

Circular Fashion Partnership

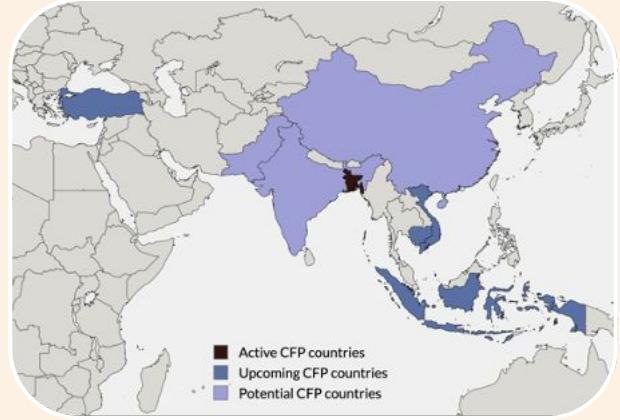
Cambodia

Are you a brand producing in Cambodia, concerned about the amount of post-industrial textile waste within your local supply chain? Do you know whether this waste is recycled or if it eventually imposes risks of being dumped, landfilled, or burned? Are you interested in diverting these waste materials to more preferred disposal methods or even transforming them into recycled fibres and reintroducing them into your production cycle?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we invite you to join the Circular Fashion Partnership in Cambodia that will commence in Q4 2024, bringing together a diverse range of local and international stakeholders of the textile industry to jointly build circular supply chains for closing the loop on material cycles. Our programme and resources can assist you in implementing better textile waste management practices and exploring circular economy solutions for your business. Let's work together to create a more circular and environmentally conscious future.

Overview of the Circular Fashion Partnership

The Circular Fashion Partnership is a cross-sectoral initiative to support the development of effective circular fashion systems in textile garment and footwear manufacturing regions by capturing and recycling post-industrial textile waste. Realised by [Global Fashion Agenda](#) in collaboration with [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#), implementation partners [Closed Loop Fashion](#), [Reverse Resources](#), and [Circle Economy](#) and with support from the [H&M Foundation](#), the partnership seeks solutions to maintain the highest possible value output, following a waste hierarchy approach. It ultimately aims to accelerate textile-to-textile recycling to reintroduce textile 'waste' materials back into fashion products.



Currently at scale in Bangladesh, initiated in Indonesia and soon to commence in Cambodia and Vietnam, the partnership demonstrates shared responsibility by facilitating circular commercial collaborations between manufacturers, recyclers and fashion brands.

A successful business case will demonstrate a decrease in textile waste and increase of recycled fibres, distributing value throughout the value chain and generating economic benefits in manufacturing regions. Furthermore, the partnership engages enabling actors to identify and address barriers for scale, such as supportive policy and investment.

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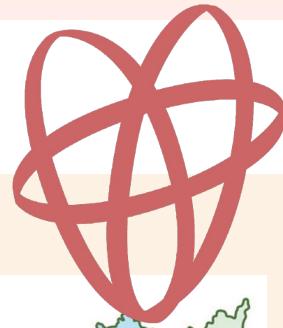


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Cambodia Landscape

Cambodia's apparel manufacturing industry has emerged as a cornerstone of the nation's economy, accounting for over 50% of total exports and employing more than 925,000 individuals across over 1608 factories. Despite challenges such as high energy costs and competitive wages, the industry has maintained robust growth, with exports surpassing \$13 billion in 2024. The strategic placement of the industry in a rapidly developing consumer market and supportive initiatives like the International Finance Corporation's Cambodia Improvement Program (CIP) highlight its potential for sustained growth.

With projections indicating that the export value could reach \$19.9 billion by 2032, the establishment of a Circular Fashion Partnership (CFP) in Cambodia represents a promising opportunity to further enhance the sustainability and global competitiveness of this burgeoning sector.



The Textile Waste Pilot in Cambodia led by GIZ and GFA successfully ended in Q3 2024, diverting 3,000 tons of textile waste from landfill to recycling. Further findings can be found in the [Sustainability Recommendations Paper](#).

Impact of the Circular Fashion Partnership in Bangladesh

- Over 80 factories in Bangladesh were trained by Reverse Resources to establish textile waste segregation within their facilities and digitally trace these material flows to recycling solutions.
- The Reverse Resources platform was then utilised to enable the trace of this waste and 21000+ tonnes of waste has been segregated to date in Bangladesh. Notably, approximately 48% of this waste has been traced to high-end recycling companies, saving an estimated 113450 Tonnes of Co2e. (Based on Cyclo LCA)
- 20 global brands and 1 buying agency committed to sourcing recycled fibres and yarns made from waste in Bangladesh.
- 5 large manufacturers confirmed incorporating textile recycling in their portfolio and 17 recyclers participated of which several are looking into establishing closed loop systems or recycling plants in Bangladesh.



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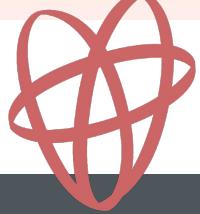
CAMBODIA CIRCULAR FASHION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT ACTIVITIES 2025-2026

The Circular Fashion Partnership Cambodia commences in Q4 2024 to establish a circular textile system in Cambodia by:

- Establishing Textile Waste Management Systems for post-industrial textile waste at manufacturing facilities, supporting waste segregation and digital traceability.
- Assessing the Textile Waste Recycling potential in Cambodia, including a mapping of local and neighbouring countries textile-to-textile recyclers with a focus on polyester and nylon.
- Aligning waste management with social and environmental compliance, establish operations compliant with forthcoming legislations, and establish processes to meet chemical requirements of recyclers.
- Scaling current Social and Environmental Compliance training for domestic waste handlers and recyclers. Implement Training, establish Corrective Action Plans and support actors in achieving compliance.
- Mobilising industry stakeholders and anchoring know-how and industry collaborations by mobilising commitment for recycled material uptake, engaging industry peers for knowledge exchange, providing educational and awareness programmes, and engaging the broader industry on the Cambodian case study, moreover at the [Global Fashion Summit](#).
- Influencing a conducive environment for circularity by engaging with national (policy) stakeholders, mapping informal actors, and identifying regulatory gaps and opportunities for reform.
- To participate, brand participants formulate a commitment to recycled material uptake, invest staff resources (HQ/Local office) and contribute with an annual fee.

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Collaborate with your supply chain

Empower your Textile & Apparel manufacturers

Increase compliance and improve Higg FEM score for waste management

Empower your manufacturers through access to in-person training, reporting, and guidelines by our project implementation partners, including:

- *Training on textile waste management, handling and segregation*
- *Upon request: Inclusion of Reverse Resources traceability platform*
- *Train the Trainer programme: Drive and Scale Circular Textile Systems in Cambodia*
- *Access to a tailored, gamified awareness building tool: Circularity Games Cambodia*
- *Integration of Textile Waste Management Training into CGTI/TAFTAC "Model Green Factory Programme"*

Contribute to a conducive environment for circularity & build capacity

Prepare for upcoming legislations

Gain insights into sustainable textile waste management, textile recycling requirements of forthcoming legislation in moreover the EU, and how to collaborate across your supply chain for compliance and to support the emerging recycling sector.

Engagement with national policy stakeholders

Additionally, the CFP in Cambodia aims to contribute to a conducive environment by engaging with national policy stakeholders, contributing to a multi-stakeholder environment on circular textiles, identifying regulatory gaps and opportunities for reform.

Engage with your peers & communicate your journey

Brands working groups and cross-sectoral engagement

Engage with industry peers to share learnings within the programme and explore further collaborative actions through six annual (online) brand working groups and one to two annual cross-sectoral meetings with participating manufacturers, and recyclers.

Customized communications package

Receive a customised communications package, featuring social media mentions, and newsletter features tailored to highlight your brand's involvement in the Circular Fashion Partnership.

Brand logo exposure (GFA website & CFP related media content)

Gain visibility and recognition with logo exposure in all Circular Fashion Partnership related media content and on the GFA website, showcasing your commitment to circular fashion.

Access to in-country CFP events & activities

Receive access to Cambodia Circular Fashion Partnership events & activities.

Access to GFA's Global Fashion Summit

Receive one free premium ticket per year, along with unlimited discounted general access tickets, for Global Fashion Summit in Copenhagen.

Impact of the circular fashion partnership in Cambodia

Impact on Recycling Landscape

- Participation of 40+ factories trained in textile waste management, of which 50% have improved Higg FEM scores
- Participation of 5-10 brands with commitments to recycled materials
- Inclusion of waste management trainings into existing CGTI's Green Model Factory Programme
- Matchmaking of waste feedstock with best textile-to-textile recycling use-cases
- 9,000 tons of textile waste to be properly managed for reutilization, of which 40 % recycled into new textiles

Impact on Textile Industry Ecosystem Change

- Research and development of a pre-feasibility study on polyester & nylon recycling business case with domestic and neighbouring countries
- Identification of regulatory and legislative roadblocks in relation to Circular Fashion Partnership objectives
- Development and implementation of a strategy for a conducive policy environment

CONTACT

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