



## TAKE TIME TO PREPARE – TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FUNDING AND DELEGATION TRIPS

## Project: Moshi (Tanzania) – Tübingen (Germany) Building a composting plant for market waste in Tanzania

In Moshi a composting plant was planned, built and commissioned. Furthermore, the separation of organic and inorganic waste was introduced at two local markets. By processing the collected organic waste at the plant, the accumulation of waste can be reduced,  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions from irregular dumping can be avoided and compost can be provided to farmers for use as an environmentally sound fertiliser. When preparing the project, delegation trips proved very useful. During a visit to Germany, the Tanzanian partners inspected several waste management facilities. This enabled the two sides to develop a common understanding of the project. Since the German project partner did not have a

waste management office or a company of its own involved, a workshop was organised with an externally commissioned compost expert. This proved to be very helpful in developing the masterplan. During a return visit to Moshi, the situation on site was analysed in more detail so that the partners could develop a functional design for the plant. Funding from the Service Agency's Small Projects Fund for Small-Scale Municipal Development Cooperation Projects was a great help in realising the more extensive preparatory phase. The preparation phase also benefited the joint cooperation, as this was the municipal partners' first joint project.

## **Success factors**

- → Visiting various waste management facilities sharpened the project partners' vision and facilitated the selection of an appropriate masterplan.
- → On site, the partners were able to gather important information on the feasibility and sustainability of the planned facilities.
- → Waste management expertise at the German end of the project should preferably be provided by the German municipality itself or its own enterprises. If this is not possible, external technical input should be brought in.
- → By working together on a project with a small budget, the project partners were able to gain initial experience and build mutual trust.

## **Practical advice**

- To prepare your project, visit waste management facilities in Germany together with your project partner. These can be municipal enterprises or waste management companies in the vicinity of the German project partner.
- 2. Plant designs cannot simply be copied, but must be adapted to the local conditions at the project site.
- Visit the project site together with your project partner to analyse and discuss local conditions and procedures.
- It should always be possible to draw on waste management expertise.

- 5. The location of the plant should be determined before the project begins. The local municipality should ensure on the ground that the site is appropriate and available for use by the project.
- 6. If the information required to plan the plant design is not available, gather it on site. Information on quantities of waste and its composition is absolutely essential.
- 7. Use the delegation trips that are included in the 'municipal climate partnerships' package to discuss and coordinate the project design. After that, use the Service Agency's funding opportunities, such as the Fund for Small-Scale Municipal Development Cooperation Projects, to support more detailed planning.

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