



Women in Informal Employment
Globalizing and Organizing

WASTE PICKERS COVID19

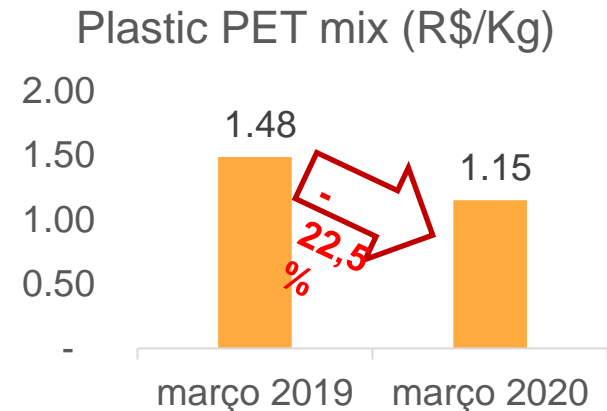
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OVERVIEW - BRAZIL

- **Google survey March** (150 coops): decline in demand/buyers of recyclable materials + drop in prices varying from 8% (paper) to nearly 23%(PET) + 88% of coops no support from local and provincial govts, around 98% of waste picker coops closed (ABIPHEC Google survey March,2020)
- Segregated waste collection: interrupted in some cities, continues under special conditions in others
- National cash grant approved (\$120,00)
- Extended Producer Responsibility: additional cash grants + PPE + food baskets
- Greatest concern: dump pickers + non-organized street pickers

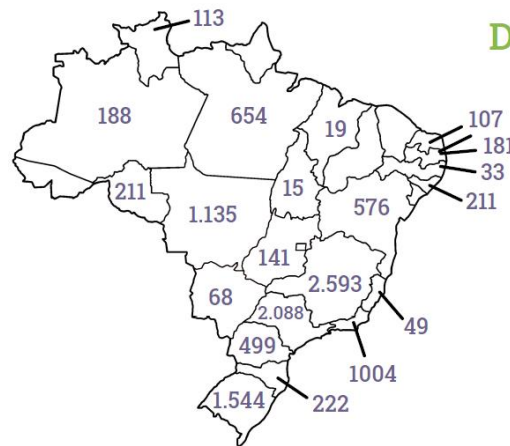


COVID19 ACTIONS - BRAZIL

- Participation in WhatsApp emergency relief committees
- Support to and advocacy for cash grants and food security schemes
- Tracking of government policies, impacts, responses and workers' organizations responses
- **Google Survey WIEGO- ABIPHEC** tracking Health and well-being with 150 coops across 21 states in Brazil
- Drafting guidelines with many partners
- Support to solidarity campaigns: national movement of waste pickers + regional and local waste picker coop networks
- “Possibility thinking”: transformative changes to SW systems with Observatory for Inclusive Recycling (ORIS) and Waste & Citizenship Forum

MNCR - NATIONAL SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

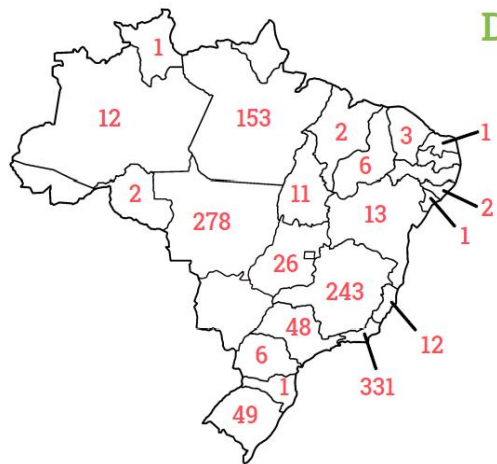
- Funds raised for US\$50 cash grant for Coop members + non-organized pickers



Demanda registrada até o momento

cooperados:

15.827



Demanda registrada até o momento

catadores individuais:

1.547

Apoiadores da campanha



BELO HORIZONTE COVID19



March 23rd: temporary suspension of
segregated waste collection
performed by cooperatives

PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE

- **Recommendation:** to **suspend waste picking operations during peak of the outbreak** and **buy some time to work on improving safety** – backed by National Sanitation Engineers Association, the National Movement of Waste Pickers (Minas Gerais Chapter), Observatory for Inclusive Recycling
- **Rationale:** adjusting recycling activities (and workers safety habits) to avoid cross-contamination and infections in the first phase of such a serious outbreak is very difficult.
- **Emergency relief:** food security (food baskets), cash grant, payment of contract

URBAN PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE & COVID19

Municipal Waste & Citizenship Forum - two Covid19 working groups (city officers, coops and their allies such as WIEGO and others):

- 1) Relief:** to think about and monitor **emergency actions**, addressing the difficulties for their effective and comprehensive implementation;
- 2) Operations:** to design how to resume waste picker activities in adequate sanitary conditions, addressing prevention measures to be implemented at the household level, collection processes and handling of recyclable materials inside warehouses



Belo Horizonte Waste & Citizenship Forum - ACTIONS

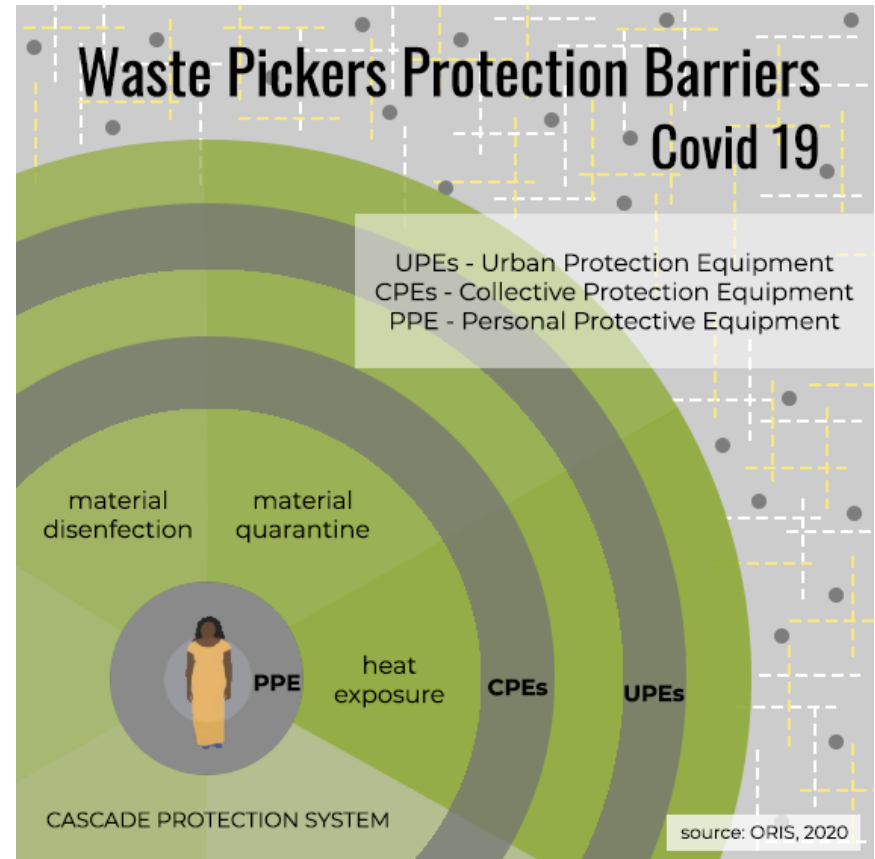
- Mapping of how workers are accessing benefits such as basic cash grants, food baskets
- Drafting of an operational manual for resumption of selective waste collection
- Mapping costs, taxes & other expenses that coops need to meet in order to seek out funds to meet these payments
- Designing operational safety measures – short-medium and long term: reframe of collection processes, transportation, storing, sorting, work flows, Urban-collective and personal protection equipments, infrastructure.

BOUNCING FORWARD: REFRAMING SOURCE SEGREGATION SCHEME

1st level of protection: guide households to store materials for 72 hours or during the period that collection is suspended

2nd level: Urban Protection equipment (LEVAs) + Collective Protection equipment (disinfection cabins, conveyor belts, spaced work stations)

3rd level: PPE



Thinking Forward Globally

Inclusive SWM 10 Steps Agenda

1. **Build from what already exists:** informal workers can supplement SW systems
2. “Nothing for us without us” – **urban participatory SW governance** (multi-stakeholders platforms)
3. **Payment** for service provision and for environmental service
4. **Essential Workers** = Occupational Health and Safety + Adequate infrastructure + capacity building for safety
5. **Locally suitable technologies:** pro-poor modernization of SW systems instead of capital intensive technologies
6. **Social protection:** access to health, emergency cash grants, childcare
7. **Gender sensitive policies**
8. **All-inclusive: policies** including non-nationals, organized and non-organized workers
9. **Non-stigmatization of workers campaigns:** in times of pandemics there is a great risk of blaming workers
10. **Sustainable Livelihoods:** plan for livelihoods, monitor and evaluate impacts

THANKS

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