

Plastic bag ban in Kenya



Cyprian Ogoti, a pro-plastic bag ban campaigner photographs plastic pollution to show how it clogs rivers and damages the environment. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers is against the ban claiming it threatens tens of thousands of jobs in Kenya.



The A-One Plastics factory, on the outskirts of Nairobi employs people to recycle plastic. Machines break the plastic down ready for reuse. The company has capacity to recycle 20 to 30 tonnes of plastic waste daily. 15% of this comes from plastic bags.

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The Challenge Gift Bags company prints business logos on to paper bags. Its business has grown 10% since the Kenyan plastic bag ban was announced.



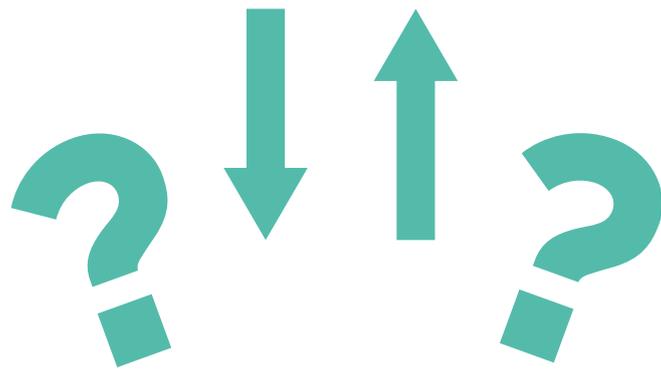
The Challenge Gift Bags, workshop is in Kikuyu, a Nairobi suburb 'The company uses surplus paper from larger manufacturers to make 2,000 bags per week. These are sold to hotels and shops.



The Alternative Energy Systems (AES) company near Nairobi employs 700 workers. It processes 12 tonnes of used plastic bags from dumps and supermarkets daily to produce fuel.



The CEO of AES does not expect the plastic bag ban to hurt business because he believes there is enough plastic still in dumps to supply his company for several years.



When plastic items are banned completely there are positive and negative effects, winners and losers.