








# Polyco

Producer  
Responsibility  
Organisation.



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-  Key projects and initiatives our PRO is driving
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# WHO IS POLYCO?

## PRO Implementing EPR

Polyco PRO is a non-profit company **progressing the collection and recycling of plastic packaging.**

We promote the responsible use and recycling of all plastic packaging at the end-of-life within the circular economy, with the aim of ending plastics waste in our environment.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Over R300 Million Invested since inception of EPR in 2022.



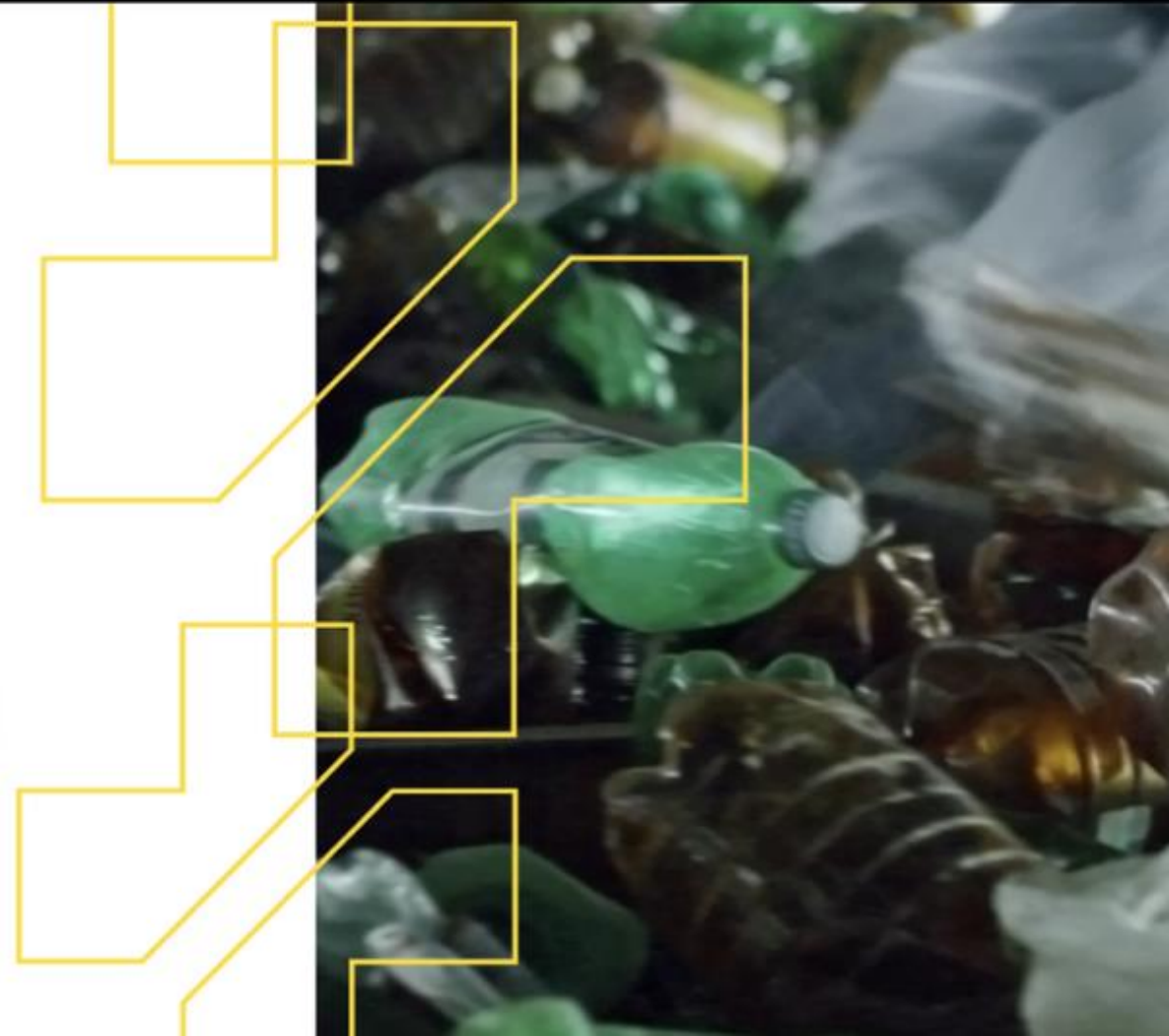
Over 145 project partners.



Over 15 000 jobs supported annually.

# EPR WORKS

With 700+ committed members supporting EPR



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

We represent them all.



PET



PE-HD



PVC



PE-LD



PP

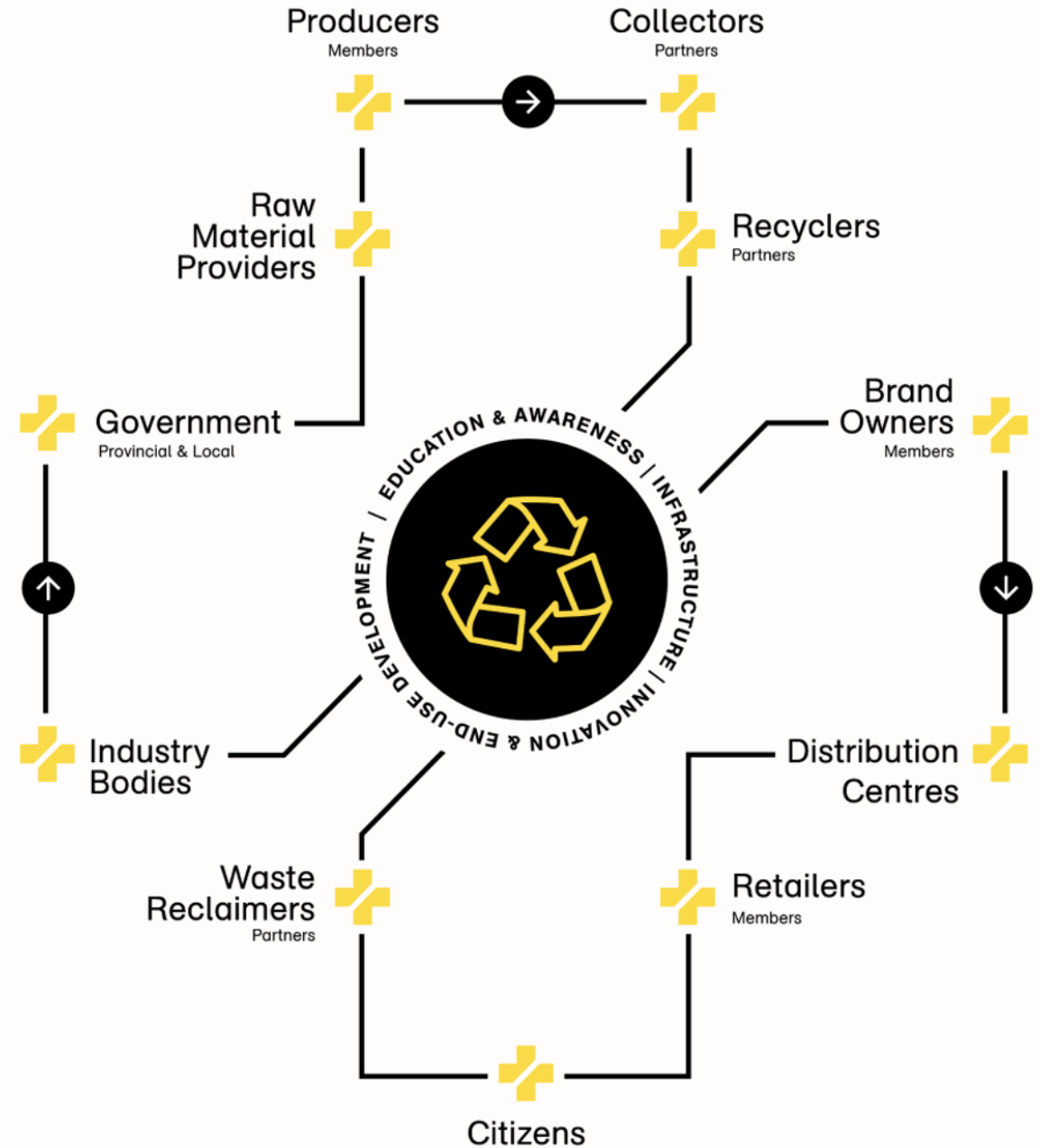


PS



MULTI-LAYER

# Collaboration stakeholders.





Collaboration  
Stakeholders.

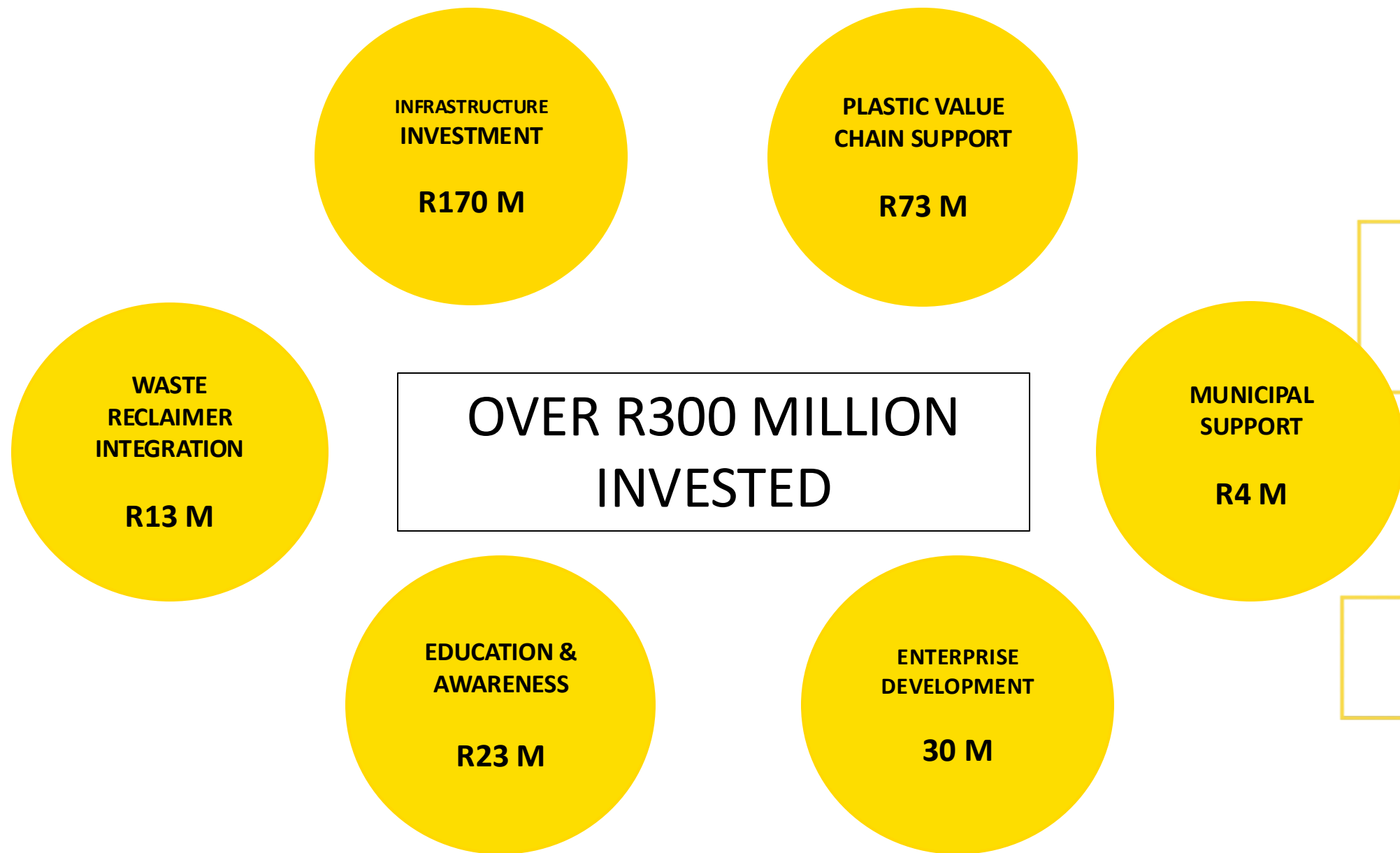


forestry, fisheries  
& the environment  
Department:  
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Over 700+  
Members.





EPR legislation allowed for 20% of EPR fees for administrative cost in 2022 reducing to 12% in 2024 (Polyco is operating below the legislative allowed administrative cost with an accumulative net saving of R3.5 m) This is not included in the R300m invested spend.



# PENALTY FOR NON COMPLIANCE



## Clause from the 2021 EPR regulations regarding penalties for non compliance:

Penalties.-

- (1) A person convicted of an offence under these Regulations is liable to-
  - (a) **imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years;**
  - (b) **an appropriate fine; or**
  - (c) both a **fine and imprisonment.**
- (2) A registered producer who does not comply with these Regulations may have their registration as contemplated in these Regulations revoked and/or be compelled to join another extended producer responsibility scheme.
- (3) A registered producer responsibility organisation that does not comply with the requirements as contemplated in these Regulations may have their registration revoked.

# KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES POLYCO IS DRIVING

## Wanderers – Lifestyle Project

Polyco is proud of this meaningful partnership with Kera Kreate and DP World Wanderers Stadium. With this goal in mind, we are proud to be partnering with Kera Kreate, a dynamic youth-led, female-owned enterprise.



## Collaboration with DFFE

Polyco is proud to collaborate with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) on various initiatives that support municipalities in enhancing recycling efforts. This partnership highlights the importance of collective action in improving environmental sustainability and educating communities about proper waste management.





# POLYCO'S RECYCLING PROGRAMMES

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Polyco provides capital investment, loans or grants, to collection companies to increase their capacity.



Over 30 companies supported  
Capex invested over R70 Million

# POLYCO'S COLLECTION PROGRAMMES

## MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Municipalities are key in unlocking S@S. We have increased our efforts to establish partnerships with municipalities



**35 municipalities engaged**  
**1 project implemented (BCM)**

## PACKA-CHING

Polyco's S@S focused programme provides collection businesses, retailers and municipalities with infrastructure to encourage citizens to collect and sell recyclables



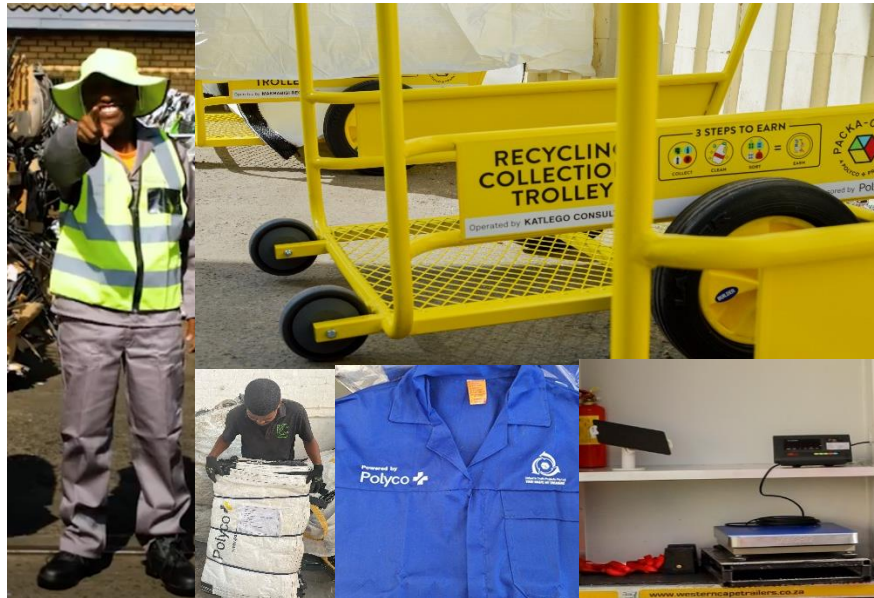
**34 – 6m Units rolled out since inception**  
**12 – 3m & 4m Units rolled out since inception**



# POLYCO'S COLLECTION PROGRAMMES

## ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Grant funding, is provided to previously disadvantaged collection companies.



17 project partners supported in 2024

## WASTE PICKER INTEGRATION

Polyco provides support to waste pickers to improve their working environment (ablution facilities), hygiene packs and PPE. Polyco's weigh pay app can also pay waste picker a service fee. Currently investigating payment through collection partners.



8 ablution facilities funded in 2024

# POLYCO COLLABORATION



# Plastics | SA

# MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Polyco has increased its efforts with Municipal collaborations over the last 12 months.

WE HAVE SIGNED 6 MOUs

9 Provincial  
Departments  
of environment



58 District  
municipalities



57 Local  
municipalities

From these engagements. 7 Proposals have been received from the following Municipalities for further collaboration:





# MUNICIPAL SUPPORT - BCM



Amalinda Buy-Back Centre

Mdantsane Buy-Back Centre

Qonce Buy-Back Centre



3 Buy-Back Centres planned for roll out in 2025



# WASTE RECLAIMER INTEGRATION

## ABLUTION TOILETS



## DIGNITY PACKS FOR WASTE RECLAIMERS



## COLLECTION TROLLEYS



## DIGNITY PACKS FOR WOMEN RECLAIMERS



2700 Packs distributed for Mandela Day

400 Packs distributed to Women for Women's Month



# WASTE RECLAIMER SUPPORT

## INVEST IN DIGNITY (SUPA MAMAS)



Hygiene Packs were provided to female waste reclaimers.

## RECLAIMER ORGANISATIONS



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hygiene packs and trolleys.



# WASTE RECLAIMER SUPPORT

## URBAN SURFER

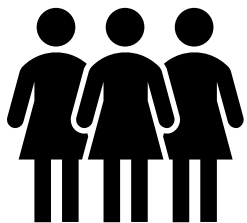


**Waste reclaimer Hub:  
One of its kind  
reclaimer camp  
providing 8 reclaimers  
with infrastructure to  
collect and sell as well  
as live with dignity.**

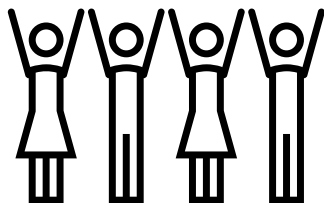
# ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

The Enterprise Business Development funding supports the growth of Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within South Africa's recycling sector. Polyco aids companies by facilitating infrastructure development, providing equipment, initiating educational programs, and offering training opportunities.

## PROJECTS AIM TO HAVE A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON:



WOMEN



YOUNG PEOPLE



PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITY



ACCESSING AREAS WHERE  
RECYCLING IS NOT DONE  
OR HARD TO ACCESS

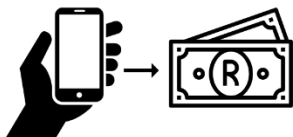


PREVIOUSLY  
DISADVANTAGED

## FUNDING CATEGORIES:



EQUIPMENT &  
INFRASTRUCTURE



ACCESS TO WEIGH-PAY  
CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM



TRAINING &  
WORKSHOPS



MARKETING SUPPORT  
(SCHOOL & COMMUNITY)  
EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL



BINS



BUY BACK CENTRE CONTAINER



BUILDING MATERIALS  
AND LABOUR COSTS



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR  
BURSARIES



# ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Polyco is empowering **70 young individuals** through a six-month **business training program**, fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable waste management. Additionally, funded training for 13 enterprises at the ISWA Conference, supported 2 enterprises at the SAPRO Awards and provided bursary support. A Packa-Ching workshop also engaged 27 enterprises to enhance collaboration and industry impact.





# ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT



70 Youth – 6 Month Business training initiated in 2024.



17 ED projects funded in 2024.



Rlabs funded with bailer, 12 metre container, educational material and bulk bags in 2025.



Funding a one of its kind training facility for persons with disabilities with Job Abled, to train and place candidates at one of Polyco's funded partners Myplas.





# EDUCATION & AWARENESS



## Educating South African Youth on Recycling

Polyco PRO is a non-profit company progressing the collection and recycling of plastic packaging.



Engaging with **2 Million** learners in over **2600** schools across South Africa



# FUTURE PLANS:



## Build collection network

- Ensure that recyclable collectors are supported (logistics)
- Work with them to be able to record total material being collected
- Mini MRF's to be placed nationally



## Packa-Ching as a vehicle to unlock separation @ source

- Locate in areas that citizens can access (retail and municipal)
- Further increase mobile solutions to access citizens that do not have services
- Increase awareness (public) education



## Transformation

- Enterprise Development – Growing Entrepreneurs for Women, Youth & Disabled



## EPR Regulations

- Post 5-Year period



## Polyco focus on problematic plastic streams

- PS
- PVC
- PET Thermoforms



## Work with members on product substitution and D4R

- Members are changing their products, e.g. Multilayer material to multilayer mono-polymer
- Ensure that during the selection process, that the material can be processed in South Africa
- Work with recyclers and collectors on identifying these products and develop solutions for recycling opportunities



## DFFE Focus

- More DFFE Municipal Collaborations
- More Waste Picker Integration
- Transformation
- Lobbying



## Expansion

- Polyco's expansion into Southern Africa (i.e. Eswatini, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana & Mauritius)



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**THANK YOU!**

