



Main changes to PPI DB methodology

Sectors:

ICT – In 2016, the methodology to track ICT sector projects was changed. The database no longer records purely private telecoms where the governments' role is limited to regulation and licensing. Instead, the PPI database tracks ICT backbone infrastructure (such as fiber optic cables, etc.) which has an active government component (e.g., it is a contracting authority).

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) – This new sector has been added to the database from 2019 which captures projects with private participation on activities related to the collection, transfer, treatment and disposal of municipal solid waste as a public service. Projects under MSW fall under three subsectors:

- o **Collection & Transport:** This includes facilities involved in either or both collection and transfer or transport of municipal solid waste which have private participation.
- o **Treatment & Disposal:** This includes facilities for sorting and recycling, mechanical and biological treatment, incineration or generating waste to energy, as well as sanitary landfills which have private participation.
- o **Integrated Municipal Solid Waste:** This includes facilities which combine collection and transport of municipal solid waste as well as treatment and disposal which have private participation.

Waste to energy (WTE) projects, previously under the energy sector with a municipal solid waste component, were shifted to the new MSW sector. Following the new classification, WTE projects in which the main feedstock is either biomass or industrial waste (or others that are not municipal solid waste) and in which the primary focus of the project (as determined by the PPI database staff's sources) is energy generation instead of processing municipal solid waste will be classified under the energy sector. Projects under the energy sector have capacity recorded as megawatt (MW), while projects under the MSW sector have capacity reported as throughput in thousands of tonnes per year to reflect the amount of solid waste being processed.