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1 Evaluation and Learning Exercise (ELE) of the India Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy Project – Management Response

1.1 Background

In 2024, the Mitigation Action Facility project India Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy was subject to an independent mid-term ELE conducted by an evaluation team led by AMBERO Consulting.

The project and Technical Support Unit (TSU) responded to the recommendations made by the evaluation team as follows:

1.2 Recommendations to the project team to achieve the goal of the project

Recommendations	Activities	Responsible Entity	Timeline
Recommendation 1: Foster Municipal Corporation’s buy-in and long-term commitment to segregation awareness	Recommendation accepted. Capacity Building of ULB staff, Elected Representatives (Ward Councilors and Mayors) and Department of Municipal Administration at state level to achieve buy in and long-term commitment to segregation awareness.	Project Team & partner NGOs with ULB staff and Department of Municipal Administration at state level	Till Nov 2026
Recommendation 2: Foster collaboration with the State level institutions	Recommendation accepted. Collaboration with State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and State Urban Development Department (SUDD) for replication of Low Carbon waste management solutions and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies implementation through capacity building programs, studies and Knowledge products. The project will also exchange knowledge and experience with the Marine Litter Project which is also working on EPR issues.	Project Team, Consultants, SUDD and SPCB.	Till Nov 2026
Recommendation 3: Mainstream segregation across wards in a city	Recommendation accepted. Training Program for Sanitary Inspectors who are ULB Officials	Project Team, Partner NGOs, and Consultants	Till Nov 2026

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	responsible for Source Segregation. Training of Trainers followed by Training of Volunteers/Local NGOs/Private Entity engaged in waste collection for promoting Source Segregation.		
Recommendation 4: Go beyond a focus on segregation	Recommendation accepted. The project is already promoting home composting and Community composting, SUP-free markets and Alternatives to SUP, Sustainable Menstruation, and formalization of the Informal Sector.	Project Team, Partner NGOs, and Consultants	Till Nov 2026
Recommendation 5: In addition, to ensure the sustainability of source segregation (see Lesson 5), the ELE team recommends that partner NGOs, such as Saahas, develop Standard Operating Procedures on source segregation, following a Training-of-Trainer Model	Recommendation accepted. Standard Operating Procedures on source segregation, following a Training-of-Trainer Model will be developed.	Project Team and Partner NGO	December 2024
Recommendation 6: Successfully adopt an approach that modernises MSWM practices	Recommendation accepted. Digitalization of MSWM sector Management Information System (MIS), a Digital application for monitoring Informal Sector integration. Use of Social Media platforms for creating awareness of low-carbon waste management and Source Segregation. Implementation of Skill Development course for Low Carbon waste management.	Project Team, MRF Operator, Consultants, and Local NGOs.	November 2026
Recommendation 7: Ensure further integration of informal waste workers	Recommendation accepted. The project is already implementing activities linking the informal sector	Project Team, Consultants, and Local NGOs.	June 2026

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without formalisation of roles	with government social security programs. Further, the project will organize education programs for children of informal sector workers.		
Recommendation 8: Improve sustainability and replication. The project team should assess the technical, institutional and financial capacity of MCs to roll out the project activities beyond the project closure	Recommendation accepted. A study to assess the technical institutional and financial capacities of MCs to roll out the project activities beyond the project closure will be conducted. The project will actively engage with Swachhata Knowledge Partners (SKP) recognized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and local NGOs receiving support from ULBs for long term sustainability of project activities.	Project Team	March 2026
Recommendation 9: Continue to disseminate project learning via events, conferences and papers	Recommendation accepted. Yes, the project will continue to disseminate project learning via events, conferences, and papers.	Project Team, NGO Partner and Consultants	November 2026
Recommendation 10: Improve the monitoring of beneficiaries	Recommendation partially accepted. Partially accepted, as the data of beneficiaries from the informal sector will be collected through a digital application. Due to social, cultural, and data protection-related issues, it is challenging to collect beneficiary data in Project cities.	Project Team, NGO Partner and Consultants	November 2026

1.3 Recommendations to the project partners to support the success of the project

Recommendations	Activities	Responsible Entity	Timeline
Recommendation 1: Address the challenge of keeping volunteers working on ongoing segregation awareness	Recommendation accepted. Partnership with the India Sanitation Coalition is being explored to mobilize financing from CSR in a sustainable manner to ensure support for NGOs	Project Team, NGO Partner and Consultants	November 2026

Recommendations	Activities	Responsible Entity	Timeline
the project in a more proactive manner	and Volunteers promoting Source Segregation. A guidance document for Urban Local Bodies to access CSR and EPR revenue for promoting Source Segregation will be prepared. A share of Revenue from Private sector operators will be requested for Volunteer engagement for instance 0.5%- 1% of their revenue.		

1.4 Response to the recommendations to the Mitigation Action Facility for the review, approval and management of future interventions

Recommendations	Activities	Responsible Entity	Timeline
Recommendation 1: Make sure this project is communicating with other circular economy projects under the Mitigation Action Facility	Recommendation accepted. The knowledge exchange among projects is promoted by sectorial and thematic working groups, project workshops, learning events, and regular virtual meetings. Feedback from the projects is collected. Further exchange formats are under consideration to promote cross-project learning.	TSU	Ongoing

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