddiwala, Kabadiwala, Bhangarwala, Patrawala or Paperwala, etc.).
	Waste pickers involved in collection of waste (plastic, paper, e-waste, glass, metal, hair or any other solid waste) from door-to-door, bins, dumpsite, village periphery or any other place.
	Helpers of garbage collection vehicles informally/ formally engaged by Blocks/ GPs or other organizations.
	Waste pickers involved in sorting of waste and who sell collected waste periodically or regularly.
Waste Pickers (Formally Employed)	Waste pickers working informally at streets, door-to-door, transfer stations, open dumpsites, landfill sites, waste disposal sites, material recovery facilities, waste recovery and recycling centers, repair facilities, SHG members (SHG involved in SWM Value Chain)
	Waste pickers (who are formally employed & getting PF/ ESI) working with ULBs/ Blocks/ GPs/ Contractor or any other agency and engaged in waste collection/ sorting/ processing etc.
Waste Pickers who will not be included in the Profiling	
	Waste pickers below 18 years old
	Does not have Aadhaar or any government issued ID.
	Street sweepers
	Supervisors/ managers/ Owner of MRFs/ RRRs/ Scrap Dealer Shops / Segregation sheds shall not be profiled.

## Waste Picker Implementation Framework in Urban Areas



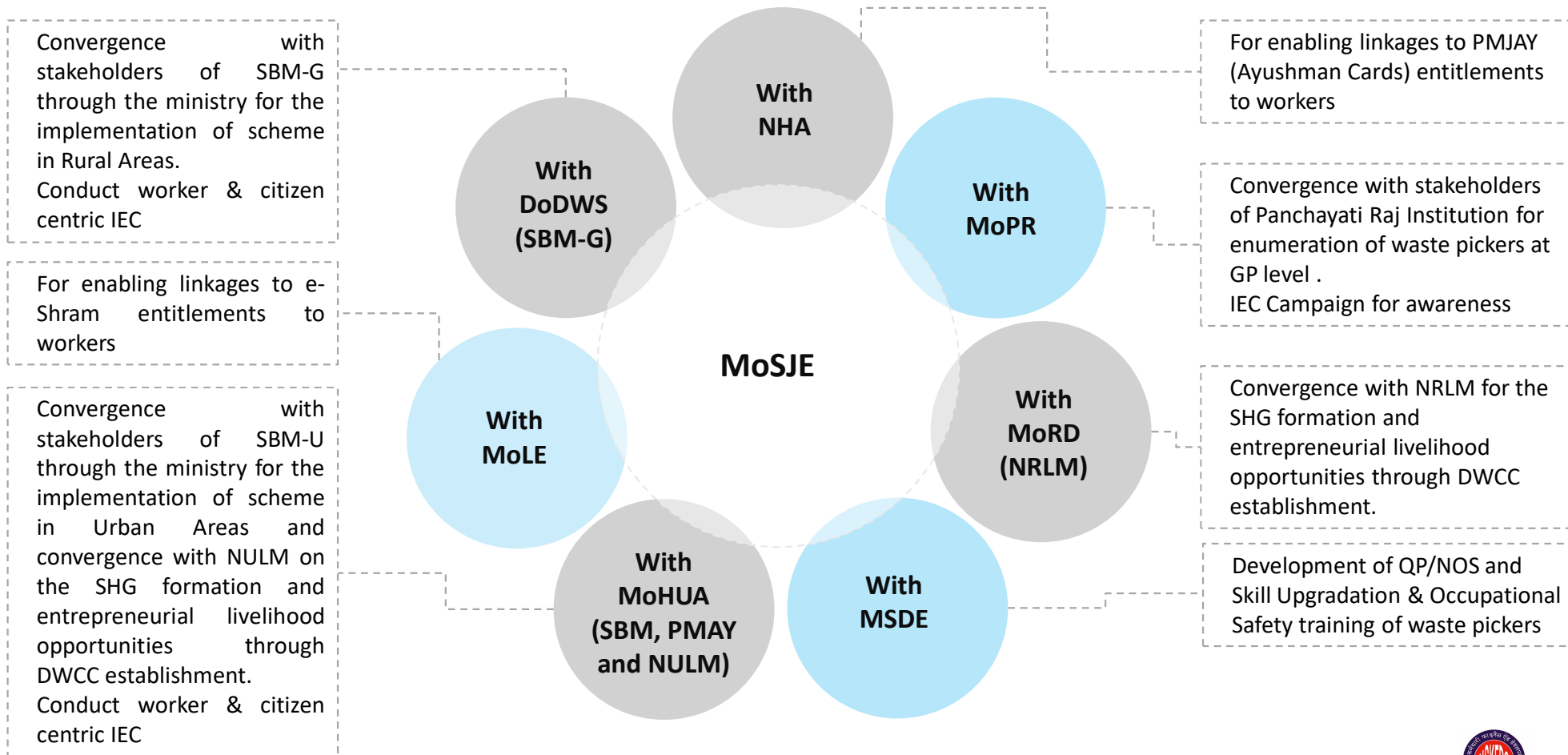


## Waste Picker Implementation Framework in Rural Areas

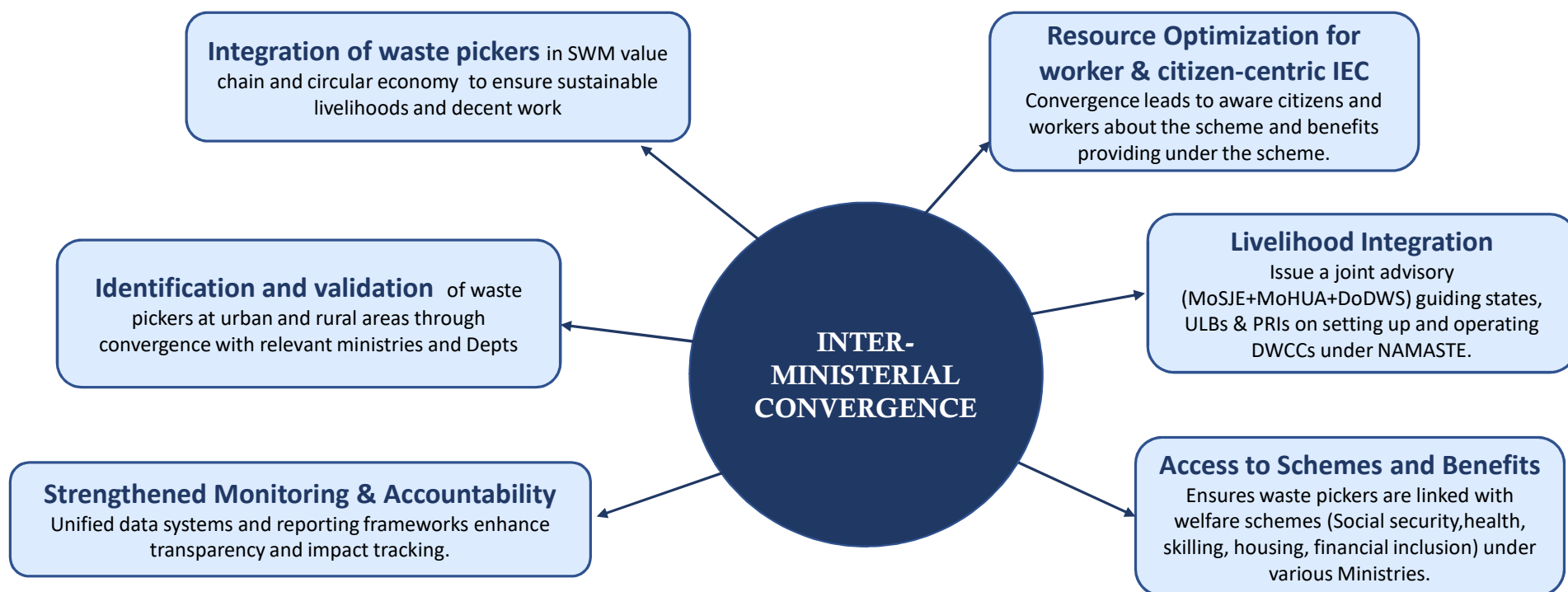


## Convergence to Strengthening the Enforcement System

### Facilitating Convergence under NAMASTE



## Need for Strong Inter-Ministerial Convergence

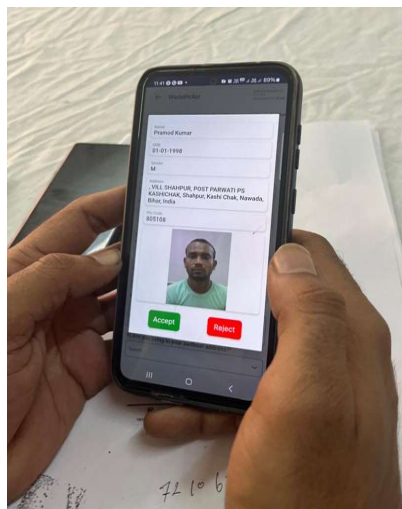




## About – NAMASTE Waste Picker Application

### Purpose

- 1 Data Collection
- 2 E-KYC Authentication of Workers
- 3 Quality Check of Surveys
- 4 Validation of Surveys



Streamlining e-KYC through the Application



Profiling of Waste Pickers through NAMASTE WP App



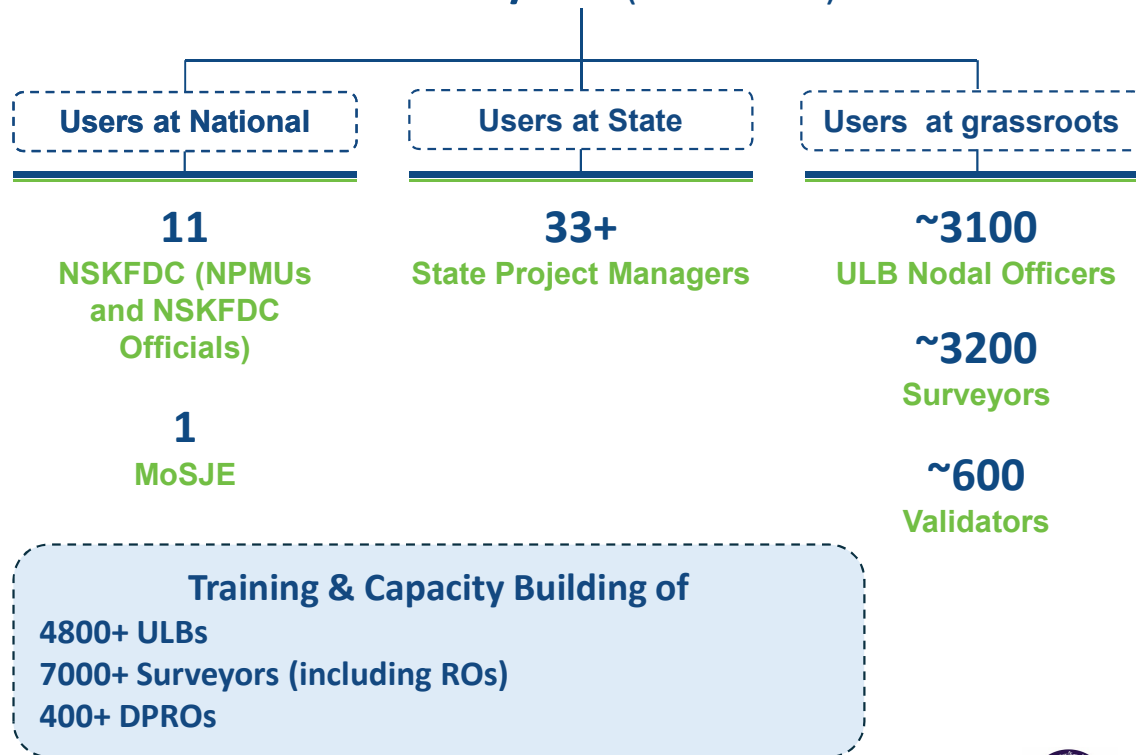
# Implementing Systems for Enumeration of Waste Pickers

## Capacity Building of Stakeholders under NAMASTE



Implementation and usage at States and Union Territories (status as on Aug, 2025)

**30 States/UTs (700+ ULBs)**



## Status of Profiling – Waste Pickers

### Enumeration & Identification of Waste Pickers (WP) and Waste Workers (WW)

#### Profiling Status

Number of Surveyed  
WP  
**~91000**

Number of Validated  
WP  
**~42000**

#### Number of Validated Surveys by Employment Modality

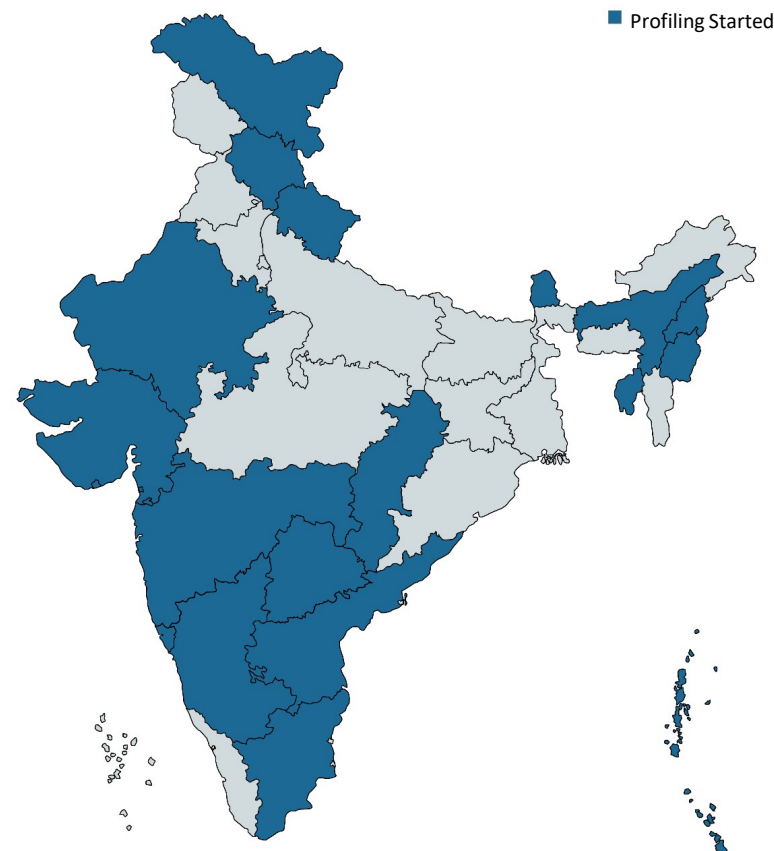
Informal Waste  
Pickers  
**~30000**

Formal Waste  
Workers  
**~20000**

#### Number of Validated Surveys by E-KYC Status

E-KYC Completed	E-KYC Pending but have Aadhar Card	E-KYC Pending have other Valid ID cards
~52000	~7000	~3200

**700+ ULBs** in 30 States/ UTs Started Profiling







Thank You