

1 **An Overview of Circular Economy Management Approach for Sustainable**
2 **Construction and Demolish Waste Management**

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19 **Graphical Abstract**



21 **Abstract**

22 Waste generation from the construction industry has been recognized as a key factor in
23 environmental deterioration. Excessive waste in the construction field is a direct outcome
24 of unsustainable production and consumption practices, typically ending up in landfills. To
25 tackle this problem, a circular economy management approach has been proposed as a
26 solution for sustainable construction and demolition waste management. This review
27 outlines the strategy of the circular economy to promote sustainable management of
28 construction and demolition waste. The circular economy management strategy
29 emphasizes the importance of reducing waste production and promoting the reuse and
30 recycling of materials. This approach also promotes the use of sustainable materials and
31 the implementation of effective waste management practices during construction and
32 demolition. The circular economy management approach to sustainable handling of
33 construction and demolition waste involves several key strategies. These include
34 embracing sustainable design and construction methods, encouraging material reuse and
35 recycling, and establishing efficient waste management systems. These strategies require
36 the cooperation and involvement of all stakeholders in the construction and demolition
37 process, including architects, contractors, developers, and waste management companies.
38 The circular economy management approach provides a promising framework for
39 achieving the objectives of effective waste management and sustainable construction. By
40 promoting sustainable patterns of production and consumption, this approach can reduce
41 the environmental impact of the construction industry while generating economic benefits
42 for stakeholders. However, successful implementation of this approach requires strong
43 regulatory support and the willingness of all stakeholders to adopt sustainable practices.

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45 recyclable materials.

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47 **1. Introduction**

48 Construction waste, also known as construction and demolition (CDW) waste, is a
49 particular kind of solid waste that results from a variety of building, remodeling, and
50 demolition activities, including new construction, renovation, land excavation, demolition,
51 refurbishment, and infrastructure work (Bao & Lu, 2021). Construction waste typically
52 consists of a wide variety of materials due to its heterogeneous character, which is usually
53 differentiated into inert and non-inert by evaluating its chemical activity with the
54 surroundings (Chen et al., 2021). Sludge, soil, rubble, concrete, and brick are some
55 examples of inert materials, whereas non-inert trash has organic materials including metal,
56 packaging, flora, wood, and paper (Ali et al., 2019).

57 In any economy, construction waste contributes significantly to solid waste streams. In
58 most developed nations, the percentage of building debris that ends up in landfills typically
59 ranges between 25% and 40% (Lv et al., 2021). Construction waste disposal not only has
60 several long-lasting negative effects on society, the environment, and the economy, but it
61 also quickly depletes non-renewable land resources (Ajayi & Oyedele, 2017). Construction
62 waste management (CWM) is the result of decades of work by the international scientific
63 community to manage construction trash effectively (Wu et al., 2020). '3R' principles
64 (reduce, reuse, and recycle) are always incorporated into CWM (Huang et al., 2018).
65 Reduction refers to minimizing waste at the source, reuse refers to using a material at least
66 twice, and recycling refers to giving waste a second chance at use (Wu et al., 2019). The
67 circular economy (CE) has been extensively embraced as a guiding philosophy for
68 sustainable development across fields and geographies, echoing the 3 R principles
69 (Mahpour, 2018; Ratnasabapathy et al., 2019).

70 In response to increasing demands from resource depletion and environmental degradation,
71 the circular economy has gained traction over the past ten years, giving rise to a wide
72 variety of interpretations of the idea (Kirchherr et al., 2017a). The Ellen MacArthur
73 Foundation (EMF) described the CE as "an industrial system that is restorative or
74 regenerative by intention and design" (MacArthur, 2013), which is the predominant
75 definition of the term. A CE views waste as potentially useful resources by connecting
76 production and consumption activities in a continuous closed material loop, which is an
77 alternative to the linear economy, which is characterized by a "take-make-use-dispose"
78 pattern and has been found to be increasingly unsustainable (Ghisellini et al., 2018).
79 Creating a CE has enormous social and environmental advantages, such as more effective
80 material and energy use, less waste production, less resource depletion, a boost to
81 innovation, and more job opportunities (MacArthur, 2013).

82 Numerous studies have been conducted in recent years to develop strategies for developing
83 the circularity of construction waste in developing countries. For instance, Oliveira et al.,
84 (2021) presented methods on how to enhance the circularity of building waste with a case
85 study in Manaus, Brazil. These strategies included valorizing construction waste by
86 increasing chances for reuse and recycling as well as enhancing training and surveillance
87 techniques. By combining a literature review with in-depth field research and interviews,
88 Mhatre et al., (2021) also proposed strategies for increasing the circularity of construction
89 waste in India. These included encouraging technical organizations to create standards for
90 the reuse of construction waste and enacting taxes on open disposal and mining.

91 With a case study in Guangzhou, China, Liu et al., (2021) also investigated strategies for
92 developing circularity of construction waste, highlighting the significance of promoting

93 and using recycled products. Bao et al., (2019) investigation into the development of
94 circularity of building waste included a case study in Suzhou, China, and a
95 recommendation to embrace procurement innovations as a conclusion. With a case study
96 in Shenzhen, China, Bao & Lu, (2020) also suggested a few strategies for fostering
97 circularity of construction waste, including the introduction of cutting-edge recycling
98 technologies and the adoption of accommodating institutional frameworks(Bao, 2023).

99 This review explores and details the CE approach for sustainable CDW management. The
100 review is structured to first examine the generation and composition of CDW, along with
101 the key factors influencing its production. It then highlights the environmental impacts of
102 CDM, with a particular focus on landfill effects. The CE approach is crucial in CDM as it
103 promotes resource efficiency, minimizes waste, and reduces the environmental footprint of
104 construction activities. By implementing CE principles, the construction industry can move
105 towards more sustainable practices. The novelty of this review lies in its comprehensive
106 analysis of recent advancements in the CE concept and the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
107 method for CDM management, providing a holistic view of current practices and
108 innovations. Finally, it presents the challenges and prospects in this field.

109 **2. Construction and demolish waste.**

110 Construction waste can be generally divided into two types: physical waste and non-
111 physical wastes. Concrete, aggregate, sand, wood, metal, and plastic trash are examples of
112 physical wastes that are produced during various building processes. Table 1 presents the
113 percentage of each waste category from total Construction waste in different countries.
114 Time and cost considerations are added up for non-physical wastes in the meantime (Jaillon
115 et al., 2009). However, according to Jain et al., (2012), construction site waste is composed

116 of both inert and non-inert materials. Non-inert combinations included metal, wood, and
 117 packaging wastes while inert mixtures included soil, earth, and slurry as examples.
 118 Construction waste materials, according to Muhwezi et al., (2012), are any building
 119 materials that need to be recycled or reused owing to damage, nonuse, abuse, or failure to
 120 adhere to the approved construction requirements. Construction waste is produced because
 121 of a number of factors, including improper handling, stacking, cutting, and storage of
 122 building materials, neglect of product measurement, ignorance of construction during
 123 design stage activities, and a lack of contractor interest (Elshaboury et al., 2022;
 124 Manoharan et al., 2020).

125 Table 1: Percentage of each waste category from the total generated construction waste in
 126 different countries (adapted form Osmani & Villoria-Sáez, 2019)

Waste stream	China	India	United state	Portugal	Norway	Italy	United Kingdom	Spain
Soil and rocks	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed concrete and ceramic waste	-	65	72	82.9	67.24	84	33	85
Concrete	8-35	35	70		85.13			
Ceramic	15-50	30	2		10			
Wood	1.5	2	7	-	14.58	-	27	11.2
Paper	5-10	-	-	1.2	-	-	18	-
plastic	-	-	-	0.16	-	-	-	0.2
Gypsum	-	-	3	6.4	-	-	10	-
metals	1.8	5	1	4.5	3.63	0.08	3	1.8
Asphalt		2	14	4.2		6.9	-	-
other	10-20	1	-	-	14.5	8.8	11	1.8

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128 Although it is difficult to provide precise numbers for the amount of CDW generated on a
 129 typical construction site, previous research studies estimated that 4% to 30% of the total
 130 weight of building materials delivered to a construction site is wasted as a result of damage,
 131 loss, and overordering (Mercader-Moyano & Ramírez-De-Arellano-Agudo, 2013).

132 Depending on the nation and the chosen construction methods, on-site waste streams and
133 their composition can vary greatly. CDW can be broadly divided into three categories: (1)
134 waste that cannot be easily recycled or that poses special disposal challenges, such as
135 chemicals (such as paint, solvents), asbestos, and plaster; (2) waste that cannot be directly
136 recycled in the construction industry but may be recycled elsewhere; (3) waste that is
137 potentially valuable and can be reused or recycled, such as inert waste like concrete, stone
138 masonry, and brickwork (Osmani & Villoria-Sáez, 2019). Brick masonry and concrete in
139 the building industry have by far the most potential for recycling in terms of waste streams
140 and weight. The results of extensive study comparing the streams and amounts of building
141 waste in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, China, Brazil, Korea, and Hong
142 Kong have been used to support this.

143 According to estimates, 33% of materials are lost because architects do not account for
144 waste in their designs (Osmani et al., 2008). However, because buildings incorporate
145 numerous materials and processes, reducing construction waste through design is difficult.
146 In addition, (Osmani et al., 2008) noted that "waste accepted as inevitable," "poorly defined
147 responsibilities," and "lack of training" are the three biggest obstacles facing architects
148 when trying to include waste reduction techniques into their projects. This is complicated
149 by the additional trash that other projects' stakeholders, such as clients, contractors,
150 subcontractors, and suppliers, directly or indirectly produce.

151 Nevertheless, it is widely acknowledged that one of the major sources of construction waste
152 is changes in design that occur during operational activities. The main reasons for design
153 changes during construction include a lack of understanding of the underlying causes and
154 causes, complex designs, poor communication between the design and construction teams,

155 a lack of design information, unanticipated ground conditions, and lengthy project duration
156 (Osmani, 2015). Waste sources in construction procurement processes can be categorized
157 into four key categories: improper early stakeholder coordination, poor project
158 communication and coordination, imprecise responsibility delegation, and inconsistent
159 procurement documentation (Gamage, 2009).

160 **3. Factors affecting construction waste management in sites.**

161 According to Kaliannan et al., (2018), the top five causes of construction waste include
162 ongoing design changes, improper construction material storage, improper handling of
163 materials, weather-related effects, and supplier ordering mistakes. One of the contributing
164 factors is the 12.51% proportion of used material that was improperly chosen and is easily
165 breakable or crushable when handled or used. While 4.67% result from using insufficient
166 waste management techniques and 11.39% from poor material control at the site,
167 respectively (Elizar et al., 2015). Operations for CDW management may be disrupted by
168 stakeholder conduct, a lack of funding, and a lack of programs for rewards and penalties
169 (Chen et al., 2002).

170 Waste occurs because of the lack of comprehensive knowledge and specialized training for
171 building teams. All practitioners in the construction industry must engage in good
172 professional practice to see improvements in CDW management. Construction trash can
173 be generated in considerable quantities during tasks like formwork construction, plastering,
174 and handling if the workers are untrained (Wang et al., 2008). The high cost of recycling,
175 the absence of recycled products that meet standards, the lack of contact with stakeholders,
176 and these considerations should all be considered.

177 Most materials in conventional logistics are stored when they are brought to the
178 construction site. Thus, from the point of storage to the point of installation, the material
179 must be transported twice. These result in time and energy waste by doubling the handling
180 of the materials (Newaz et al., 2022) Along with raising the likelihood of material damage,
181 waste generation, and associated costs. Improper storage can result in building materials
182 being damaged or deteriorating because it is inappropriate to store items immediately
183 outdoors. Another source of CDW is packaging trash for building products(Liu et al.,
184 2022). According to reports, damaged bags and cement that is still present in the packaging
185 account for about 5% of the waste generated by packaging cement (Eltobgy et al., 2022) .

186 **4. Environmental impacts of Construction and demolish waste**

187 Construction waste has 38 subcategories according to the European Waste Catalogue. 16
188 of these subcategories were rated as being absolutely or minimally harmful (Environmental
189 Agency, 2011). Samples of waste materials made of cement contained several different
190 kinds of harmful entries. Chromium (Cr), lead (Pb), arsenic (As), zinc (Zn), mercury (Hg),
191 and vanadium (V) were some of the hazardous entries or heavy metals that were presented.
192 In samples of building and demolition trash, Zn was found to have the highest
193 concentration of all the heavy metals. The degree to which these waste elements were
194 dangerous varied substantially depending on where they were formed (Somasundaram et
195 al., 2015). It was clear that the main waste types that contained hazardous compounds were
196 concrete wastes, which were composed of cement, sand, and aggregates, followed by
197 electronic wastes and steel wastes(Manoharan et al., 2020).

198 Especially in the 1970s and 1980s, landfilling was the common treatment option for CDW
199 waste because most of it is made up of inert materials. Landslides at the ultimate disposal

200 site, which have the potential to threaten life and property, are one of the principal negative
201 environmental effects of landfilling garbage in general and CDW waste. Examples of this
202 include the massive landslide of the Dona Juana Landfill in Bogota in 1997, one of the
203 worst failures in history (Caicedo et al., 2002); another landslide occurred in the Chinese
204 city of Shenzhen in 2015 because of the collapse of a massive pile of CDW waste, resulting
205 in the deaths of 73 people and the damage of 33 structures (Ferronato & Torretta, 2019).
206 Recycling CDW waste would relieve landfilling pressure, lowering the risk of landslides,
207 and extending the life of landfills. Landfills can produce chemicals that are hazardous to
208 human health, such as hydrogen sulfide, which is produced when CWD waste is dumped
209 there and is an issue for the environment (Alsheyab, 2022).

210 Overland water, groundwater, and soil contamination are the three main environmental
211 issues raised by CDW (Cabalar et al., 2016). Environmental science and environmental
212 engineering experts have given these a lot of consideration. Through testing the waste's
213 pollutant composition and analyzing how pollutants in CDW affect the environment, these
214 studies aim to investigate the environmental effects of CDW.

215 Understanding the environmental problems of CDW waste depends heavily on the
216 pollutant compositions of the waste. According to Jang & Townsend, (2001) and Van
217 Praagh & Modin, (2016), the pollutant contents of CDW can vary and include heavy metals
218 (such as copper and chromium) and organic materials (such as polycyclic aromatic
219 hydrocarbons, carbon, methane, sulfuret, and hydrogen sulfide). It should be noted that
220 attempts have been made to detect and measure the heavy metals produced through CDW
221 and the effects these have on the environment (Øygard et al., 2005).

222 While other studies (Shin & Kang, 2015) focused on the heavy metal migration measures,
223 other studies (Wehrer & Totsche, 2008) evaluated the effective rates of heavy metals
224 released from the waste. Since many of the findings are based on experimental studies
225 conducted in the labs of prestigious universities and institutions, the research in this field
226 is generally considered to be solid. However, some toxicity pollutants have been missing
227 because the sample selection was restricted to residential/commercial project sites and
228 landfills. Recently, some toxic organic matter components from the demolition of industrial
229 structures like pesticide factories, such as poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocrack and hydrogen
230 sulfide, have been discovered in mixed CDW (Duan et al., 2016). Mixed CDW is extremely
231 complicated in terms of both composition and characteristics. As a result, worries about
232 the potential environmental and health effects of industrial CDW are widespread (Huang
233 et al., 2017). Studies on the mechanisms of sorption, adsorption, release, immobilization,
234 incineration, and pyrolysis have been done to manage and mitigate the pollution from CDW
235 (Shin et al., 2015). Johnson et al., (1999) reported that the CDW landfill would create
236 liquids such leachate including various biomasses and landfill gas based on the long-term
237 monitoring. According to Bergersen & Haarstad, (2014), the landfill's mixed demolition
238 waste, which included plasterboard made of gypsum, would produce hydrogen sulfide
239 (H₂S) gas, a common gas produced by landfills and other sources of severe odors. It has
240 become urgent to remove organic and nitrogenous waste from landfills. It is therefore
241 essential to implement technical steps to reduce the emission of contaminants from CDW
242 disposal sites.

243 According to the keywords' frequency, "leaching test" has been widely used to evaluate the
244 effects of pollutants on the environment (Van Praagh & Modin, 2016b). The environment

245 of the leaching laboratory might roughly resemble the waste disposal location where CDW
246 would come into contact with liquid from rainfall, according to a two-decade-long study
247 of leaching tests. When examining how pH could affect the mechanism of metal release
248 from CDW, Galvín et al., (2012) compared the leaching tests performed in batches. Like
249 this, Kruger et al. (2012) performed tests to figure out how leaching could release heavy
250 metals and PAH from the trash. Nevertheless, the leaching behavior is sensitive to the
251 environment and can change dramatically. Consequently, it is possible that a single test
252 method will not be able to satisfy the accuracy requirement for assessing CDW's effects on
253 the environment. According to Roussat et al., (2008), this is because it is possible that
254 certain pollutants found in hazardous CDW could produce harmful gases when mixed with
255 other types of trash in landfills.

256 **5. Construction waste management and circular economy**

257 As the world moves closer to the construction of urban infrastructure, sustainability has
258 emerged as a significant concept and/or cause for concern. As a result, pollution is
259 increasing and the ecosystem is being negatively affected (Jhatial et al., 2020).
260 Sustainability is crucial to any construction project since it helps the project's economy and
261 environment. So, a typical definition of sustainable development is the guarantee that a
262 project meets the needs of the present generation without jeopardizing the needs of future
263 generations (Anastasiades et al., 2020). Three entities—the earth, the people, and the
264 bottom line serve as the principles of sustainability. Ecology and/or environmental
265 conditions are of the utmost importance to the planet, whilst human demands should be
266 met by development to yield the greatest profit possible given the available resources. The

267 goals of sustainable development include making growth practical, tolerable, and fair from
268 a social, ecological, and economic perspective.

269 A recent notion, the circular economy has been treated in a variety of ways depending on
270 the social, cultural, and political structure (Winans et al., 2017). Because it is regarded as
271 an alternative for operationalizing businesses under the concept of sustainable
272 development, the CE concept is widely acknowledged among academics and practitioners
273 in industry and society (Kirchherr et al., 2017b). Therefore, the main goal of CE is to
274 eliminate the link between economic growth, environmental degradation, and resource
275 consumption through new production methods and technological advancements, satisfying
276 consumer needs in alternative, more sustainable ways (Ellen MacArthur Foundation,
277 2015). Reduction, reuse, and recycling are referred to as the "3 R" principles and are
278 regarded as the cornerstone of CE (Ghisellini et al., 2016). Although there is not just one
279 idea behind CE, it can be broadly characterized as a model in which the value of raw
280 materials, finished goods, and component parts is preserved for as long as possible during
281 the production cycle (López Ruiz et al., 2020). As a result, a product's end-of-life can be
282 extended by using it repeatedly as a secondary resource, eliminating or lowering the input
283 of raw materials and energy, and reducing waste formation (Merli et al., 2018). The circular
284 economy, according to Geissdoerfer et al., (2017), functions as a regenerative system in
285 which leakage of resources, energy, emissions, and waste is reduced by delaying, sealing,
286 and enlarging material and energy loops.

287 Sustainability Buzzwords widely used in CE should be understood in the following ways.
288 Development that is sustainable is one that satisfies current demands without endangering
289 the capacity of future generations to satisfy their own needs (Brundtland et al., 1985).

290 According to the definition given in (Geissdoerfer et al., 2017b), CE is a regenerative
291 system in which resource input, waste, emission, and waste of energy are minimized by
292 slowing, closing, and narrowing material loops while using the least amount of energy
293 feasible, preferably from renewable sources.

294 It is crucial to recognize building construction as the main cause of new buildings' CO₂
295 emissions and to incorporate reusable construction materials into their designs (Bertin et
296 al., 2019). When compared to landfilling, recycling and reuse of concrete can reduce the
297 CO₂ impact by 36% to 59% (Bonoli et al., 2021). The waste framework directive (WFD)
298 defines the concepts as prevention, preparation for reuse, recycling, recovery, and disposal.
299 The 10 R's concept takes things a step further and sets up a comprehensive CE by include
300 discard, re-design, repair, refurbish, remanufacture, and repurposing (Oluleye et al., 2022;
301 Schützenhofer et al., 2022).

302 When a building has served its purpose no longer, it is time for demolition and dismantling.
303 For the sustainable use of material resources in this phase, waste management and the
304 project design for the deconstruction are crucial. To allow the possibility of reuse, the
305 production of high-quality goods, and the execution of waste management streams, waste
306 management must also be included in the planning process (Buch et al., 2021).

307 In CE, production and waste are intertwined. A modification in the production/processing
308 technology is another way to make material consumption and CE more sustainable, in
309 addition to using materials sparingly or for longer periods of time. Along with a decrease
310 in energy demand (Shen et al., 2021). Demacsek et al., (2019) illustrates a similar potential
311 for recycling polystyrene. There is a 47% reduction in CO₂ emissions when comparing the
312 feed into a production stream with standard waste treatment incineration. The analysis of

313 the literature reveals a lack of understanding of LCA for CDW and a failure to take CE into
314 account at every stage of the life cycle, starting with the design process (Mesa et al., 2021).

315 The research of several CDW management solutions and stakeholder interviews led to the
316 conclusion that they are not Building Information Modelling (BIM)-compatible, and data
317 for LCA on CDW is not available (Wu et al., 2019b). It is also criticized since there are not
318 any comprehensive techniques or statistics for CDW LCA. Andersen et al., (2019) track
319 the evaluation of CE's environmental effects. For this, LCA and the Environmental Product
320 Declaration (EPD) are employed. The results indicate that CO₂ emissions could go either
321 up or down. Buildings' LCA to evaluate End-of-Life performance is based on consistent
322 and comprehensive EPDs, particularly module D. However, not all EPDs have modules C
323 and D, making it impossible to compare materials and fully consider their life cycle
324 (Anderson et al., 2019). Concrete recycling and reuse have the potential to have a lower
325 CO₂ effect than landfilling by 36% to 59%, according to a LCA (Bonoli et al., 2021).

326 The primary factor driving carbon emissions reduction in the construction sector is the
327 implementation of strategies for the recovery, reuse, and recycling of CDW. The retrieval,
328 reutilization, and reprocessing of CDW are crucial elements of the CE within the
329 construction industry. By prolonging the lifespan of materials through recycling and
330 reusing them, the industry can diminish the amount of waste produced, preserve natural
331 resources, and decrease the release of greenhouse gases linked to material manufacturing
332 (Papamichael et al., 2023). Moreover, including recycled materials in construction can
333 effectively mitigate the environmental consequences linked to material manufacturing,
334 including energy consumption, water usage, and carbon emissions (Mariarosaria &
335 Francesco, 2023; Norouzi et al., 2021). Sustainable development principles in the

336 construction sector also apply to both the design and construction stages of projects.
337 Designing structures with the intention of deconstruction and reuse can enable the retrieval
338 of materials once they have reached the end of their useful lifespan, hence minimizing
339 waste production and promoting circularity. Prefabrication and modular building
340 techniques enable the efficient recovery and reuse of materials by allowing easy
341 disassembly and utilization of components in subsequent projects (Iacovidou et al., 2021).
342 The participation of CE and material recovery has significant promise for reducing the
343 amount of CDW that is sent to landfills. This can be achieved by utilizing these materials
344 in a sustainable manner. Additionally, an aspect that complements the 3R of CE is the
345 process of recovering raw materials. By adopting this method, the rate at which raw
346 materials are used decreases, resulting in positive effects on the environment (such as a
347 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions), social well-being (such as a more pleasant
348 environment), and economic advantages (such as cost reduction)(Purchase et al., 2022).
349 The constituent components of CDW are regarded as high-value materials that have the
350 potential to be recycled for the purpose of constructing concrete. The compositional
351 analysis of CDW in New Zealand, as reported by the constituent components of CDW are
352 regarded as high-value materials that have the potential to be recycled for the purpose of
353 constructing concrete. The compositional analysis of CDW in New Zealand, as reported
354 by Purchase et al., (2022), revealed the presence of concrete, plastic, wood, iron and metals,
355 miscellaneous materials, glass, hazardous materials, and organic waste. These items
356 accounted for 25%, 19%, 38%, 6%, 5%, 2%, and 2% of the total trash, respectively.

357 A 3R approach is used to handle construction waste, with a particular emphasis on activities
358 to reduce, reuse, recycle, and recover raw materials (Anastasiades et al., 2020). Reuse,

359 recycle, and recover operations become more prevalent, which slows down and/or stops
360 the raw material supply chain. This has advantages for the economy as well as a decrease
361 in the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions that are produced during the supply chain and
362 procurement processes. Additionally, reducing waste production is advantageous because
363 it not only does so, but it also averts the negative effects that waste generation will
364 inevitably have on our living environment. Studies on the economic viability of trash
365 reduction have been conducted in various ways. Since CDW is the primary global
366 contributor to landfills, a significant portion of this work takes this into account (Osmani
367 & Villoria-Sáez, 2019). For instance, a cost-benefit analysis conducted in Malaysia in 2006
368 discovered that reducing CDW was commercially viable with a net profit of 2.5% (Begum
369 et al., 2006). This study examined the costs and advantages of reducing waste at a
370 Malaysian construction site. According to the report, there are many immediate advantages,
371 including lower purchase costs due to reuse, recycling, and the sale of scrap metals, lower
372 costs for garbage collection and transport, and lower costs for disposal fees. There were
373 also intangible advantages, such as the reduction of landfill space requirements, decreased
374 liability for environmental issues or workplace safety, decreased likelihood of soil and
375 groundwater pollution, and enhanced public perception and environmental awareness.
376 Direct expenses for collection and separation, equipment purchases, equipment storage,
377 and transportation are some of the expenses associated with this. Additionally, there were
378 some intangible costs, such as the health risk to employees and the price of unpleasant
379 externalities like noise and odor.

380 The economic viability of employing recycled concrete as aggregate was the subject of one
381 study (Tam, 2008). Both the existing and concrete recycling methods for waste disposal

382 were subjected to a cost-benefit analysis. The findings suggested that the building sector
383 could receive help from using concrete waste as aggregates rather than disposing of
384 construction debris, particularly concrete, in landfills (Tam, 2008). According to the
385 analysis, there would be a \$30,916,000 annual net benefit in addition to a decrease in
386 resource depletion and energy use. Thus, it is possible to encourage ecological and
387 economic sustainability in construction projects. The lack of readily available recycled
388 concrete was one problem.

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Figure 1: Circular economy principles

392 6. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle methods for CDM Management

393 Strategies Utilizing various circular economy strategies (Figure 1) makes it possible to
394 reduce the amount of waste generated during building construction and demolition
395 (Kabirifar et al., 2020). These tactics may be used during the construction phase, the

396 demolition phase, or both the construction and demolition phase(Janani & Kaveri, 2020).
397 The solutions could be used separately or in combination to handle different types of
398 garbage produced by building and demolition, according to existing literature evaluations
399 (Materials, 2022).

400 *6.1 Reduction*

401 Reduction is the best CDW management strategy out of the three R's because it has the
402 least negative environmental consequences. As a result, the development of reduction
403 strategies is given top importance in CDW management plans (B. Huang et al., 2018). If
404 waste is produced, it is essential to find ways to reuse the materials. If this is not possible,
405 it is then crucial to collect the materials for recycling, followed by disposal, which is the
406 final step in managing CDW. Pickin et al. (2018) listed a few advantages of reducing trash,
407 including making income from collecting some materials, saving money by buying less
408 material, lowering CO2 emissions, and lowering the cost of transporting waste to landfills.
409 The best environmentally friendly and economically sensible course of action, according
410 to Bølviken & Koskela, 2016) and (Llatas & Osmani, 2016), is to minimize rework caused
411 by mistakes and subpar workmanship, plan to reduce offcuts, and reduce waste generated
412 during construction activities. Due to the similarities between the reduce, reuse, and recycle
413 strategies, the main obstacles to the proper implementation of waste reduction strategies
414 arise when stakeholders lack a common understanding of 3 R CDW management strategies
415 and actors in the construction industry are unable to effectively communicate and
416 collaborate with one another. If the decrease strategy is incorporated into the CDW
417 management cycle for the purpose of minimizing waste, construction players will benefit
418 from all parts of it. As a result, it is crucial to give the reduce strategy special attention

419 throughout execution. The application of the reduction strategy in the building industry
420 must be given top attention because to the global CDW generation's rapid increase (Esa et
421 al., 2017).

422 *6.2 Reuse*

423 Reusing CDW refers to any activity or practice that involves using appropriate building
424 materials more than once, regardless of whether they are used for their intended purpose
425 or for another purpose(Huang et al., 2018). After demolition, the majority of CDW can be
426 used again. The best ways to conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and save
427 money are through reduction and reuse. Reusing construction wastes also helps to reduce
428 greenhouse gas emissions, which help to contribute to global climate change, help preserve
429 the environment for future generations, and enable things to be used to their full
430 potential(Park & Tucker, 2016). From construction, renovation, and demolition sites, a
431 variety of building materials can be salvaged and then sold, put away for future use, or used
432 on the current project. However, some specific CD materials, such as latex paint, adhesives,
433 and chemical solvents, are thought to be toxic and are categorized as hazardous waste
434 (Oyenuga, 2016). The age of the structures included in demolition operations is also an
435 important decision-making consideration when it comes to recycling CDW (Akinade et al.,
436 2017). For instance, outdated structures could contain asbestos or other elements that are
437 no longer allowed in new construction. Effective methods of recycling CDW include
438 deploying trained personnel for collection and sorting CDW, providing incentives for
439 recycling construction and demolition waste, using industry-standard building techniques,
440 materials, and technologies, and creating a market for recycled products (B. Huang et al.,
441 2018).

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Table 2: Suggestion waste management actions for CDW. (adopted from (Janani &

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Kaveri, 2020)

Items	Major reason for waste	Suggestion for reuse and recycled waste
Cement mortar Standard waste- 10.5% by waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material split on ground Left cover mix used that has not been used. • Handling and transportation of mortar Brick work joints Plaster thickness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be converted to recycled aggregates. • Crusted and wed for recycled sand. • Can be used as a cement replacement.
Bricks and blocks Standard waste – 5% of brick Standard waste – 5% of block.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor handling and transportation. • Delivered the damages of the bricks and blocks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crushed/chipped and used as landscape material. • Ground into powder to make new bricks. • Crushed into fine aggregate. Can build outdoor ovens.
Concrete Standard wastage – 1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor handling Over – sized foundation. • Poor storage Poor workmen ship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which can be separated and reused as base course in garages and pathway. • Concrete is generally reused. • It is squashed, the support bar is evacuated, and the material is screened for size.
Steel Standard Wastage – 3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in design Over ordering. • Damaged during the transportation to site/on site. • Lack of good storage location system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel maximum 100% recyclable. • Steel from reinforcement wire, containers.

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445 *6.3 Recycle*

446 The process of dismantling used construction materials to create new ones is known as

447 CDW recycling; however, immature CDW recycling management, inadequate recycling

448 technology, and an immature market for recycled goods are obstacles to CDW recycling
449 (Huang et al., 2018). Depending on the project's capabilities and facilities, CDW can be
450 recycled either on-site or off-site at a CDW processor. Materials including concrete, metal,
451 asphalt, wood, roofing materials, plasterboard, and corrugated cardboard can all be
452 recycled from construction sites. The removal of waste and the recurring supply of natural
453 building materials over long distances would otherwise release a significant amount of
454 CO₂ that is finally prevented by recycling construction materials (Oyenuga, 2016).

455 The reduction of the need to extract new raw materials is one of the many advantages of
456 CDW recycling, which also helps to reduce the generation of other pollutants and
457 greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, it preserves landfill capacity, reduces the need for
458 new landfills and the costs associated with them, as well as energy savings and the
459 lessening of adverse environmental effects (Pickin et al., 2018). Additionally, recycling has
460 a significant effect on generating employment and economic activity in related industries.
461 Recycled building materials with high quality assurance have a sizable market. To ensure
462 a successful waste recycling outcome, government cooperation is also essential (Esa et al.,
463 2017). As a result, recycled building materials have been used in the construction of roads,
464 foundations, sports fields, noise protection walls, and landscapes (Fatemi & Imaninasab,
465 2016).

466 **7. Recommendations and future prospective**

467 There is still a lack of knowledge on the effect of CDW on the environment, and limited
468 controls for these pollutants have been implemented. Future work may therefore focus
469 on (1) trying to understand the complexity of the contaminants in CDW; (2) creating
470 additional tests and procedures to evaluate the effects of CDW on the environment; and (3)

471 creating extensive control strategies for CDW treatment and disposal. Moreover, Incentives
472 or management strategies that encourage CDW diversion have been widely applied (e.g.,
473 landfilling charge rates). However, there a little research done on how effective these
474 programs or policies are. A competent CDW management manual that is suited to a specific
475 local setting is therefore needed, as well as more detailed performance monitoring systems
476 for CDW management. Further research into closed loop CDW materials is necessary for
477 a circular economy. This suggests that instead of being dumped in landfills, waste products
478 should be used and recycled as resources in future life cycles. Regional CDW management
479 will also take a substantial turn toward the reverse logistics network with uncertainties in
480 numerous factors (such as the quality of recycled products, recycling rate and cost, and
481 demand and supply rates) or goals (such as social, environmental, and economic
482 advantages). When assessing CDW treatment methods, not enough attention has been paid
483 to social sustainability; instead, the advantages of recycling CDW's economic and
484 environmental benefits have received attention. Future study should therefore concentrate
485 on creating a method that includes a framework, indicators, categories, and assessment
486 indices for assessing social sustainability. A thorough economic, social, and environmental
487 analysis of CDW diversion activities also needs more research. For mixed waste, which
488 consists of numerous components with different life spans and distributions, there is an
489 area of research needed in the use of material flow analysis, which makes data collection
490 and analysis more challenging. To do thorough research on a wide range of materials, it is
491 recommended to combine a variety of data collection methods, sources, and data
492 processing approaches. Further study is advised on figuring out the long-term effects of
493 material stocks and flows on the environment and the economy. Most of the recent research

494 has been on waste treatment and disposal, with little effort put towards preventing the
495 creation of CDW from an early design stage. The attitudes and actions of stakeholders as
496 well as financial incentives have an impact on the CDW generation. However, only a small
497 number of studies have been conducted to determine the impact of using financial
498 incentives/penalties (such as a disposal charging system) to reduce waste generation.

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500 **8. Conclusion**

501 The circular economy management approach shows potential in meeting the objectives of
502 effective waste management and eco-friendly construction. This strategy focuses on the
503 necessity of decreasing waste creation, advocating for the reuse and recycling of materials,
504 and integrating successful waste management techniques in construction and demolition
505 processes. The construction sector stands to make a meaningful impact on reducing its
506 environmental footprint and contributing to the transition to a more sustainable future by
507 following this approach. All stakeholders, such as architects, contractors, developers, and
508 companies, must collaborate and engage for the effective implementation of a circular
509 economy management strategy. Policymakers need to enact robust laws and offer
510 incentives to encourage sustainable practices. Furthermore, educational initiatives and
511 awareness campaigns should be established to encourage all stakeholders to embrace
512 sustainable practices. The circular economy management strategy provides a
513 comprehensive solution to tackle the issues surrounding construction and demolition waste
514 management. Collaboration in implementing this approach can lead to environmental
515 improvements and economic advantages for all involved, ensuring a sustainable future for
516 future generations.

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