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Scale of the Challenge in Asia-Pacific

Financing Ga	A 2023 UNEP report estimates the global financing gap for plastic pollution is between \$50-120 billion per year, potentially reaching \$1.64 trillion.			
Asia as a Hotspot	Asia is the global hotspot for plastic pollution. Region only accounted for 8% (US\$12 billion) of plastic circularity investments. 90% (US\$142 billion) went to North America and Europe (TCI, 2023).			
Upstream vs Downstream	85% of investments went to plastic recovery and recycling while reuse and refill (plastic reduction) received very little investment (5%) (TCI, 2023).			
Global Plastics Treat	Financing to address plastic pollution has become a significant topic of discussion for the development of a global plastics treaty.			
Role of Government	Governments at all levels play a key role in catalyzing investment in plastics circularity.			
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What is "Financing" and Other Related Terms?

Project Financing	Funds required to construct or operate a facility	equired to construct or operate a facility or business.		
Partner vs Stakeholder	Partner: Person/entity has a stake in the project or business (i.e. funding invested)	Stakeholder: Person/entity affected or can affect a business or project		
Mechanism vs Instrument	Mechanism: How is the cash is transferred and managed	Instrument: Product (i.e. type of loan)		
Donor vs Investor	Donor: Organizations (i.e. governments, philanthropies) that provide funds and have a more diverse expectation of return	Investor: Entity (individuals or companies) that provide funds with an expectation of a financial or asset return		
Public vs Private Finance	Public: Funding that comes from budgets of governments that are usually generated through taxes or fees.	Private: Funding that comes directly from capital markets and institutions		
De-risking	Pre-research, designing, structuring, or managing a project so that it achieves the objectives			





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Types of Public and Private Financing

Туре	Sources and intermediaries	Financial instruments and mechanisms	Receivers and implementers
Public financing	 Government ministries Public agencies and funds Development finance institutions, aid agencies (national, bilateral, multilateral) Multilateral environment funds 	 Government budgets Grants, subsidies, transfers Debt instruments Investment guarantees Co-financing Project finance 	 Central government Sub-national and local government Public utilities, state-owned enterprises Specialized public agencies International organizations Research institutes (i.e. for research grants) Private companies, startups Non-governmental organizations, foundations, non-profits, civil society groups
Private financing	 Institutional investors Asset managers Commercial banks Corporations Entrepreneur support organizations Philanthropic and corporate foundations Individuals and family offices 	 Equity/debt financing Impact investments Accelerator/incubator investments Venture capital Individual/crowdfunding Philanthropy 	



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Institutional Capacity Needs





- There are a wide range of options to <u>secure more funding from public and private</u> <u>sources</u> to fund plastic circularity activities in Asia.
- Each financing option has different intended objectives/outcomes and pros/cons.

- Governments are tasked with developing and implementing plans to manage plastic waste through circular interventions, <u>which require significant financial</u> <u>resources</u>.
- Capacity building needed about the policy and non-policy <u>actions that</u> <u>governments can take to accelerate financing for plastics circularity</u> projects and how to de-risk projects and businesses.





