Investments to Tackle Plastic Pollution

SAUDI ARABIA

This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.



PLASTIC MATERIAL FLOW

This section provides an overview of the plastic material flow within the country, offering a snapshot of the plastic waste landscape.



PLASTIC PRODUCED

17.9 mn

tonnes per year

(Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals

Association, 2021)

tonnes per year

(Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, 2020)

PLASTIC CONSUMED

3.6 mn

tonnes per year

(Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association, 2021)

PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

tonnes per vear (Alliance to End Plastic Waste, 2023)

PLASTIC RECYCLED

5.0%

(Alliance to End Plastic . Waste, 2023)





PLASTIC WASTE EXPORTS

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map. 2022)

POLICIES

This section highlights selected policies impacting plastic pollution in the country. Details on the status of development of the policy where relevant are also provided.

DOWNSTREAM UPSTREAM MIDSTREAM Tax on Single-Use Virgin **Deposit Return System** Waste Segregation **Plastics** Legislation Waste producers must sort waste that can be reused or recycled **Ban on Single-Use Plastics** (Bureau of Experts, 2021) Plastic products entering Saudi Arabia have to be oxo-biodegradable Extended Producer (Customs Support, 2019) Responsibility The Waste Management Law stipulates that every producer and importer must bear extended producer responsibility (Bureau of Experts, 2021) Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions Recycled Content Mandates Mandatory Recycling Targets Overall recycling target of 40% by 2040 (International Trade Administration, 2024) Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes



Implemented

In progress

Not available



This section provides a summary of public and private investments in waste management, plastic waste management, and plastics circularity. Further breakdown of private investments in plastics circularity solutions by archetypes and investment categories is also provided.

Investments in Waste and Plastic Waste Management (2018 - 2021)

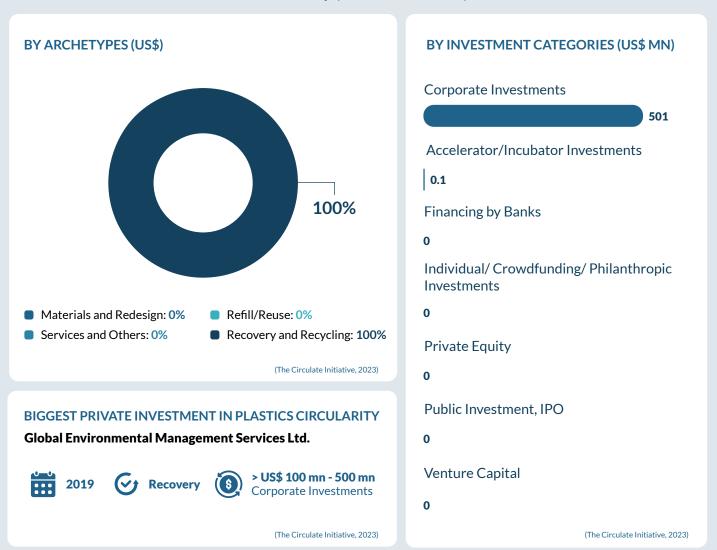
Waste Management Expenditure
Not available

Development Finance for Waste and Plastic Waste Management
Not applicable

Private Investments in Plastics Circularity
US\$ 500.1 mn

(The Circulate Initiative, 2023)

Private Investments in Plastics Circularity (2018 - 6M 2023)



i Glossary and Other References

