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Achievements in 3R initiatives

- Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) or Waste Recycling – PET bottles, Aluminum cans, Acid lead battery
- PACWASTE national pilot projects:
 - i. E-waste – establishing a self financing mechanism for e-waste
 - ii. Healthcare Waste Management – provision of incinerator, drafting of HCWM Policy and Standard Operational Procedure
- Green Bag Collection system
- Improvement of three landfills
- Revision of Tarawa Teinainano Control (TUC) Control of Rubbish byelaw – ECD was involved in the drafting of the byelaw
- Establishment of Joint Enforcement Team comprising members of Environmental Health, Kiribati Police Service, Island Councils, environment inspectors.



Achievements in 3R initiatives

- JICA Phase I supporting Kiribati in organic waste management i.e. BTC diverting organic waste to make compost
- Working with Kiribati Farmers Cooperative Society Limited on Organic Farming
- Increase of government budget by 3% for supporting the operational cost for the Environment including waste management activities
- Voluntary Cleanup activities
- Establishment of green bag collection points through NZAID's support.
- Ongoing enforcement of the Environment Act.



Challenges

- Limited Financial and Human Resources
- Scattering of data on waste management
- Small size of private sector on the island thus lack appetite in investing in waste management business
- Absence of proper solid waste management technologies at national level
- Island Remoteness & Dependent on overseas companies to accept recyclable materials i.e. PET bottles low price in international market thus accumulated on the island
- Increase amount of Organic Wastes in the waste stream

Future plans

- **Reviewing and Finalization** of National Solid Waste Management Strategy
- Improve **Waste Management Data storage**
- Explore best **solid waste management technologies**
- **Expanding Scope** of Waste Recycling to include *End of Life vehicle* and *e-waste (thus establishing a sustainable financing to deal with the two wastes)*
- Impose levy on **imported used cars** (work with line Ministries and development partners)
- **Promote/Integration of 3Rs** into other projects dealings with climate change, tourism, public health etc.
- Establish Community-based solid waste management initiatives (i.e. faith-based groups as a avenue to raise awareness and engage with communities)
- Developing **Marine Pollution Legislation**
- Strengthening national capacity in protecting marine resources from human pollution activities
- Appointing Security Firms under the Environment Act to involve in the littering enforcement.