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LATIN AMERICAN WASTEPICKER NETWORK:

- 12 national movements, networks and associations are members of the LAWPN, creating in 2005
- They have done 5th LatinAmerican Conferences and now extending contacts in Centroamerican through a WPs ground-mapping
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City level contracting process (bid) for waste collection (2011)

Wastepickers organizing since 2001 (economic crisis)
MTE (Excluded Workers Movement)
Cooperative of 1800 wastepickers workers,
Receiving payment compensation for work (minimum wage)
Plus access to recyclable materials
Plus transportation costs
Plus MRFC
They collected more than 40 ton a day using 21 collection routes
Cooperative El Ceibo
Socio-environmental project formed 15 years ago based mainly with women WPs.
100 wastepickers, working in a 1,500 m² space, on land ceded by the State. It has a scale for weighing trucks and presses for different materials from 15 tons of materials recovered and ready for sorting.
Montevideo, Uruguay
1,700,000 population
2000 ton per day of waste generated
9000 wastepickers


Social Development Minister (2006)

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Ave Fenix Cooperative
Supported additionally by UNDP and UNEP.
20 members collecting, processing, only recyclable materials (source segregation programme)

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Santa Cruz, Bolivia
largest city in the country, and one of the fastest growing cities in the world
1,616,063 population
Aprox 1000 ton per day of waste generated
3000 wastepickers

Nacional Policy Draft (2011)
Red Recicladores (Network of Wps, 2009)
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MOTORCYCLES for Santa Cruz wastepickers network: in 30 days increased the productivity by 56%
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Solid Waste Management National Law (2010)
Closing dumpsites
Source segregation
Recyclable materials for Wps
Inclusion of Wps into SWM systems

National Mouvement MNCR (2001)
Belo Horizonte- The first plastic recycling facility for and by wastepickers! Supported by Brazilian Government and run by MNCR/Cataunidos (1.5M U$)

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Diadema was the first city in the country to pay the waste pickers per ton collected. They received $ per ton of material collected and also the amount paid by the company that buys recyclables. 1640 ton of recyclable materials recovered by Wps in Diadema during 2010.
All over Brazil: electric push-carts can transport more than 300 kg load. Its autonomy is 4-5 hours, which gives an average of 25 km / day continuous motion.

It costs approx 2000$ each and State Bank will provide the Mouvement with 22000 of them!
3 Key learning process:

1) **Legal Frameworks**, nationally but mostly locally implemented which can ensure sustainability beyond local elected bodies that change over time

2) Mobilization & Advocacy from both wastepickers groups and social society in order to **create political willingness**!

3) **Organizational strength for wastepickers** groups and capacity building for them to be properly integrated (& recognized) into the solid waste system