

# **Innovative Carbon Capture through Fecal Sludge Management in the PRC**

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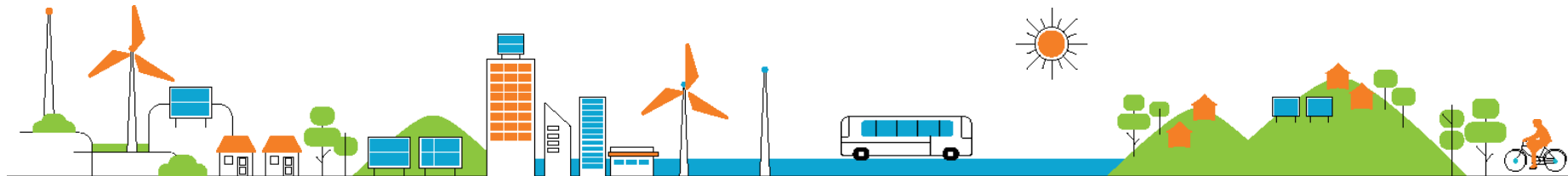
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## Support Strategies:

- Climate Change (Mitigation & Adaptation)
- Environmental Sustainability  
(Air, Water, Waste)

⇒ Government (INDC & 13<sup>TH</sup> FYP)

⇒ ADB CPS 2016 – 2021 & Strategy 2030



# Beijing Capital Region (BCR)

Population ~23 Million  
2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the World  
after Shanghai, PRC

Water resources availability  
(m<sup>3</sup>/capita/year)

**WHO < 500 - BCR < 200**

⇒ **Water stressed:**  
Northern China: 15%  
PRC Water Resources



# Today's Situation: Northern China



Deforestation:

⇒ Desertication (27% PRC)

⇒ Sand Storms

⇒ Lack Green Area

⇒ Air Pollution (AQI>100)

⇒ Sand Storms (AQI>800)

⇒ Soil Erosion





# Today's Situation: FSM

## China Market Assessment:

90% sewerage coverage but  
major cities still have septic tanks

## Sludge Water Content:

Septic Tank > 99% (liquid)

Dewatering: 50 – 80% (solid)

## Collection & Disposal:

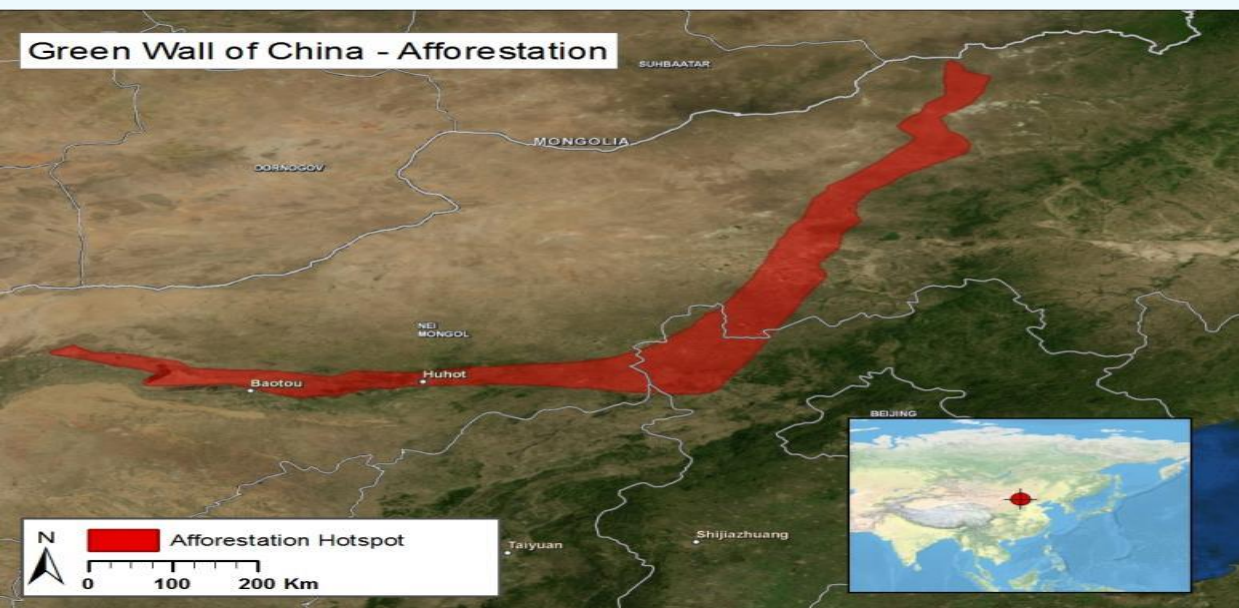
Landfill / Incineration



# Recommendation: The Project !

## Create Nursery Trees and Forest in peri-urban areas

- ⇒ Reuse sludge (waste to resources)
- ⇒ Mitigate land erosion and sand storms
- ⇒ Curb air pollution
- ⇒ Generate economic development (timber)



**Green Wall of China**  
**100 B. Trees (1978)**  
**PRC INDC**  
**Lack of Water!!!**





# Example: France - LANDES







# Forest of the LANDES: BEFORE 1855

- Area > 1 million ha (Green < 0.250 million ha)
- Sand & Swamp



# LANDES => TODAY Forest 1 Million Ha

## Largest Artificial Forest in Western Europe



# The Project: How?

**2017 – 2018: SFPF (WFPPF)**

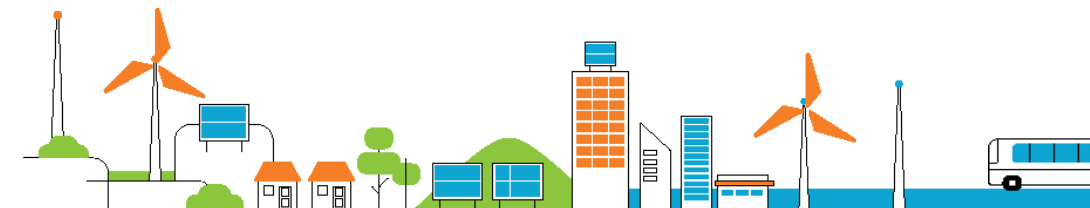
**PROOF OF CONCEPT: Key Findings**

Fecal sludge = cost effective method

- Watering Trees
- Nutrients (N, P)

With limited treatment:

- Dewatering 15% solids
- Disinfection





# The Project: Stakeholders!



State Forestry Administration:  
National Forests

Huanwei Sanitation Co.

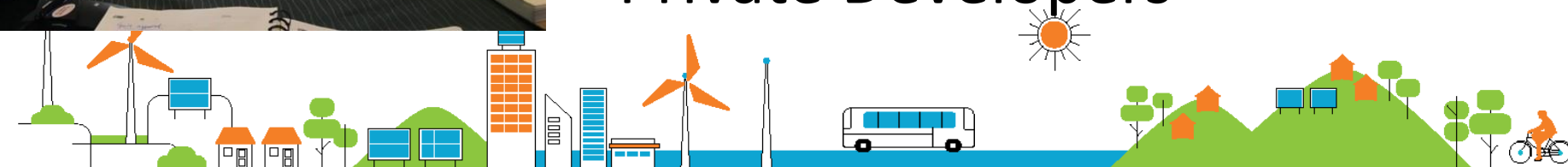
Municipal SOE - Operator

Municipal Forest Bureau (2020)

- BCR: 300 Million trees

- Hohhot: 1 Billion trees

Private Nurseries: High value  
trees - landscaping BMG +  
Private Developers

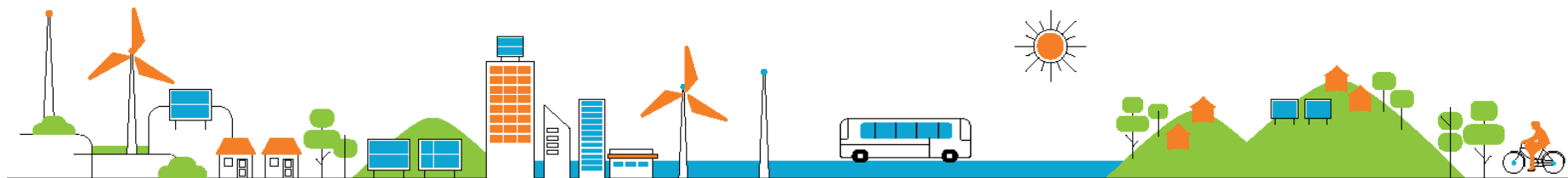
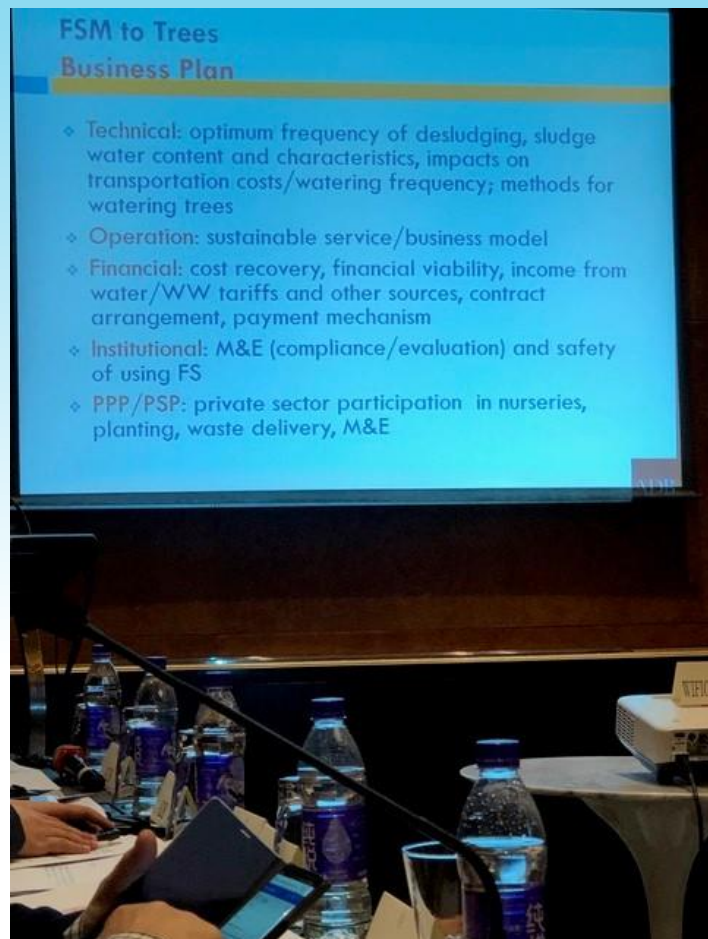


# The Project: Two Loans

## 1. PPP/NSO with Huanwei SOE (2020): \$50 Million

Upgrading Septage Treatment;  
Producing Green Sludge  
New Electric Trucks:

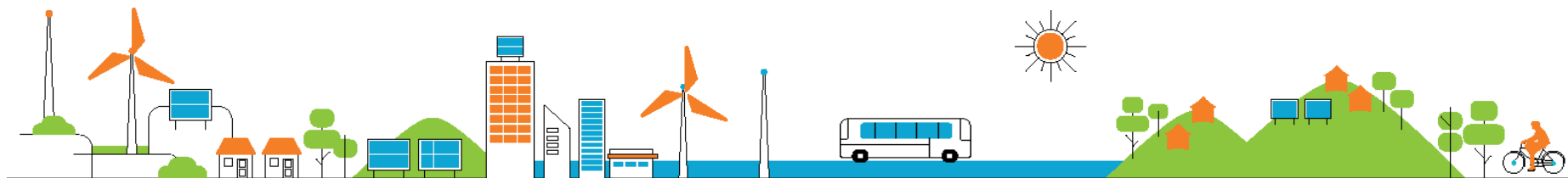
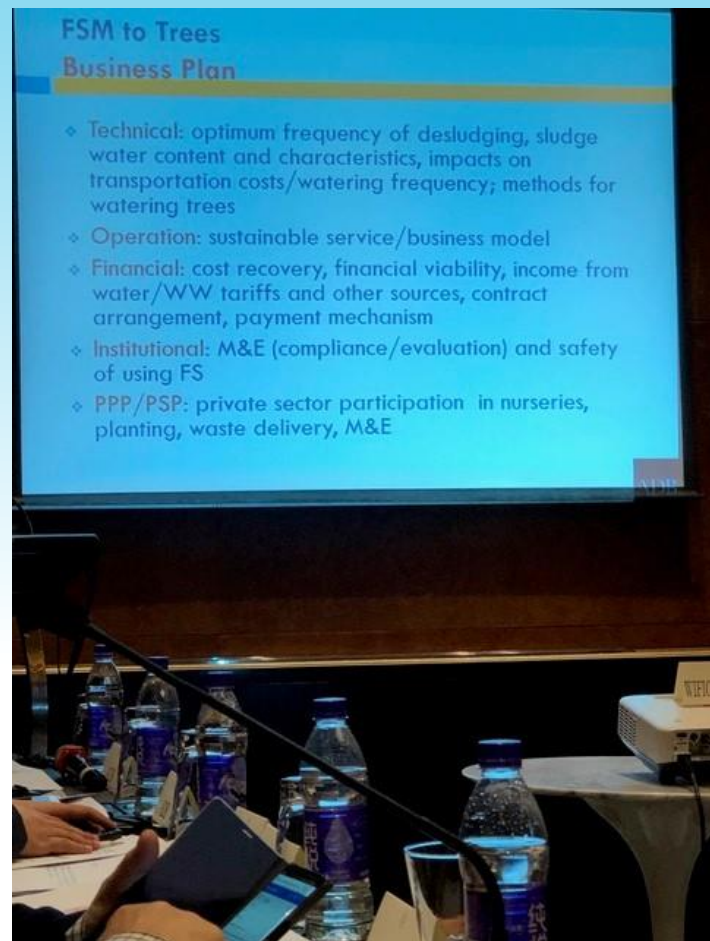
- Collection
- Mobile dewatering



# The Project: Two Loans

## 2. Sovereign Loan with SFA & Local Governments (Beijing; Hohhot, Qingdao, ...) (2021/2022) \$100 M (RBL/FI/Sector Loan):

- Trees Planting & FSM
- Including Improvement Sludge Treatment
- Timber Industry





# The Project: High Level Technology

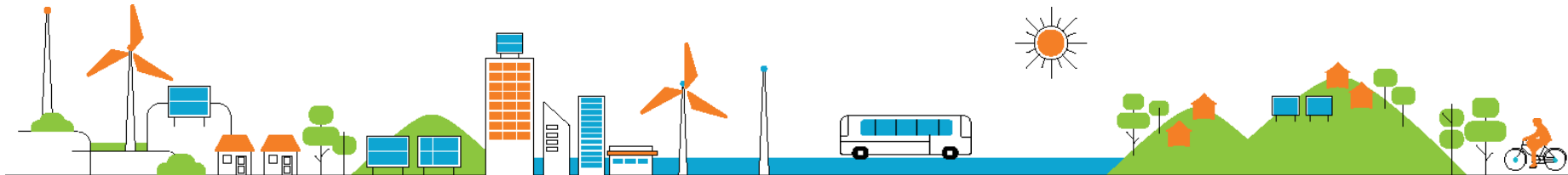


Enhanced/ smart septage  
sludge treatment

Disinfection & safe handling

Tree watering, MERV (safety)

Test technologies (with BMGF &  
Pekin University): Mobile  
dewatering trucks, 'ingestors'  
(grinders), collection and re-use



# The Project: Outline Financial

## Cost Savings:

- No Fertilizer & No Irrigation (Sludge)

## Increased O&M:

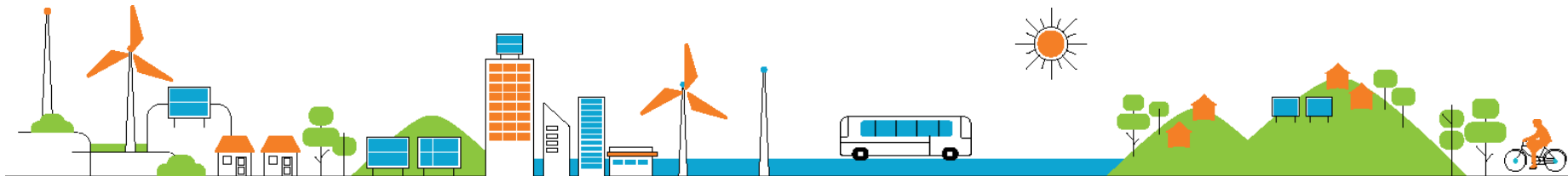
- Sludge Treatment & Transportation

Comparison using minimum required water for irrigation	FSM Pilot (200,000 Trees)	Current Methodology
Transportation of sludge to forests	248,760	
Costs for dispersing sludge in forests	264,375	
Costs for additives in primary treatment	5,689	
Transporting/disposing sludge		124,380
Cost of water for irrigation		63,000
Annual cost for fertilizer		2,679,075
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	<b>518,824</b>	<b>2,866,455</b>

# The Project: Results Climate Change

Project => 4 million tCO<sub>2</sub>eq emission reduction/Year

- (i) 70% reduction 2,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq conventional collection, treatment and disposal fecal sludge;
- (ii) 70% reduction 2,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq from trees' irrigation with existing water resources;
- (iii) 3,600 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq from offsetting the use of fertilizers; and
- (iv) 33,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq carbon sink through faster trees growth and increased trees' survivability of 30%







**Thank you**