

Bettering Lives of Wastepickers and their Children

Hasiru Dala

Background

About Wastepickers and Informal Waste Collectors: Wastepickers collect discarded materials that have zero value and convert it into a tradable commodity through their labor in extraction, collection, sorting, grading and transporting.

Situation:

- No livelihood and social protection
- Access to safety gear near to none
- High rates malnourishment situation worst amongst migrant wastepickers
- Children of wastepickers drop out from school to follow their parents.
- Some children are able to sustain and are first generation school goers, though they don't receive that much attention for overall development as focus is only on academic growth.

Poverty alleviation and waste management: ULB responsibility



About the Organization: Hasiru Dala

Hasiru Dala is a membership based non-profit organization of waste pickers and other informal waste collectors.

Objectives:

- Integration of wastepickers in solid waste management and livelihood regeneration
- Social Protection for all wastepickers
 & informal waste collectors
- Decentralized segregated waste collection, processing & aggregation of waste



Steps of Inclusion

- 7500 Occupational identity cards issued
- Management & Operations of 40 Dry Waste Collection Centers (DWCC)
- Door to door collection of DWCC in 4 wards
- Direct MoU with Informal waste collectors for operations of DWCCs
- 22 Wastepickers empaneled for segregated waste collection
- Access to credit and insurance facilities
- Terrace gardening and composting
- Event Waste Management
- Incubating business models like Total Waste Management & Last mile



Lessons Learned

- Decentralized waste management approach, where processing or aggregation centres are set up in neighbourhoods are most efficient
- Integration of wastepickers as skilled workforce can make waste management system efficient & cost effective
- Special collection & aggregation centres need to be created for processing or disposal of waste belonging to sanitary/reject waste segment
- Public space for sorting and trading of recyclables
- Practice oriented research & policy understanding is must



BBMP

Giving Id cards to the wastepickers :

Carefully crafted circular

Informal sector was seen as resource in crisis : call for interested parties

Dry waste collection: Rs 5000 deposit to be paid over 5 months – GB resolution

Door to door collection of non- segregated waste

National policy changes

Social Justice Department : Begger wastepickesr

Inclusion in social security: Health and scholarships

Inclusion in wastepickers in 2016 MSW Rules

Inclusion in SKFDC: skill building and loans for becoming entrepreneurs in waste management.



Financial Requirements

- Financial Support has been provided by grant making institutions & corporations as Corporate Social Responsibility for organizing of wastepickers
- For enumeration and issuance of occupational identity cards costs were paid for by the municipal authorities
- Crowdfunding supported wastepickers to start their microenterprises
- Self-sustaining units for door to door collection, paid for by residents as users fees.
- Self-sustaining Dry Waste Collection Centres, managerial support has been provided by the organization



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