

Table S1. Distribution of socio-demographic features of the waste pickers in Johannesburg.

| Socio-demographic | Characteristics | Total No. | Frequency (%) |
|--|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Sex | Males | 332 | 241 (72.59) |
| | Female | | 91 (27.41) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 0 |
| | | | |
| Age | 18-30 | 332 | 155 (46.69) |
| | 31-40 | | 108 (32.53) |
| | 41-50 | | 40 (12.05) |
| | 51+ | | 29 (8.73) |
| | Mean age (IQR) | | 31 (IQR:27-39) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 0 |
| Education | None | 332 | 13 (3.92) |
| | Primary | | 55 (16.57) |
| | Secondary | | 259 (78.01) |
| | Tertiary | | 5 (1.5) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 0 |
| | | | |
| Living adjacent to the landfill | Yes | 328 | 97 (29.57) |
| | No | | 231 (70.43) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 4 |
| | | | |
| Years working, Mean (IQR) | 0-5 | 326 | 177 (54.29) |
| | 6-10 | | 80 (24.54) |
| | 10+ | | 69 (21.17) |
| | Mean years (IQR) | | 5 (IQR 3-10). |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 6 |
| | | | |
| Born in South Africa | Yes | 328 | 62 (18.67) |
| | No | | 270 (81.33) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 0 |
| Average_monthly income | >R 1000.00 | 328 | 91(27.74) |
| | R1000 –R3000 | | 189(57.62) |
| | R3000- R5000 | | 37 (11.25) |
| | R6000-10 000 | | 8 (2.44) |
| | R10 000.00 + | | 3 (0.95) |
| | Missing (<i>n</i>) | | 4 |
| | | | |
| Smoking | Yes | 322 | 222 (68.94) |
| | No | | 100 (31.06) |
| | Missing(<i>n</i>) | | 10 |
| | | | |
| Current_alcohol consumption | Yes | 332 | 258 (77.71) |
| | No | | 74 (22.29) |
| | | | |