

## A Global Snapshot of Solid Waste Management to 2050



Unless urgent action is taken, global waste will increase 70% to **3.4 BILLION TONNES** by 2050!

**FOOD/  
GREEN 44%**



# MAIN TYPES OF WASTE GENERATED



**In low-income countries, over 90% of waste is mismanaged. This increases emissions and disaster risk, which affects the poor disproportionately.**

1/3 (extremely conservative) of solid waste is openly dumped or burned

In low-income countries, waste management costs comprise 20% of municipal budgets on average

**We will LITTErally be living in waste  
if nothing is done.  
What can we do?**