



El Salvador Empowers Recyclers.



Urban recycling collectors are contributing to a systemic transformation in society by reinforcing their role as public service providers and encouraging a circular economy. An enormous leap forward occurred in 2022, thanks to a partnership between public and private stakeholders to strengthen the recycling value chain in El Salvador. This marked significant progress toward the inclusion of grassroots recyclers in integrated solid waste management systems and the shaping of public policies in 12 cities across the country. Training on organizational formation, financial literacy, and soft skills was provided at 16 recycling collection centers. Investments were made in collection centers for infrastructure improvements, equipment, and tools to streamline the recovery and separation of materials. In addition, municipal waste management policies to encourage recycling were approved, which will ensure the sustainability of the recycling value chain and its long-term impact on municipalities and their populations.

Fundación Avina was part of the core group of stakeholders behind the initiative and provided technical assistance. Latitud R, as part of its support of inclusive recycling in Central America, also played the role of connector, bringing together diverse stakeholders from all along the value chain. 4,000 recyclers directly benefited from these actions, with 4.4 million indirect beneficiaries.

