

Code book for the WAW Database at GlobalRec.org

This is a code book to help you understand how the GlobalRec database is built and maintained.

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What is the Waste Pickers Around the World (WAW) Database?

The [WAW database](#) is the sum of several existing databases with information about waste picker organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It was a multi-year process commissioned by WIEGO from 2009 to 2013. It is an ongoing effort to merge all the different datasets into one comprehensible and well-maintained database. Ultimately, our aim is for waste picker organizations and supporters to be able to complete the information themselves and update it when needed. Check the list below to see the different databases that have been used.

Who is the WAW database for?

Waste pickers are workers in the informal economy who represent, according to several institutions (ILO, World Bank, and others), 1% of the urban population. They are not part of official statistics, therefore it is challenging to understand how many of them are organized or what their organization types are. For the first time ever, we are able to state approximate numbers of organizations worldwide and countries where organizations exist, the type of organization, its reach and its supporters. This information is meant to be used by both waste picker organizations for solidarity and networking purposes as well as researchers and institutions interested in the informal recycling sector.

Where does the data come from?

Some of the existing databases were the result of different research efforts. The names of the different data sets are listed below:

- WORD (WIEGO Organizing and Representation Database): a dynamic resource providing information on organizations that organize workers in the informal economy and is maintained on an ongoing basis. The core information from WAW database came from WORD, which is commissioned by Chris Bonner and is available at <http://wiego.org/wiegodatabase>.
- Africa 2009: a study was commissioned by Melanie Samson in 2009 on behalf of WIEGO.
- Africa 2010: a study commissioned by Melanie Samson in 2010 on behalf of WIEGO.
- Africa 2011: a study conducted by Melanie Samson and Jennifer van den Bussche in 2011 on behalf of WIEGO.
- Africa 2012: a study commissioned by Melanie Samson in 2012 on behalf of WIEGO.
- Africa 2013: data collected by Kapita Tuwizana in 2013 on behalf of WIEGO.
- Asia 2013: data collected by Malati Gadgil in 2013 on behalf of KKPKP and WIEGO.
- AIW 2013: data collected by Nalini Shekar in 2013 on behalf of AIW and WIEGO.
- Red Lacre 2012: a study conducted by Lucia Fernandez and Maria Eugenia Duque Daza in 2012 on behalf of WIEGO.

The source of information corresponds to the date of the last update.

Example: "WORD 26/08/2011" as the last update of that entry was made on 26/08/2011.

If there is no date information it would say "WORD".

If there are multiple sources of information, the sources are separated by commas "WORD 26/08/2011, Red Lacre 2012". As some databases don't have a specific date for when the surveys and compilations were made the year the data was collected is provided.

How do I cite this database?

Information extracted from the database (statistics, maps, and specific information provided at WAW site) should be cited as follows:

- Fernández, L., Pena Pan, J., & Rey Mazón, P. (2014). WAW: Waste Pickers Around the World Database. *WIEGO*. Retrieved from <http://globalrec.org/waw/>

Clarifications

Gender Composition

Gender Composition Women Number:

- The number to input must be the total number of women.

Gender Composition Women Comment

- when no number is provided just input the comment: "majority are women" for example.

What is a waste picker group?

What this database understands and names as a waste picker group is an organization (association, trade union, cooperative, NGO, etc) whose members are made up exclusively of or mainly by waste pickers.

What is a potential supporter?

We have named “supporters” as the organizations that could potentially work with or support the activity of waste pickers and waste picker organizations. These organizations were listed as “potential” supporters (as opposed to supporters) because at the time that the WAW database was launched, they were not yet supporting or working with waste picker organizations. It could be that a “potential supporter” has since become a supporter. You can help us update this information! Perhaps you know of a “potential supporter” that has since begun working with waste pickers. Or perhaps you know of a “potential supporter” that has actually undermined the livelihoods of waste pickers. If so, **please tell us** and we can update the database accordingly.

Why is there more information from Africa than other continents?

After the 1st World Conference of Waste pickers held in 2008 in Bogota, Colombia, WIEGO realized there were many waste picker organizations and supporters in Latin America and India but that very little information existed about Africa or Asia. Since then, WIEGO has invested lots of time and resources to better understand the reality of waste pickers and the informal recycling sector across the African continent. It is important to note that the reason there is more information about Africa is not that there is more activity regarding waste picking or recycling but because WIEGO has consistently worked to gather this information and it was available at the time WAW was launched.

How do I edit or update information in the database?

Interested people can edit or update information in the WAW database and we will include your name as a WAW collaborator! If you want to edit your Waste Picker Organization information please send an email to info@globalrec.org

You can submit a new organization by completing the form: <http://globalrec.org/waw/add-organization/>

Your changes will be recorded and shown in the Organization file at the bottom. Example: “This organization’s information has been edited by user Peter Brancusi on date 13 December 2015”.

How do you spell Organization or Organisation?

We will use the Z version, the American spelling.

How to upload/edit information in the WAW database

The WAW database allows users to submit and edit their own organization information.

1. Submit

1. Go to the “Add your organization” page <http://globalrec.org/waw/add-organization/>
2. Complete all the information required. Please double check the email address you provide, otherwise we will be unable to contact you.
3. Press the “Send” button.
4. Wait for GlobalRec admin to contact you at the email provided.

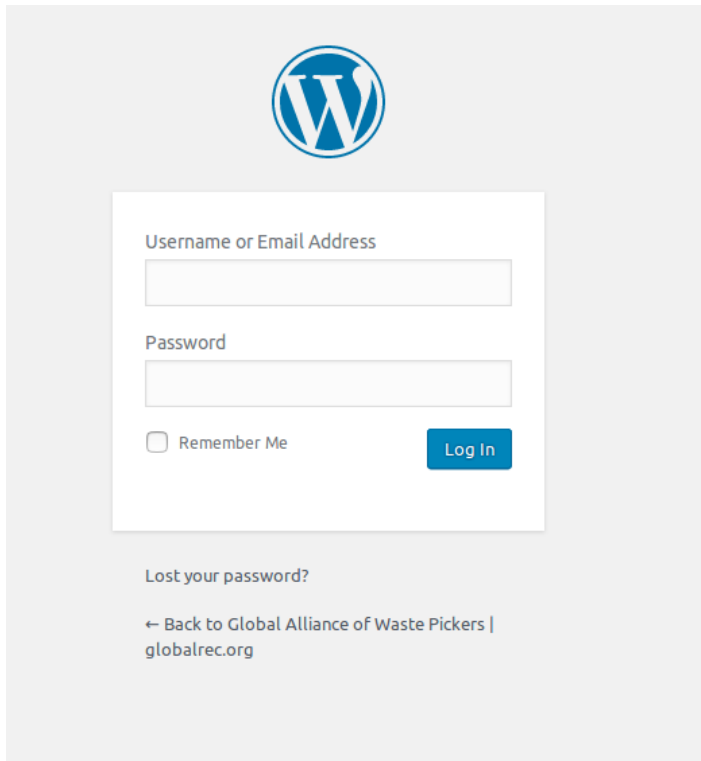
2. Log in, Edit and Add more information

Once your information has been submitted and stored in the WAW database we have to create a username for your organization so that you can add and update the information.

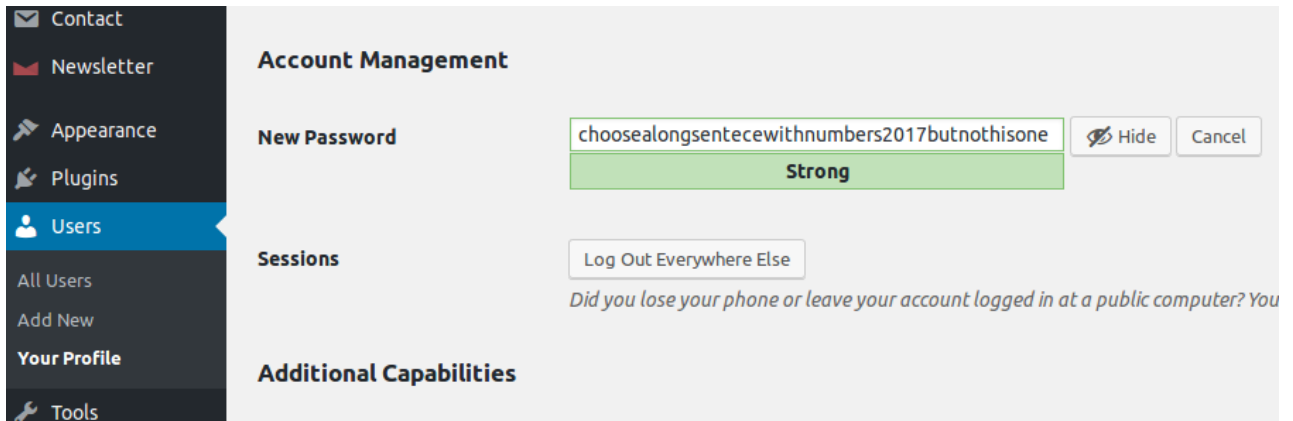
1. Wait until you **receive an email** with the following subject “[GlobalRec Sites] Activate username” where “username” will be the username created for you in the globalrec.org site. Check your spam

folder in case you cannot find it.

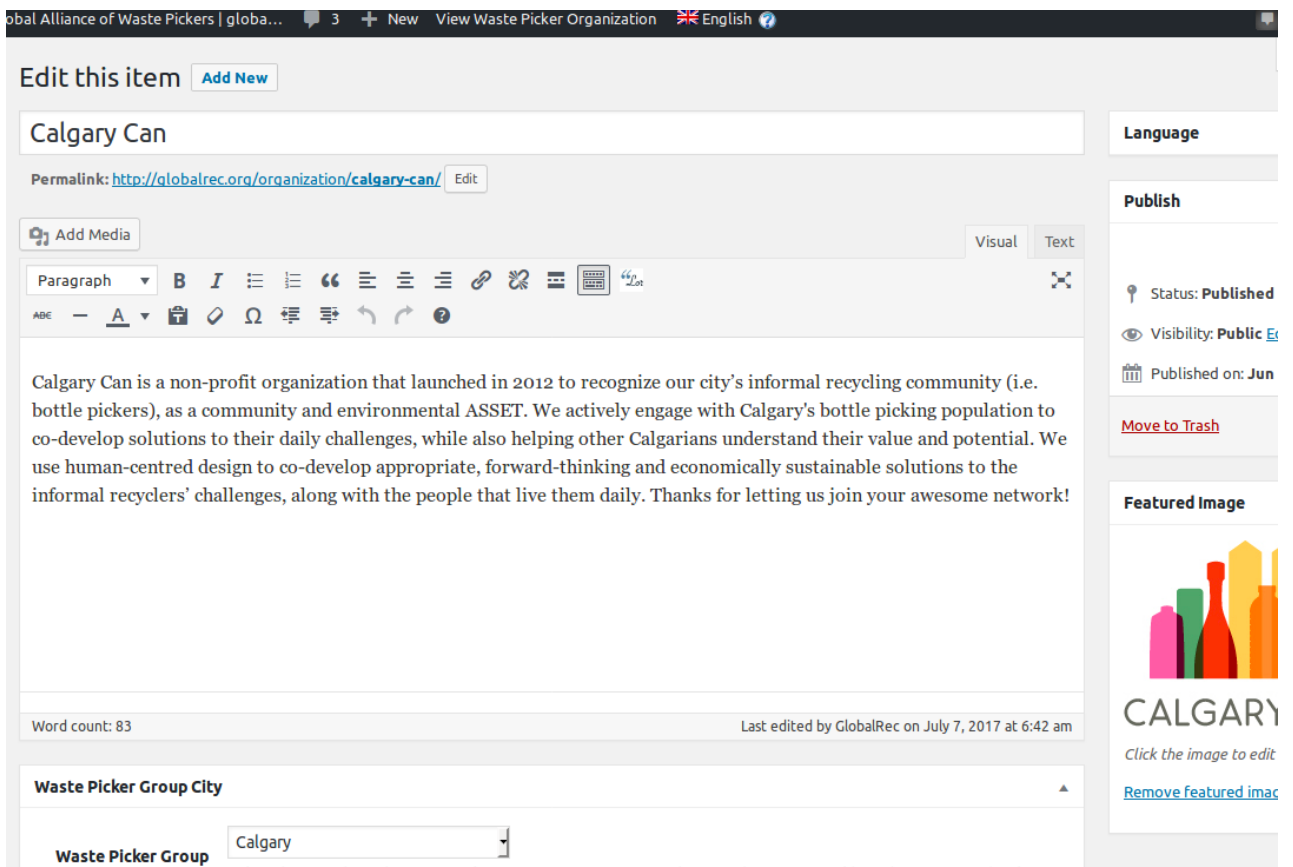
2. The email contains an **activation code**, so please click on it. The URL will look something like <http://globalrec.org/wp-activate.php?key=3bfed3ccbaa213c5>
3. Once you click on the link your account will be activated and you will be provided with a **username and password**:
Your account is now active!
Username: your username
Password: sWDsdWDQwfeweww
Your account is now activated. [Log in](#) or go back to the [homepage](#).
4. Save your username and password. You will also receive an email with the same information.

The image shows a WordPress login interface. At the top center is the WordPress logo (a blue 'W' inside a circle). Below it is a white rectangular box containing the login form. Inside the box, there are two input fields: the first is labeled 'Username or Email Address' and the second is labeled 'Password'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me'. To the right of the checkbox is a blue button with the text 'Log In' in white. Below the white box, the text 'Lost your password?' is visible. At the bottom of the page, there is a link that says '← Back to Global Alliance of Waste Pickers | globalrec.org'.

5. Click on the “Log in” link which will bring you to the “Log in” page <http://globalrec.org/wp-login.php>
6. Type (or copy and paste) the username in the box provided under “username” and the password under the box provided under “password”. Click the button “Log In”.
7. Once logged in you are a user of the globalrec.org website.



8. Go to your profile page at <http://globalrec.org/wp-admin/profile.php> and **change your password**. This is an important step, so **please do it**.
9. Now you can do the real thing. That's why you came here.
Go to the "Waste Picker Organization Section" to see your organization listed there
http://globalrec.org/wp-admin/edit.php?post_type=waste-picker-org
10. You are only allowed to edit your own organization. Click on its name.



11. Now you can edit and add all the information about your organization. Once you are finished you can click on the button in the right column "**Submit for review**". or "**Update**". We'll review the information and publish it on the site.

¿Questions? ¿Doubts?

Write to Pablo at info@globalrec.org

Explanations to fill the Wordpress questionnaire

Waste Picker group Country:

Select the country where the waste picker group operates. If more than one (e.g. an international organization), select the country of their main headquarters or office.

Membership:

Select yes if they are paying a membership fee or have another kind of affiliation in order to become a member of the organization.

TRANSLATION OF TAXONOMIES to Spanish - Justina 22AUG 17

Type: Newsletters this is not part of WAW, but of the posts published on the website.

All newsletters are showing as Newsletter then the number apart from the 10th one. It has Newsletter 10th and in Spanish n10. All the others are showing as Boletin 11, 12 etc. Should be change Newsletter 10th to Newsletter 10 with Boletin 10 for consistency? [There is no need. The taxonomy newsletter is only used for internal purposes.](#)

Newsletter 11 english version has an extra "e" Posts ebelonging to newsletter 11th I'm unable to edit that box -- not sure why. [DONE](#).

Also, some of the descriptions have the hash key and others don't. Again for consistency please advise which to use in all cases. [There is no need. The taxonomy newsletter is only used for internal purposes. If we made that public, I'll fix those changes for consistency.](#)

Type: Languages

Bamanankan -- this is also known as Bambara and we already have an entry for Bambara (see below). [DELETED](#).

Bambaro -- I looked this up on the internet and it should be Bambara in English. Again, unable to edit that box but have added the Spanish equivalent as Bambara. [DONE](#).

Swaili -- I think this should be swahili. Unable to edit the english version but have added the spanish translation as suajili. [DONE](#)

Tieyako bozo -- should be spelt Bozo, Tieyaxo. Unable to edit english version. [DONE](#)

Walot -- [unable to find any information about this language on the internet. Have not translated this one. It must be Wolof, from Senegal, spoken by these](#)
<http://globalrec.org/organization/association-bok-diom-des-recuperateurs-et-recycleurs-de-mbeubeuss/>
[DONE](#)

Type - Organizational Reach

Organizational Reach -- not sure how to translate this. "Alcance de la organizacion" ??? [Doesn't sound correct. Maybe: "Ámbito \(geográfico\) de la organización" DONE](#)

Type - Occupation of Members

Solid waste managers -- not sure if this should be Solid Waste Management and the translation Gestion/manejo de residuos solidos or Gestores de residuos sólidos??? Have not translated this one. Only two organizations have this: Rete OnU and SWACH:

http://globalrec.org/wp-admin/edit.php?wpg-member-occupation=solid-waste-managers&post_type=waste-picker-org

not sure what to do. Gestores de residuos sólidos DONE

Type - Workplace of Members

Collection from companies -- not sure how to translate this? Should it be recoleccion de residuos or recolección de residuos de empresas?? I've put **Recolección de residuos de empresas**. Me parece bien DONE

Home-based -- not sure if this should be trabajador a domicilio (like we use for HBW) or basado en casa??? I've added "trabajador a domicilio". Not sure, I'd say they are people that work at home "basado en casa".

Mirad cuales organizaciones: <http://globalrec.org/wpg-workplace-members/home-based/> DONE

Sanitary landfill -- relleno sanitario. DONE

Slums -- I've translated this as "barrios marginales". Unsure if this is correct. I think there is an ongoing debate on this. Let's consult other WIEGO's people.

Type - How are activities funded?

We have "donors" and "donor funded". Do we need both? They're the same! We can merge

Partners -- Unsure how to translate. I've put "socios" but I think it should really be "asociaciones" to show partnerships rather than partners. "Asociaciones" parece indicar que son asociaciones (grupos) los uqe financia. Qué quiere decir que exactamente partners? Examples: <http://globalrec.org/wpg-funding/partners/>

We have "Local population pay a fee" and "population pay a fee". Do we need both? They're the same! DONE

Type - Member benefits

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Training and advocacy -- have translated this as "formacion y defensa" but I'm thinking it may be better to have it as "formacion y apoyo". What do you think??? Or is there a better translation? Formación está bien, pero apoyo no termina de ser advocacy. Preguntemos a los traductores de cabecera.

Wedding & funeral benefit -- not sure how to translate this. Boda y funeral? DONE

Type - Safety & Technology

Dust coats - not sure how to translate this. Ni idea?

Type - Activities

We have **new items made from materials collected** and **new items made from items collected**. Think these are the same??? Do we need both?

Duplicate - **new items made from materials collected** appears twice

All merged in one. DONE

Pending

street sweeping

waste collection

waste management

waste sorting

Type - Sorting Spaces

We have the below but do we need all of them??: I guess there should be two options: A. Sorting centre.
B. Sorting workshop.

I've added the number of organizations that are in each section.

- **Sorting centre** - have translated as **planta de clasificacion de residuos** (implies a more organised or bigger operation) 7
- **Sorting centre / sorting workshops** - have translated this as **Centros de clasificación / talleres de clasificación** (implies a more informal type of operation) 2
- **Sorting centres** - **Centros de clasificación** 2
- **Sorting workshops** - **talleres de clasificación** 1

Type - Challenges to access Waste

We have:

contamination from waste **has 1 organization**

foul smell and contamination from waste **has 43 organizations**

Do we need both? Should we list them as

contamination from waste

foul smell

I agree, but how can we classify existing organizations?

We have:

lack of infrastructure & equipment [2](#)

lack of infrastructure & resources [51](#)

Do we need both?

[I am not sure about this.](#) [DONE](#)

Duplication: negative attitude towards waste and negative attitude towards waste. The second one needs to be deleted and also has a typo. [DONE and merged.](#)

Portuguese