
This project seeks to make an important contribution to the waste management education in Sri Lanka. This area requires urgent attention and new courses at bachelor and master levels are instrumental. By developing new interdisciplinary programmes and redesigning existing programmes, the Sri Lankan HEIs will offer up-to-date, student-centred programmes with increased focus on employability.

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One of the long-term objectives of this project is to educate a new generation of students capable of addressing challenges in waste collection, waste management and waste disposal. The institutions involved in the project strive to be a catalyst for transforming Sri Lanka into a society that moves toward a “circular economy” with more emphasis on sustainability, improving local people’s living standards and health. Similarly, this project aims to increase the number of employees in municipalities with a graduate degree, and the number of technical staff in municipalities with at least a bachelor’s degree. In addition, by focusing the attention of waste management and treatment on more sustainable approaches, TESS aims to facilitate new business models and new waste management systems that could open up new possibilities for public and private sector growth and to generate new job opportunities.