







CATALISING CITY-WIDE ACTION THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED WASTE-TO-RESOURCE INITIATIVES IN VIET NAM

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Overview of Quy Nhon City



CITY FACTS

- City grade 1, belongs to Binh Dinh Province
- Area: 284 km²
- Population : 300,000 people
- Density : 1,056 people 1km²
- Number of administrative units: 16 wards, 3 peninsula communes, 1 island commune and 1 mountainous commune

SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY

- Waste generated : 216 tons/day
- Per capita generation: 0.72kg/person /day
- Ratio of collection 86% (center: 100%)
- Waste component: 65-70% (organic waste), 30-35% (non-organic waste)
- Waste collection and treatment fee: 752,000 VND/ ton (35USD/ton)

CHALLENGES IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

• The population is expected to reach **600,000-620,000** habitants (in which about 445,000 habitant are regular citizens) in 2025 and **650,000-680,000** habitants (in which 530,000 habitants are regular citizens) in 2035. (*Decision No 495/QD-TTg*)

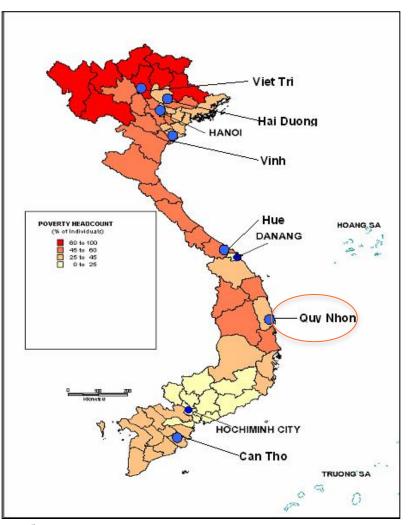
\rightarrow Increase in the volume of waste produced in the future

- Limited budget for solid waste management
- City landfills are going to be overloaded if there is no long-term solution





Overview of the Project





- **Project name**: "Pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in secondary cities and small towns" funded by UNESCAP
- **Project period:** 2011 2015
- Project Areas: Nhon Ly Commune, Nhon Phu, Ly Thuong Kiet and Nguyen Van Cu ward
- Beneficiaries :
- More than 6600 households in project sites
- 7 schools and 1 hotel in Quy Nhon City
- Network of local communicators
- Leaders and workers in the Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC) Nhon Phu



Project Objectives



Reduce waste brought to the landfill and improve waste collection services through the effective operation of the Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC);

Ensure the separation of waste at source among households and main markets in the city;

Ensure the steady supply of source-separate organic municipal solid waste which is collected and separately transported to the IRRC, to reach the capacities of IRRCs per day as soon as possible;

Operate the IRRC in accordance to the business plan so as to ensure its financial sustainability.





The importance of communities and community groups



Community participation in Quy Nhon is one of key factors contributing to the project achievements.

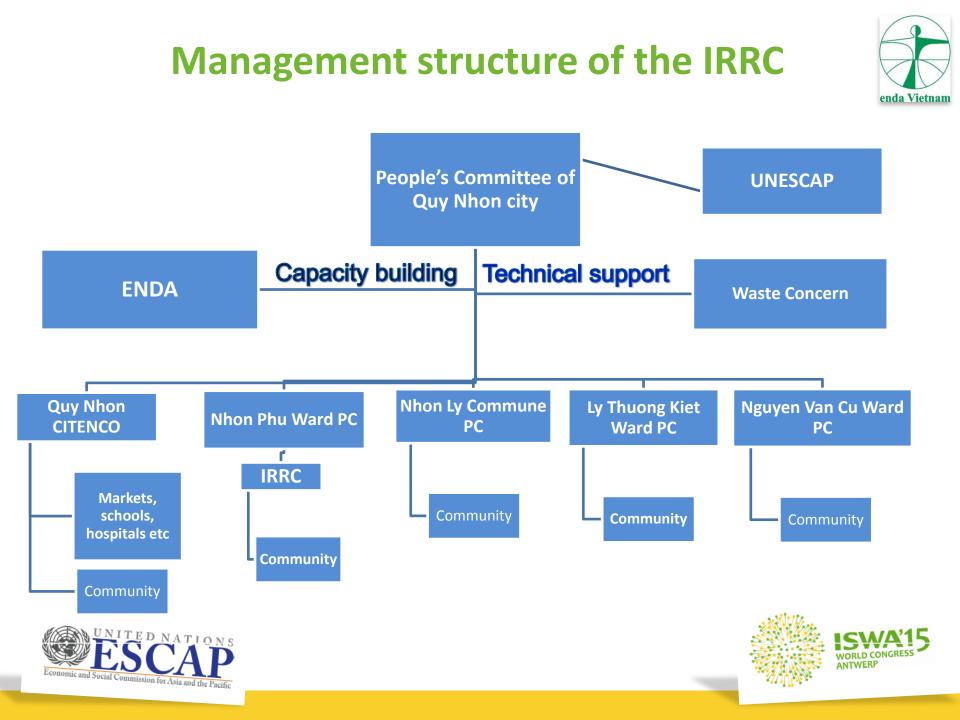


Community participation has been important in:

- Contributing to effective implementation at ground level;
- Bridging and filling gaps between policy and practice;
- Sharing project costs;
- Dramatically changing the mindset of local government. Usually, local government expects to support the community, but here the community has supported the government;
- Ensuring longer-term project sustainability and impact.







Waste separation programs



- Successfully mobilizations of non-households (80%) and households (30-40%) in the waste separation program
- Quy Nhon city is one of the first cities in VN to complete a waste seperation at source program (Quy Nhon has its own regulation for solid waste management) and apply the principles of 3R and take a 'waste-to-resource' approach
- Dramatically decrease in the volume of organic waste and recyclables being transferred to the dumpsite (30-35 tons/day)
- Production of an official strategic plan of the city (five-year plan on SWM)

Role of communities with these programs

Conduct communication activities at localities through individual and group
meetings to raise neonle's awareness



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