

Promoting pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in Asia-Pacific: The Waste to Resource Fund (W2RF)



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What is the **W2RF**?



A new facility recently launched to assist secondary cities and small towns in Asia-Pacific in developing cost-effective, pro-poor and sustainable solutions to solid waste management.

W2RFs motto is *people, planet and profit (3Ps)*



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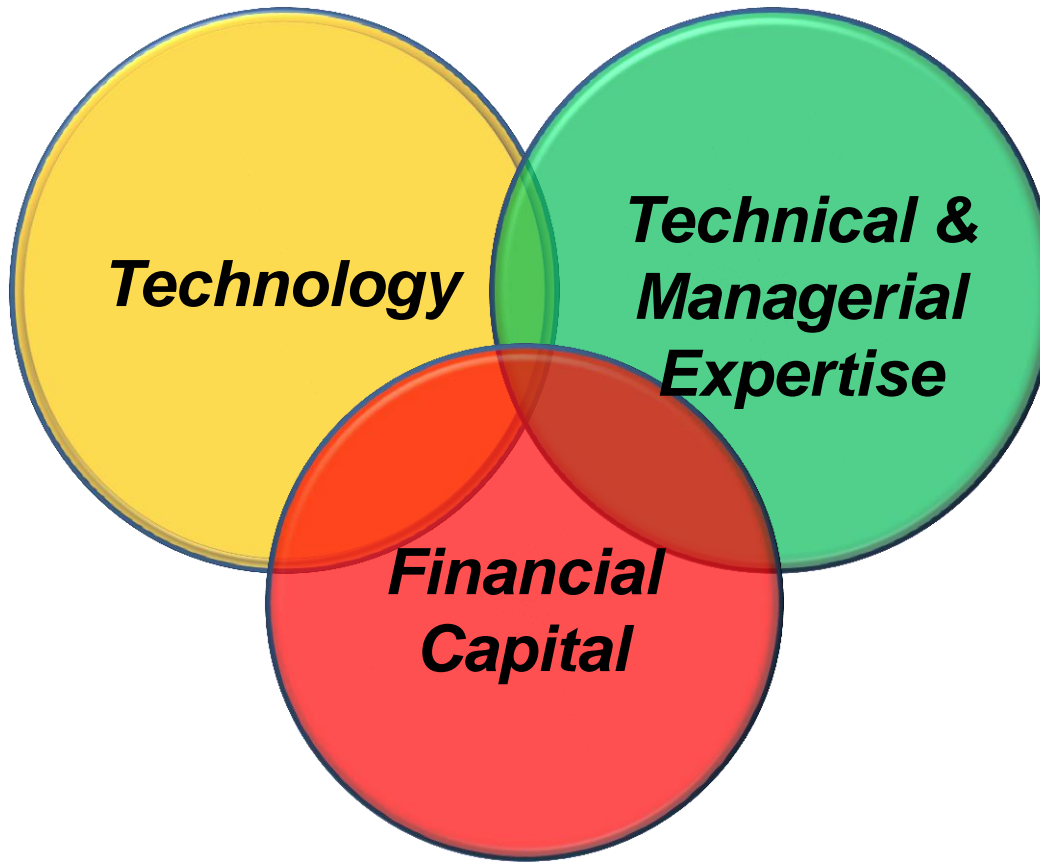
- The **W2RF** is a charity registered in the United Kingdom that was established with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Waste Concern.
- The **W2RF** has a registered office in London, UK. with a back office in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The **W2RF** is managed by a Board of Trustees, Trustee Board Members are from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ESCAP and Waste Concern
- The **W2RF** avails technical support from Waste Concern Consultants to establish projects and the Recycling Training Center (RTC) in Dhaka, Bangladesh which is operated by Waste Concern provides all capacity building trainings to operate waste recycling related projects.
- The **W2RF** aims to finance solid waste management projects linked with Green House Gas (GHG) emissions reduction and ultimately to generate a revolving fund for further

The main objectives of the W2RF are:

- The advancement of **environmental protection and improvement**, in particular by the promotion of waste recycling programs in developing countries and by assisting communities within such countries in other ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change;
- The **advancement of citizenship** and the **development of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities** in which the Charity operates, in particular by the encouragement of community capacity building by promoting participation in waste recycling programs and in recycling generally;
- The **advancement of education of the public** into the consequences of effective waste management and recycling; and
- The **relief of poverty in developing countries**, in particular by securing the social benefits derived from effective waste management and recycling;

Why was the W2RF created?





- The W2R Fund provides **technology**, **financial capital** and **technical and managerial expertise** to local governments and waste entrepreneurs to help them develop and implement solutions on waste management that are based on the concept of “waste is a resource”.

- ❑ The W2RF invests in pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management projects that reduce greenhouse gases in developing countries, especially least developed countries.
- ❑ Capacity development/technical and managerial expertise development is provided through a Recycling Training Centre (RTC) located in Dhaka. Technical advisory services are provided through a regional knowledge network.



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