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ReduCE-Waste: Controlling e-waste imports into Tanzania Factsheet

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This project supports the Tanzanian government in both setting up mechanisms to reduce, control and assess imports of e-waste and analyse transboundary flows of e-waste and used electrical and electronic equipment (UEEE). The project contributes to developing and piloting a national strategy to operationalize and pilot-test the Basel Convention Technical Guidelines in Tanzania by strengthening local capacities for import control. The involvement of the East African Communications Organisation (EACO) shall enable the replication of the developed approaches and operational guidance in other East African countries.

Project target group:

- Policy makers
- Responsible authorities of exporting and importing countries
- Customs officials, inspectors

Challenges in Tanzania:

- Need to improve data on and control related to imports of used and waste electronics into Tanzania
- Need for a local implementation and harmonisation across the East Africa Region on how to tackle transboundary waste shipments.

Activities:

- Mapping of importation points, analysis of channels and actors involved in UEEE/e-waste imports, analysis and assessment of the transboundary movements of UEEE/e-waste flows entering Tanzania. Collecting information for the setup of a future EPR system for e-waste management.
- Developing a National operationalization plan of the Basel Convention Guidelines on Transboundary Movements of e-waste and UEEE.
- Organizing trainings on inspection, identification, enforcement, management and control of UEEE and e-waste for relevant authorities.
- Conducting pilot-tests to assess inspection methods at entry points and to test the practicability of the national operation plan.
- Defining a roll-out plan of the tested system and guidelines in Tanzania and encourage the replication in the East African region in collaboration with national/international authorities in charge.



Expected impacts:

The project will enable Tanzania to fulfil its mandates with regards to the implementation of the Basel Convention in the control of transboundary movement of waste. The imports of e-waste into Tanzania shall be reduced, at the same time enabling the controlled imports of UEEE as far as the Tanzanian Government wishes to maintain such imports.

Contribute to the preparation of an EPR-based e-waste management system mitigating the adverse impacts of unsound e-waste management in Tanzania.

EACO has a Regional E-waste Management Strategy which aims at harmonizing e-waste policies, laws, regulations, guidelines, standards, infrastructure, institutional capacity, research & education, funding mechanisms and monitoring and evaluation. The aim in the long term is that the cooperation workshops, pilot tests, and customized national guidelines developed during this project can be easily transferred to other EACO countries to enhance their capacity to manage e-waste.

PREVENT Waste Alliance

The PREVENT Waste Alliance serves as a platform for exchange and international cooperation. Organisations from the private sector, academia, civil society and public institutions jointly engage for a circular economy. The PREVENT members contribute to minimising waste, eliminating pollutants and maximising the reutilisation of resources in the economy worldwide. They strive to reduce waste pollution in low- and middle-income countries and work together for the prevention, collection, and recycling of waste, as well as the increased uptake of secondary resources.

This project was selected in a call for innovative and scalable solutions to build a circular economy.

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