

WORKING EXPERIENCES OF WASTE PICKERS

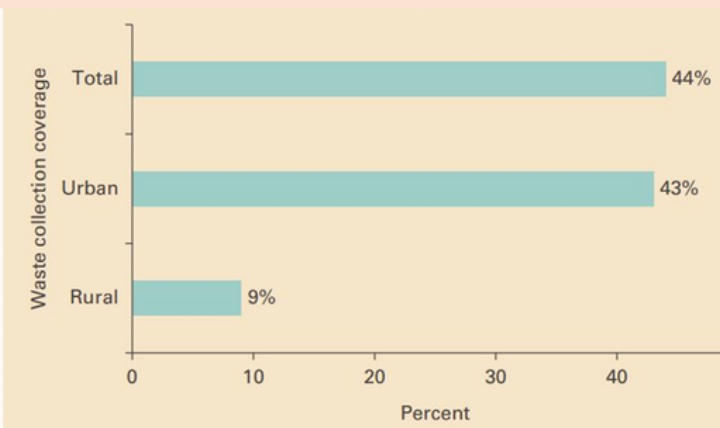
A Focus on Emotional Wellbeing

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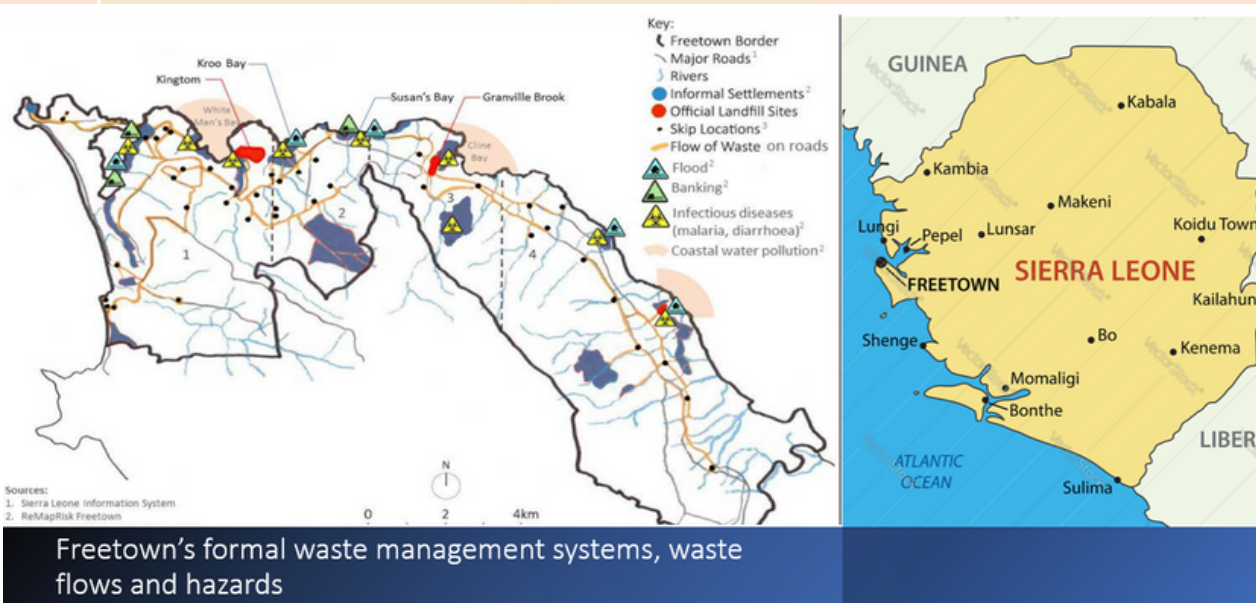
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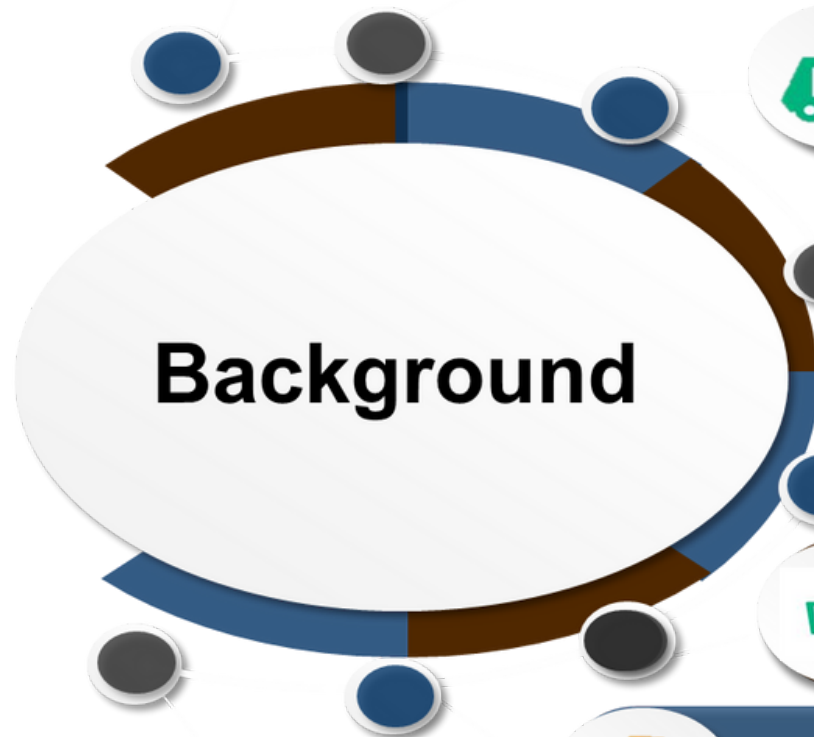


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Waste pickers are essential for waste diversion and environmental protection

Despite their importance, the emotional experiences of waste pickers remain an understudied area



Poor access to quality waste streams, low pay and extended work hours

Educational attainment and gender are key determinants of bargaining power and earning potential

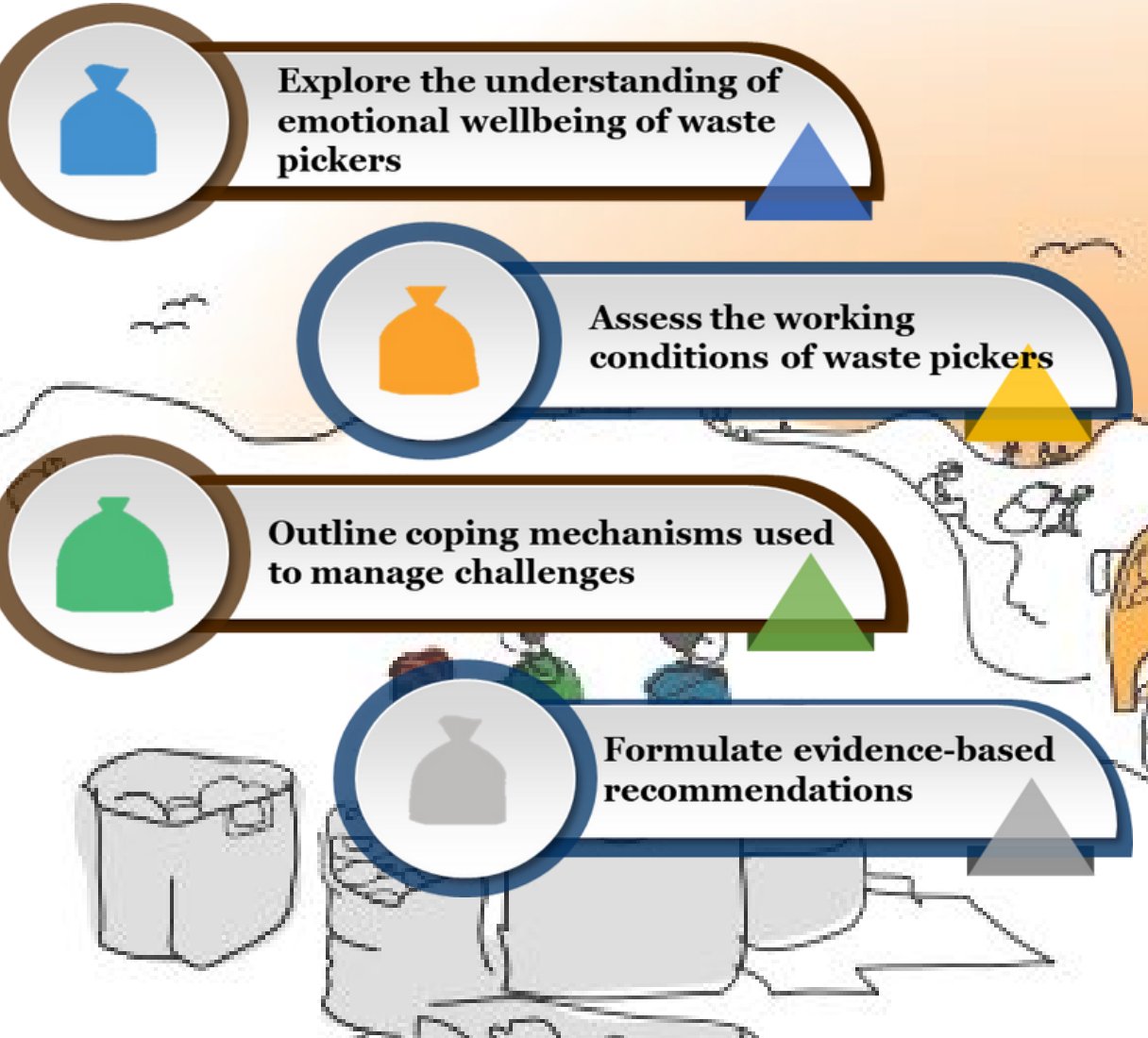
Hazardous work conditions

Discrimination and Marginalisation

Susceptible to market changes

Waste picker organisations advocate for the rights and inclusion of waste pickers

Objectives



Scoping visit observations



Focus
The study should focus on the experiences of both formal and informal waste pickers

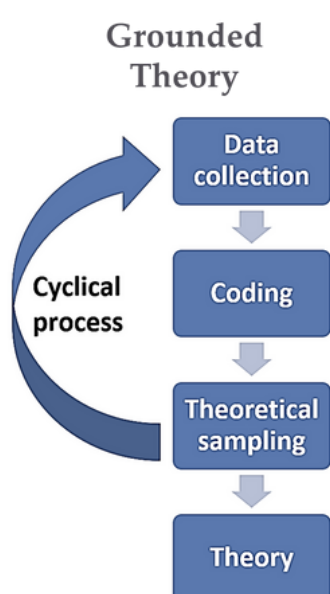
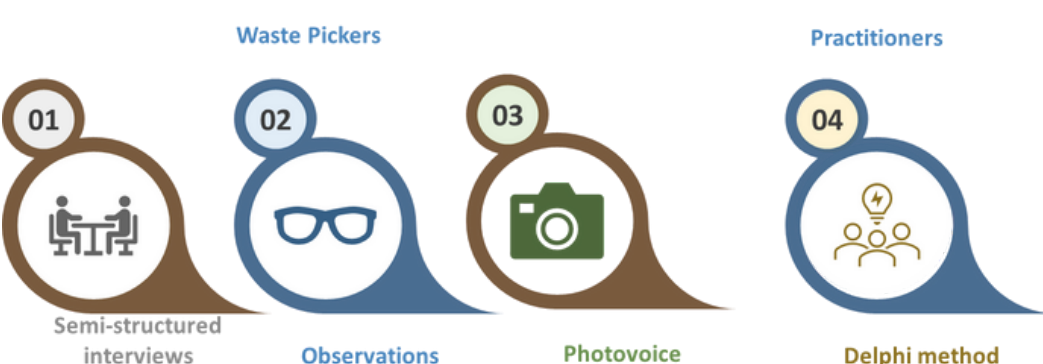


Perceptions
Preliminary interactions suggested a range of perceptions about waste pickers, spanning from sympathy to disregard



Impact
Lack of support services and poor working conditions can have a significant impact on the overall wellbeing of waste pickers

Methodology



Next Steps



References

