

Integrating the Informal Sector in
Municipal Solid Waste Management

SWaCH Cooperative, Pune



The SWaCH Model

- SWaCH is the success story of how thousands of waste pickers in Pune, India came together to get first and rightful access to recyclable waste
- Private contracts to Waste management companies threatened the livelihood of waste pickers who depend on recyclable waste (paper, metal, plastic, and glass) to sell and make a living



- The cooperative is the direct result of the advocacy of KKPKP (established in 1993)

SWaCH Cooperative - wholly owned by waste pickers

- Better working conditions



Democratic decision making



- The Cooperative has 2300 members (and growing) who are engaged in door step collection of waste in Pune who are KKPKP members or their family members

- Members are not paid by municipality for this work but collect user fee for door step collection from citizens. Sale of scrap is their other source of income



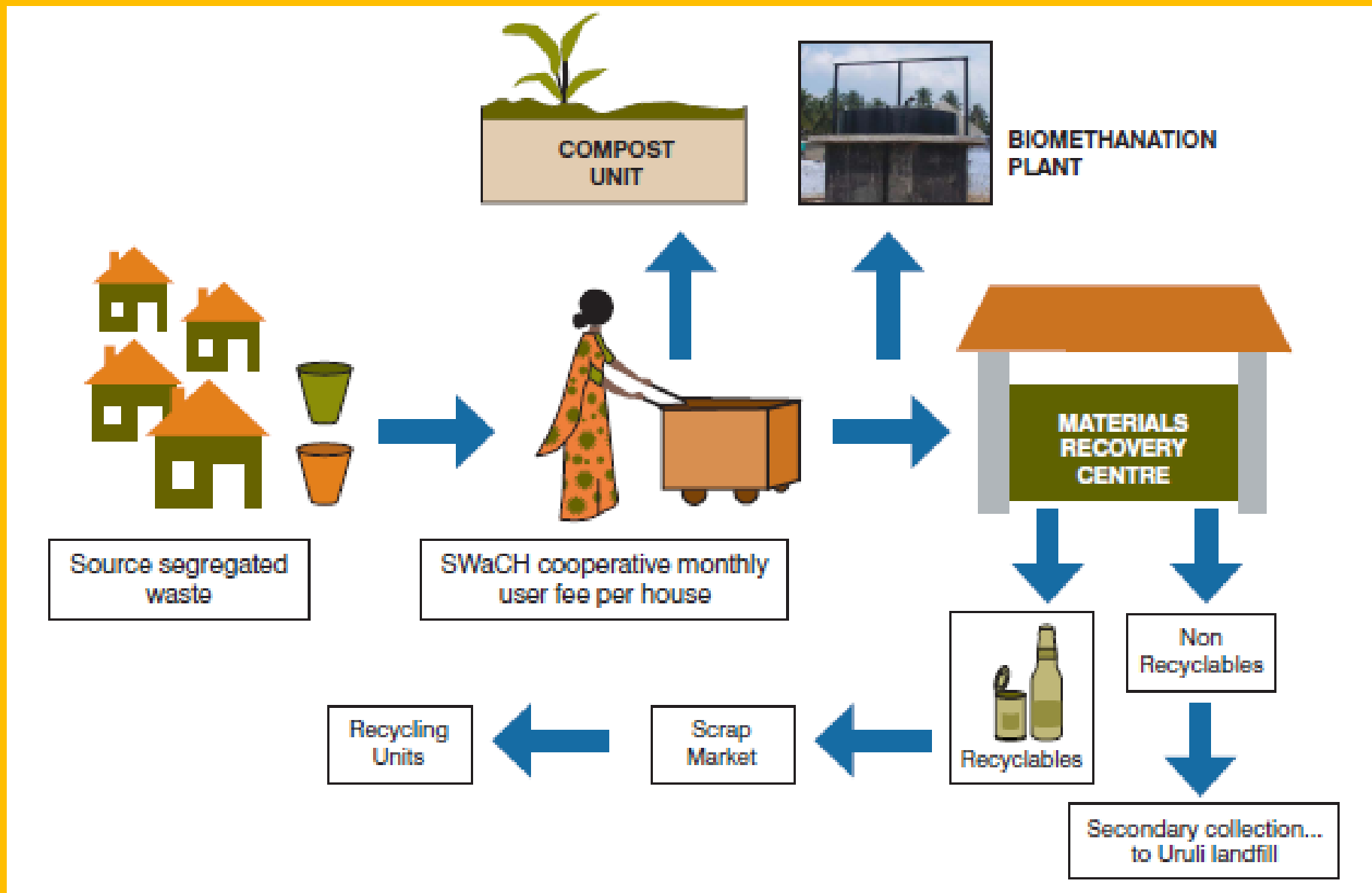
The Municipality saves approx. Rs.12 crores each year in this model

SWaCH: How it works

- Pairs of members of the cooperative are in charge of door-to-door waste collection for 250-350 households.
- Waste pickers **segregate waste** - wet or organic waste and dry wastes such as plastics, glass, paper, etc.) from generators.
- Waste pickers further segregate waste and sell recyclables.
 - Waste pickers drop off non-recyclable waste at city-run feeder points.
 - Some SWaCH members provide composting services.



The Movement of Waste from Households in Pune



PMC pays for Equipment and Management Costs



SWaCH Model addresses -

- ❖ Segregation by citizens
- ❖ Better conditions of work for waste pickers
- ❖ Cleaner waste for recycling industry
- ❖ Reduction in municipal expenses for waste management



SWaCH Model addresses -

- ❖ Compliance of MSW 2000 rules and Mah Acts
- ❖ Decentralized waste management and processing
- ❖ Climate change mitigation
- ❖ Poverty Alleviation
- ❖ PPP
- ❖ Better waste management



Other Activities/Initiatives by SWaCH members

- **V collect:** Collection of unwanted household material that cannot be thrown in daily garbage
- Nirmalya Collection
- Zero Waste Institutions, Green School Programmes, Working with Scrap Shops to increase recycling rates, collection of old clothes



RECYCLE!!
DROP ALL UNWANTED
HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS
HERE!!!

V-COLLECT:

- OLD CLOTHES
- NEWSPAPERS
- ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC WASTE
- PLASTIC
- PAPER
- GLASS BOTTLES
- METAL
- OLD SHOES



SWaCH
A higher level of self-reliance

V Compost

- Creating and maintaining compost pits in the neighbourhood in a suitable space provided by the citizens



Household Composters



Zero waste campus · House keeping · Composting · Road sweeping · E-waste

COMPOST YOUR WASTE!!

Its not that hard with a SWaCH composter!

Why compost?
 You help the environment
 You can avail of a 5% property tax rebate
 You manage your own waste!



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The Composter Kit contains an aerator, neem powder, culture powder, sawdust, sample compost & tomato seeds



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