



JUNE 2024 - JUNE 2025

A Year of Social Engagement & Ocean-Bound Plastic Action

From waste to value: creating social impact, one collector at a time.



Over
3,000 TONS

Post-consumer mismanaged plastic waste collected from ocean-bound environments since 2019.

1,216

Waste collectors and community members involved in TONTOTON's plastic collection network.

627

Segregation units (houses, schools, hotels, temples, small businesses) were registered.

100 %

Traceability guaranteed through transparency and accountability across the entire value chain.

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Child labor thanks to strict policies and regular field checks ensure that no child is involved at any stage.



1 NO POVERTY



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



Cambodia operations

Cambodia's waste sector is largely dominated by the informal economy and private companies. Yet, waste reception services remain inefficient and inconsistent. Households are expected to pay for waste collection, but many cannot, or choose not to. As a result, significant amounts of plastic are discarded into the environment every day.

Recyclable materials like glass and metals are selectively picked up throughout the waste stream, but plastic — especially low-value types — has limited economic value and is often ignored. The few existing plastic recyclers tend to focus on high-value materials and still lack strong environmental safeguards.

TONTOTON addresses this systemic gap with an inclusive, traceable, and socially-driven model. We recover all types of plastic, including non-recyclables, and empower communities by creating stable work opportunities for waste collectors.

Based in Sihanoukville, our Community & Environment Center is both a collection hub and a platform for change, where waste becomes a resource, and collectors gain dignity, skills, and income.

We believe that tackling plastic pollution must go hand in hand with promoting equity and social justice.





Supporting Collectors

At TONTOTON, the Community Manager plays a key role in ensuring the well-being, safety, and empowerment of all waste collectors and their families.

This includes building a strong understanding of their daily realities, strictly enforcing a zero child labor policy, and creating access to personal and professional development opportunities.

By promoting fair, traceable, and stable income streams, and by ensuring safe and dignified working conditions, we strive to create an environment where every collector, and their children, can thrive with respect and purpose.

Regular Visits & Field Presence

During this year, our Community Manager conducted a total of **192 field visits** across **6 villages**, meeting collector families **every 3 months** to understand their needs, monitor living conditions, and provide tailored support.





Rewarding the Collectors

At TONTOTON, we believe that dedication deserves recognition. This year, **4 outstanding waste collectors** were supported through tailored rewards, acknowledging their commitment, reliability, and impact within their communities.

We gave a second life to the plastic they collected, transforming it into plastic boards, furniture, and practical products designed to improve their daily lives and living conditions.

This initiative not only highlights their effort, but also reinforces the value of circularity: what they collect becomes part of the solution.



Fixing Lim's house



Repairing Chan Toch's house



A table & chair for Siem Sopheap's daughter



Flower pots for Korn Phallin



Workshops for Collectors

To go beyond plastic collection and foster long-term change, TONTOTON organizes **quarterly workshops** tailored to the needs and aspirations of our waste collectors.

This year, **2 workshops** were successfully held, providing practical training opportunities focused on:

- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Strengthening both hard and soft skills
- Improving daily well-being and social integration



These sessions are designed to empower collectors not only as environmental actors but also as individuals with the tools to build a better future for themselves and their families.



Workshops for Children & Our Zero Child Labor Commitment

As part of our zero child labor policy, TONTOTON works closely with both children and their families to ensure that no child is ever involved in plastic collection. Instead, we focus on supporting their education and development.

This year, we organized **2 dedicated workshops**:

- Borey Kamakor Elementary School – **304 students**
- M'lop Tapang Childcare Facility – **40 children**

Through these sessions, and through regular home and school visits, we raised awareness about:

- The importance of staying in school
- Children's rights and protection
- Responsible plastic use and waste management

We also engaged parents and caregivers to strengthen the message at home and ensure lasting change.





Support the People Behind the Change

More and more collectors need our support

Across coastal communities in Cambodia, plastic pollution is not just an environmental crisis, it's also a social issue.

Dozens of informal waste collectors rely on this work to survive, yet they are often underpaid, invisible, and exposed to harmful materials.

By partnering with TONTOTON, you're helping expand a system that provides:

- Stable income
- Protective equipment
- Training in safe and responsible waste collection
- Dignity and recognition for these essential workers

Your continued support means more collectors empowered, more plastic removed from nature, and more impact where it matters.



Did you know?

TONTOTON has been recognized by UNESCO Green Citizens for its innovative approach to tackling plastic pollution.

We were also awarded the prestigious EPPIC Challenge by the UNDP in Cambodia, honoring our impactful and community-driven solution to stop plastic waste at its source.

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GREEN CITIZENS



Become a social impact partner today!

Real change begins with people. It's made possible by those who care, individuals and companies that believe in dignity, inclusion, and shared responsibility. Every time you support our work, you're not just removing plastic, you're empowering communities, protecting livelihoods, and giving value to those who are too often overlooked.

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One of TONTOTON's goals is to support members of the community. Many still live below the poverty line, and TONTOTON continually seeks new solutions to assist them.



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