

Interview

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Zekri Heshmat Fahim Hana, 55, one of Egypt's plastic collectors, started working with PlasticBank® from a year and a half ago.

When and how did you start collecting plastic?

I've been collecting plastic for twenty years, it's been my family's profession for years. I usually collect plastic from the streets and close neighborhoods.

How did your attitude towards plastic change when you started to collect plastic?

I think I started seeing plastic as a valuable material because after it is collected, it is recycled and turns into money. I also started realizing the effects it has on the environment.

What is the hardest part about collecting plastic?

The hardest part of collecting plastic is the transportation of the plastic from the place I collect from to my house where I sort and then to the collection point where I sell them. It can be tricky and costly. Also, sorting in itself is very time consuming and tiring.

How long do you collect plastic a day?

I start collecting from four in the morning till one in the afternoon which amounts to almost nine hours every day.

Which products or services do you usually exchange your tokens with?

I usually buy groceries and household items with the incentives I receive from PlasticBank®. Also, it helps me with my kids' education fees.

Do you have a message that you want to share?

I am very happy to be working with a company like PlasticBank® that helps preserve the environment by preventing plastic reaching the seas and oceans, also because it helps people like me improve their lives.