RESPONSIBLE SOURCING INITIATIVE

Theory of Change

THE PROBLEM

Recycling value chains are currently highly fragmented, with limited traceability and inadequate human rights protection of workers.

WHAT WE DO

Five levers for change

1. **Drive adoption of the Harmonized Responsible Sourcing Framework** as the industry standard for responsible sourcing best practices in the recycling sector
2. **Implement responsible sourcing practices** based on human rights due diligence with a full value chain approach, including the informal sector
3. **Develop tools and share resources** to enable the practical implementation of responsible sourcing
4. **Share learnings, build capacity, and convene** all value chain actors to drive collective action on responsible sourcing
5. **Conduct research and share related insights** to inform responsible sourcing implementation and inclusive policy

IN THE SHORT TERM

- Investors, brands, recycling companies, and informal sector organizations **adopt and implement the Harmonized Responsible Sourcing Framewor** k as the industry standard
- Companies and other organizations **equipped with tools and enhanced capabilities** to improve responsible sourcing practices
- Improved lives of informal waste sector workers and waste pickers through **better income** and **working conditions**

IN THE LONG TERM

- Recycling value chains are **inclusive, transparent,** and **robust**
- Public and private sectors have **adopted responsible** and **inclusive policies**
- **Funding is unlocked** to support responsible and inclusive recycling value chains

OUR IMPACT GOAL

All recycling value chains establish practices to **respect human rights** for workers across the value chain, **increase the supply** of responsibly-sourced recycled materials, **unlock funding,** and inform **more inclusive policy.**

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