

# WHAT A WASTE 2.0

A Global Snapshot of Solid Waste Management to 2050



The world generates **2.01 BILLION TONNES** of municipal solid waste annually.

Unless urgent action is taken, global waste will increase 70% to **3.4 BILLION TONNES** by 2050!

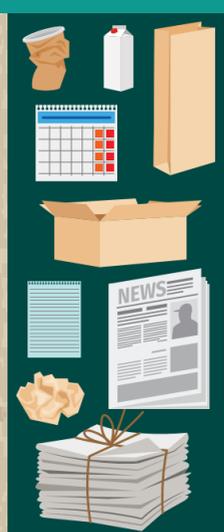
METAL 4%

GLASS 5%

PLASTIC 12%

PAPER/  
CARDBOARD 17%

FOOD/  
GREEN 44%



## MAIN TYPES OF WASTE GENERATED

EAST ASIA  
& THE  
PACIFIC

468  
million  
tonnes

EUROPE &  
CENTRAL  
ASIA

392  
million  
tonnes

SOUTH  
ASIA

334  
million  
tonnes

NORTH  
AMERICA

289  
million  
tonnes

LATIN  
AMERICA  
& THE  
CARIBBEAN

231  
million  
tonnes

SUB  
SAHARAN  
AFRICA

174  
million  
tonnes

MIDDLE  
EAST &  
NORTH  
AFRICA

129  
million  
tonnes

## REGIONAL WASTE GENERATION (ANNUALLY)

In low-income countries, over 90% of waste is mismanaged. This increases emissions and disaster risk, which affects the poor disproportionately.

1/3 (extremely conservative) of solid waste is openly dumped or burned

In low-income countries, waste management costs comprise 20% of municipal budgets on average

We will **LITTE**Rally be living in waste if nothing is done. What can we do?