The USAID Economic Security Program

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

TURNOVER

Turnover in the solid waste management and recycling sector and the corresponding aggregated sector (water supply, sewerage, waste management, and remediation activities) **increased** in 2022.

Sector Aggregate Sector 97 MLN GEL +12.1% +11.5%

EMPLOYMENT

Sector Aggregate Sector





Employment in the solid waste management and recycling sector and the corresponding aggregated sector increased in 2022 albeit **moderately.**

SALARY AND LABOR PRODUCTIVITY

With a more substantial increase in average monthly salary, salaries in the solid waste management and recycling sector surpassed that in the corresponding aggregated sector. Meanwhile, labor productivity in the aggregated sector remains more than two times higher.



CHALLENGES

- Restricted access to inputs;
- Underdeveloped infrastructural and institutional environments for waste separation;
- Challenges while implementing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR);
- Low awareness regarding the significance of quality waste management;
- Limited access to sector-targeted green loans and investments;
- Depreciated machinery;
- Low level of public-private cooperation.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Successful implementation of technical regulations on EPR for four waste streams;
- Further adoption of EPR;
- Fostering public-private cooperation to implement sector-targeted projects;
- Raising awareness on the significance of establishing a functioning waste management system.





