


# Invitation to a Market Dialogue

## Closing the Loop on Effective Waste Management in Displacement Settings Using Innovative Finance

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 9 am to 11 am (UTC)

 Thursday, 16th May 2024

 Online



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is looking to partner with one or more local or global entities to close the loop on effective waste management in displacement settings. We are calling on relevant private companies, NGOs and social enterprises working on:

1. Finance mechanisms tailored for cash or voucher exchange in low resource settings, or
2. Innovative solutions for waste management including collection, repair or recycling.

## The Challenge

Humanitarian actors / organizations have a moral obligation to manage the waste they bring into displacement settings in line with global commitments such as Greening the Blue, the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, and the Sustainable Development Goals. The absence of an effective long-term waste management model can negate the humanitarian principle of “Do No Harm,” causing negative health and environmental impacts. Although there is a push within United Nations agencies and other humanitarian actors for more sustainable procurement of reusable, repairable and recyclable products, in reality, it is often not possible to manage end of life products in displacement settings. With limited government subsidies for waste management, there are a lack of affordable services such as collection or recycling infrastructure.

## Project Description

This project, funded by Innovation Norway, recognizes that there is currently no waste management service model supported by the humanitarian system to close the loop on effective waste management from procurement to end of life. It aims to address this gap by exploring the capacity of using a transparent, cost effective and efficient innovative financing model to subsidize waste management services that can be procured by United Nations agencies alongside “products”, ensuring humanitarian organizations are responsible for the waste they generate during crisis response.

## The Market Dialogue

This market dialogue hosted by IOM will:

- Present the project concept and findings of needs assessments conducted in Philippines and Nigeria.
- With participants, explore what services and solutions are available in the market now, and to understand opportunities and barriers that exist for their success in displacement settings.
- Explore and discuss how participating organizations’ knowledge, products or services could support solutions for the project.
- Provide information on next steps including the tender plan for the next phase of the project.

