



EPR Waste Association  
of South Africa

# IPSA FUTURE PACK CONFERENCE

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**Working towards managing the  
establishment of a sustainable,  
environmentally sound waste  
management system for the  
country**



# About eWASA

**eWASA is a Producer Responsibility Organisation and not-for-profit organisation committed to delivering cost-effective compliance on behalf of our Producer Members.**

**The EPR regulations came into effect on 5th May 2021 and stipulate that Producers must organise and finance their products' environmental management at their end of life.**

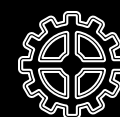
**Since then, we have been working with manufacturers, importers, brand owners and retailers alongside waste handlers to effectively manage e-waste, lighting, and paper and packaging waste.**

# SAWIC REGISTRATIONS



**EEE**

19/7/6/E/PRO/20210512/0012  
0210512/001



**PAPER & PACKAGING**

19/7/5/P/PRO/20211123/022



**LIGHTING**

19/7/7/L/PRO/20211123/004

**PORTABLE BATTERIES**

19/7/5/P/PRO/20230710/045

**LUBRICANTS &  
OILS**



19/7/7/L/PRO/20240429/053

# Who should Join?

Import EEE, Paper & Packaging, Lighting, Portable Battery or Lubricant Oil products into South Africa?

Manufacturer and/or sell EEE, Paper & Packaging, Lighting, Portable Battery or Lubricant Oil products under your own brand?

Remotely sell EEE, Paper & Packaging, Lighting, Portable Battery or Lubricant Oil products via distance communication (Internet/phone/catalogue) to South African businesses/consumers?

Refurbish and/or resell EEE, Paper & Packaging, Lighting, Portable Battery or Lubricant Oil products produced by other suppliers?

**YES**

You have Producer obligations under the EPR Regulations



Community-Based Recycling Programs



Decentralized Circular Models

# VISIBLE IMPLEMENTATION



SMME and Waste Picker Integration



Education and Awareness

# Greater Tygerberg Partnership

The Greater Tygerberg Trolley & Recycling project empowers homeless individuals as waste entrepreneurs by providing training, specialized trollies, and partnerships with local businesses for recyclable collection—reducing landfill waste, promoting sustainable business ecosystems, and restoring dignity while creating lasting social and environmental impact.



## Objectives

- ✓ Community upliftment and social re-integration
- ✓ Direct and indirect job creation
- ✓ Education and awareness
- ✓ Training and skills development

# Waste Picker Integration

eWASA integrates waste pickers into EPR through financial support, innovative tools, education, and market development—empowering communities while fostering a sustainable and equitable waste management system in South Africa.



**3097**

Number of waste pickers paid

**> R 1 000 000**

Waste picker payments

**> R2 000 000**

Waste picker PPE/Equipment/  
Training

**1143**

Number of waste pickers  
trained

**2300**

Bulk bags supplied

**250**

Waste picker trollies

**2200**

Gloves

**840**

Conti suits

**690**

Safety shoes

# Education & Awareness

WESSA Eco-Schools provide a structured environmental education program that blends theory, practical experience, and community involvement. By promoting sustainable waste management in schools and offering continuous professional development for educators, the initiative creates a lasting model for environmental awareness and action.



**20**

Schools

**62**

Learner Engagement Sessions

**2385**

Direct Student

**22602**

Indirect Student

**193**

Direct Teacher Beneficiaries

**665**

Indirect Teacher Beneficiaries

**R17 897**

Generated for recycling

**11946 kg**

General Waste Recycled

# Material Specific Projects

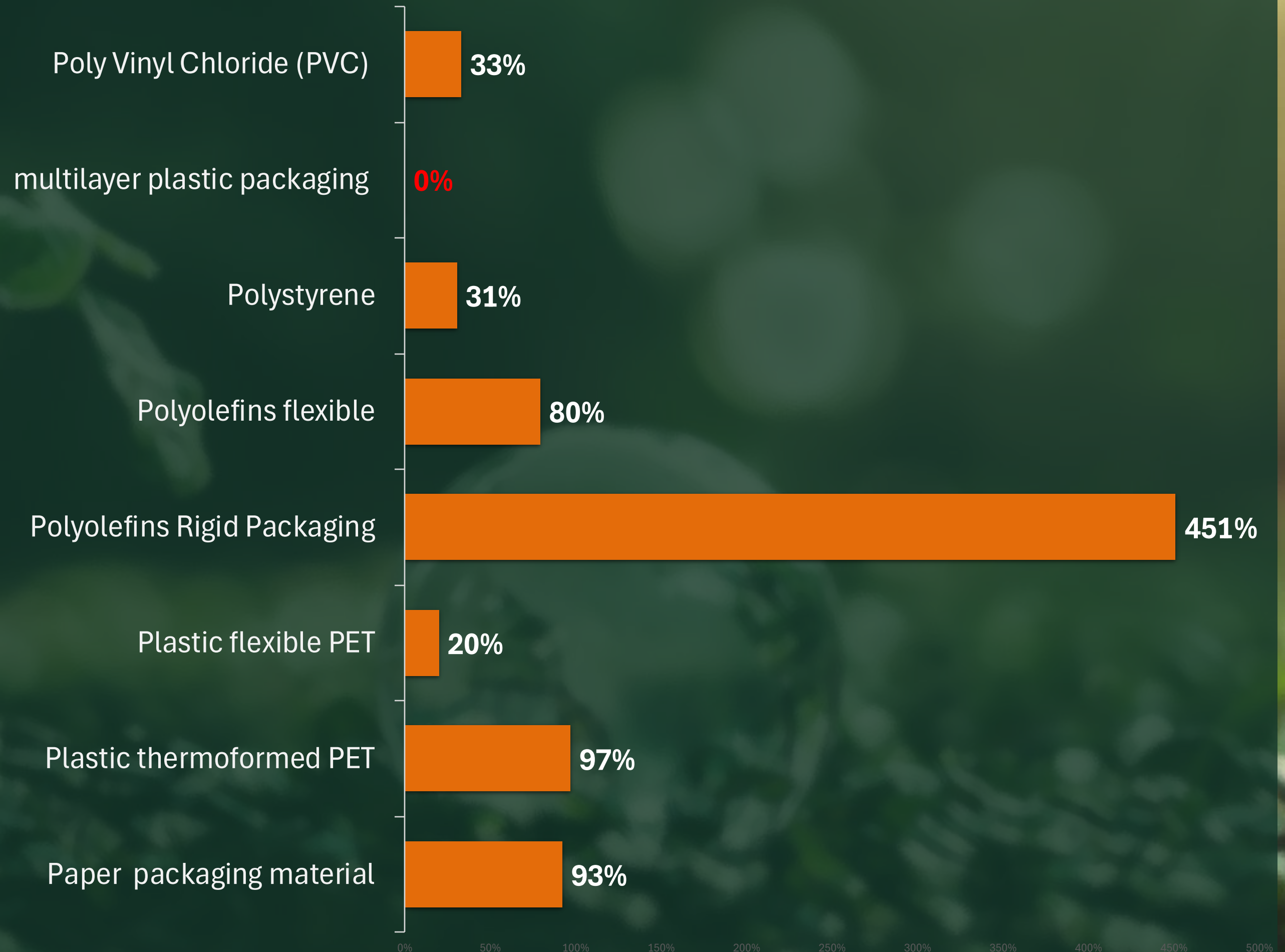
Our material-specific projects aim to support the growth of SMMEs and empower waste pickers, focusing on creating both direct and indirect jobs. These initiatives target the paper and packaging sector, promoting a circular economy through sustainable practices and waste reduction.

E.G Pick n Pay Multilayer & Flexible Container Project & Polystyrene  
Nation wide Ingot machine deployment



# Diversion Rates

2023 Audited Results



# Proposed Amendments

Critical Amendments & Impacts

## Definitions

Producer

## Targets

Meet targets per individual  
Producer

## Financial

5% Revenue to Waste Bureau

## Reporting

Waste Picker Data base

## Enforcement

Lack of enforcement

Broad and creates confusion  
with in the value chain  
Pay point vs Non-pay point  
Double reporting

Tracking and Tracing to  
individual brand owner  
practically challenging for  
post consumer material

Institutional arrangement and  
governance related  
challenges

Shift of responsibility  
regarding SAWPRS system  
and Role of DFFE

Free-riders experience market  
advantages

Expanding current take-back programs and implementing new initiatives to increase participation

Contributing to Enterprise Development Initiatives that promote BBBEE and the upliftment of women and the youth

# Achieving Success through our key Pillars of our Integrated Plan



Offering training and skills development opportunities for waste entrepreneurs and stakeholders

Expanding our EPR Program and outreach by enlisting additional producers, recyclers, dismantlers and refurbished from PDIs - with a focus on including women, youth and individuals living with disabilities

Creating sustainable jobs across the entire value chain



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