

**Empowerment of Rural Communities in Waste Management and Recycling of
Materials in Central Part of Nowshahr Township
Case study: Molkar, Anarvar and HamzedeH Villages
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Grant Budget: USD 3,000

Objective of the Project:

Public awareness on the issue of recycling of domestic solid wastes and proper methods of waste management in the rural areas

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Background and Problem Statement

The Caspian provinces of Iran due to their geological characteristics and the high water levels have difficulty in sanitary disposal of solid wastes. On the other hand, the high humidity of the soil and air makes it difficult to transfer them into Compost. Therefore, the disposal of solid waste is a major problem in these provinces in terms of water, soil and ambient pollution as well as health risks involved. The widespread dumping of solid waste, constructional residues and other forms of waste on the coastal areas, along the river banks, forests and roads are quite evident in the urban and rural areas of the Iranian Caspian provinces. It seems there is a lack of proper waste management in these areas.

Goals and Objectives

- To empower the local people through public awareness and public participation campaigns
- Training courses in order to mitigate the ensuing pollution problems.
- Establishment of working groups (maximum of 4 members)
- Conducting 2 training workshops in each village
- Identification of NGOs in central part of Nowshahr Township in order to facilitate their cooperation through the training workshop
- Preparing educational pamphlets
- Establishment of environmental libraries in the selected schools of the villages
- Conducting a meeting in Nowshahr Township at the conclusion of the project in order to outline the project outputs