



NOW2 Waste Management System: Advancing Environmental Sustainability Through Digital Endowments

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ABSTRACT

The Net Zero Waste Wise (NOW2) system is a digital platform that transforms waste donations into financial resources for Waqfs (Muslim Endowments), supporting renewable energy and charitable projects while promoting sustainable waste management. By leveraging recycling revenues, NOW2 offers an eco-friendly alternative to traditional SUKUK financing, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 7, 11, 12, and 13). Built with TypeScript, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, NextAuth, and Prisma ORM, the system ensures efficient user experience, robust data security, scalable database management, and a stable platform for service delivery. NOW2 also facilitates transparent donation tracking, enhancing trust and accountability within the community. This paper explores the technological architecture and financial model of the successfully developed NOW2, highlighting its potential as a replicable solution for sustainable waste management in developing nations like Malaysia. By converting waste into financial value, NOW2 addresses environmental challenges and empowers communities through charitable giving, offering a scalable and impactful approach to zero-waste initiatives.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Municipal solid waste (MSW) management has emerged as a critical environmental challenge worldwide, with escalating waste generation rates posing significant threats to urban sustainability. In Malaysia, more than 30,000 tons of MSW are produced daily, highlighting the urgency of adopting sustainable waste management practices. Traditional methods, including landfilling and incineration, are increasingly ineffective due to their environmental impacts, limited land availability, and rising operational costs. Consequently, innovative solutions are needed to address these challenges while promoting environmental sustainability and community welfare.

The Net Zero Waste Wise (NOW2) system offers a transformative approach to MSW management by digitizing waste donation processes and converting them into financial resources for Waqfs (Islamic endowments). By facilitating the circular economy, NOW2 not only minimizes waste accumulation but also channels financial aid towards community development initiatives. Unlike conventional systems, NOW2 integrates advanced web technologies such as TypeScript for type safety, Next.js for server-side rendering (SSR), Tailwind CSS for responsive UI design, NextAuth for secure authentication, and Prisma ORM for efficient database management. This technological synergy ensures a seamless user experience, robust security,

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and scalable data management, positioning NOW2 as an innovative digital platform for sustainable waste management.

Existing literature emphasizes the importance of digital platforms in enhancing waste management efficiency through real-time monitoring, data analytics, and stakeholder collaboration. However, most solutions are limited to waste tracking and recycling, lacking integration with charitable frameworks such as Waqfs. The unique value of NOW2 lies in its dual impact: environmental sustainability and digital endowment. By leveraging waste-to-value mechanisms, NOW2 bridges the gap between waste management and charitable giving, offering a novel model for sustainable community development.

This paper explores the technological architecture, implementation strategies, and scalability of the NOW2 system. It examines the system's impact on environmental sustainability and digital endowments, highlighting its potential as a replicable model for other developing nations. By addressing the limitations of conventional waste management systems, this study contributes to the growing body of research on digital innovation for sustainable development.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. ZERO WASTE PARADIGM

The zero-waste paradigm has gained significant attention as a sustainable approach to addressing global waste management challenges. According to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, zero waste aims to redesign resource life cycles so that products are reused or repurposed without generating environmental pollution. This paradigm not only minimizes landfill dependency but also enhances resource recovery through recycling and reuse initiatives, promoting a circular economy [1].

Several studies have emphasized the importance of integrating digital technologies into waste management systems. Digital platforms enable real-time tracking, data analytics, and enhanced stakeholder collaboration, revolutionizing traditional waste management practices [2], [3]. By leveraging these technological advancements, the zero-waste paradigm facilitates more efficient resource management and contributes to environmental sustainability.

2.2 DIGITAL PLATFORMS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

Digital platforms have transformed waste management by enhancing operational efficiency and promoting sustainability. Emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing provide real-time data collection and monitoring capabilities, enabling waste management systems to optimize resource allocation and reduce environmental impact [4], [5].

Fintech solutions are also being explored to support sustainability, including digital endowments that align with sustainable development goals. Recent developments in green finance and Islamic SUKUK have further facilitated environmentally conscious projects by providing financial mechanisms that encourage sustainable investments [6], [7]. These platforms enable better monitoring of waste streams, fostering transparency and accountability in waste management practices.

Several digital waste management systems have been successfully implemented globally. For instance, South Korea's RFID-based waste tracking system has significantly reduced food waste through data-driven policies and public awareness campaigns [8]. Similarly, Singapore's Smart Waste Management System utilizes IoT sensors to optimize waste collection routes, reducing operational costs and environmental emissions [9]. These examples highlight the transformative potential of digital platforms in achieving zero-waste goals.

2.3 CHALLENGES AND TECHNOLOGIES USED

Despite the numerous benefits of adopting a zero-waste approach, several challenges persist. In developing nations, inadequate infrastructure, lack of public awareness, and financial constraints hinder the effective implementation of zero-waste strategies [10]. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) underscores the importance of waste-to-energy technologies as a viable solution to address waste accumulation while generating renewable energy [11]. However, issues related to high operational costs and environmental regulations continue to pose challenges.

To overcome these challenges, these web technologies have been integrated into the Net Zero Waste Wise (NOW2) system:

- 2.3.1 Next.js:** Enhances performance through server-side rendering (SSR) and static site generation, improving user experience and SEO [12].

- 2.3.2 TypeScript:** Ensures maintainability by providing type safety during development, reducing runtime errors [13].
- 2.3.3 Tailwind CSS:** Simplifies responsive UI design with utility-first classes, promoting consistent and maintainable styling [14].
- 2.3.4 Prisma ORM:** Facilitates scalable database interactions with type-safe query operations, ensuring efficient data management [15].
- 2.3.5 NextAuth:** Secures authentication processes using OAuth and JSON Web Tokens (JWT), enhancing user privacy and data security [16].
- 2.3.6 GitHub:** Enables secure collaboration and continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) practices, streamlining development workflows [17].

By incorporating these advanced web technologies, the NOW2 system demonstrates how digital innovation can effectively address pressing environmental concerns while driving sustainable development. This approach not only enhances operational efficiency but also provides a scalable model for digital endowments, contributing to community development and environmental sustainability.

2.4 Method

This study focuses on developing a platform that enables users to convert waste into digital endowments, promoting environmental sustainability and reducing the daily accumulation of landfill waste. To achieve this, research was conducted to enhance the accessibility of the service. Flowcharts were created to outline the transaction flow for each user within the application. Two flowcharts were designed to illustrate the overall application flow and the system's operations across multiple entities. The first flowchart also maps the user journey throughout the system after authentication via their own login credentials, as shown in Figure 1.

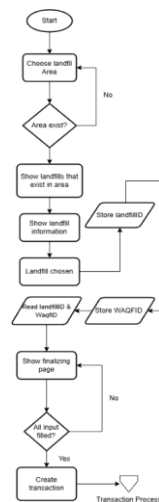


Figure 1. Creating Transaction

After the transaction is done by each of the users, the system then hands the newly made transaction to screeners and transformers. The user still has an action to do before the rest of the entities can continue. After the user completes the deposit of their trash, the transaction is handed to the screener, who would then screen the trash, separating valuable waste, and disposables. The screener would also give an estimate of how much waste could be sold as a number for the transformer to use as a guideline. The screened waste is then transformed into money by methods that each individual transformer can freely use. The transformer would input the amount of money that is made into the data, then finally transfer it to Waqfs. After all the process is

done, the system would automatically generate a receipt for the user that would be accessible from the history section of their home screen.

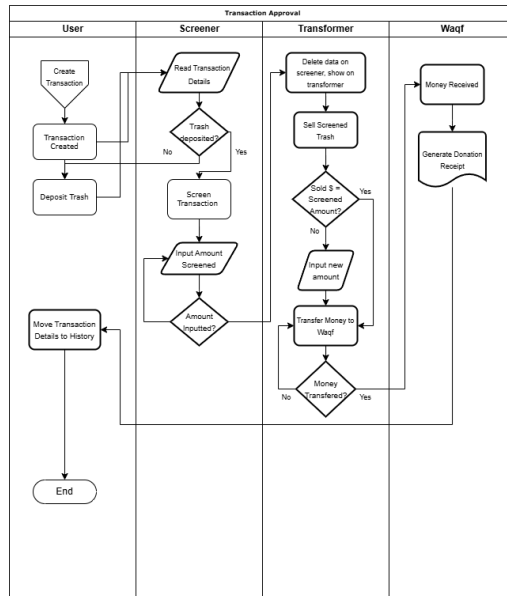


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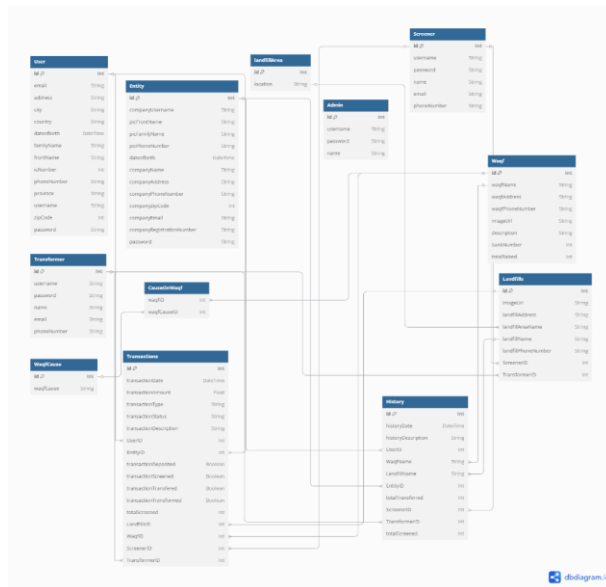


Figure 3. Database Diagram

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (10 PT)

In this section, it is explained the results of research and at the same time is given the comprehensive discussion. Results can be presented in figures, graphs, tables and others that make the reader understand easily [14], [15]. The discussion can be made in several sub-sections.

3.1. Development Results

The development of the NOW2 platform successfully integrates a robust authentication system, ensuring secure and efficient access to platform functionalities. Implemented primarily using Next.js, the authentication framework leverages NextAuth.js alongside a custom-built middleware to enhance security, optimize efficiency, and facilitate session management. This dual-layer authentication approach strengthens user identity verification while enabling seamless interaction with protected system features.

The login page, as the primary entry point for authenticated users, employs a meticulously designed interface with a strong emphasis on security, user experience, and accessibility. Credential authentication is conducted through a secure pipeline, utilizing advanced encryption protocols to safeguard data transmission and mitigate risks of unauthorized access. Furthermore, adherence to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) ensures inclusivity for users with diverse needs.

The system's authentication architecture benefits from Next.js's file-based routing and server-side rendering (SSR), optimizing performance and response times. The CSS framework Tailwind CSS enhances UI consistency and responsiveness, streamlining the development process. The platform's efficient engineering is evidenced by its rapid completion within a one-month timeframe, demonstrating the effectiveness of Next.js and Vercel in modern web application development.

The authentication feature is seamlessly integrated into the login and registration pages, as illustrated in Figures 4–6. This implementation ensures data integrity, confidentiality, and usability, reinforcing NOW2's commitment to secure, scalable, and accessible digital solutions.

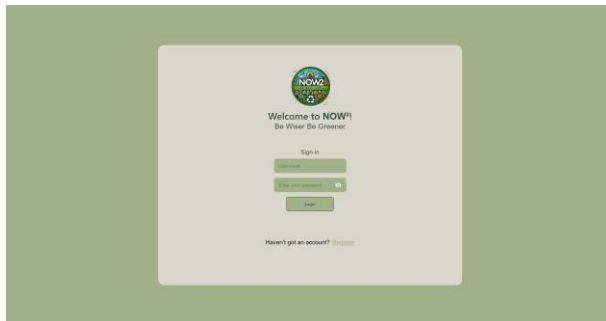


Figure 4. Login Screen

The registration page is more or less the same for user and entities, but, there are difference in the type of data collected between the two of them. The registration page is aimed at simplicity, but still adheres to the essential datas that are needed for the system to run. The registration process for the broader user mandates the input of the following fields: Front Name, Family Name, Username, IC Number (for tax verification), Birthdate, Email, Malaysian Phone Number, and Address as seen on Figure 5.

Figure 5. User Register Screen

The company registration page as seen on Figure 6. is designed to collect essential business information needed for onboarding organizations into the NOW2 platform. The following fields are required:

Person In Charge (PIC) Information

- Full Name – Required to identify the responsible individual.
- Email – Must be in a valid format for official communication.
- Phone Number – Captures a valid contact number for verification.

Company Details

- Company Username – Unique within the system to distinguish accounts.
- Company Name – Official name of the organization.
- Company Creation Date – Records the founding date for reference.
- Company Registration Number – Required for official business validation.

Contact Information

- Company Email – Used for official communication.
- Company Phone Number – Business contact number.
- Company Address Line – Captures the physical location of the company.

Figure 6. Company / Organization Register Screen

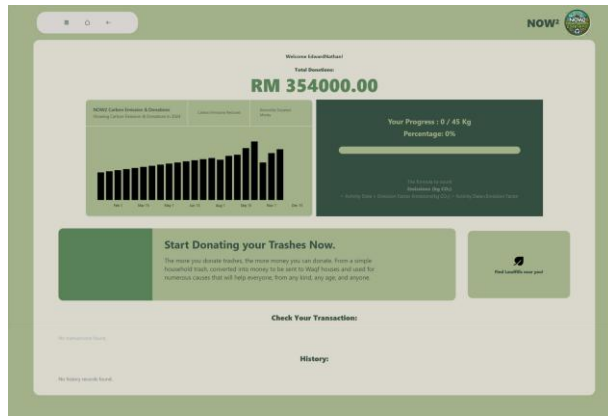
The home screen's design that can be seen in Figure 7 focuses on three core functionalities to drive environmental engagement through personalized data visualization and actionable insights. A dynamic header greets users by name using profile data from system databases, establishing immediate personal connection. The central interface element is a real-time interactive dashboard showing kilograms of CO₂ emissions offset through user activities, with visual trend lines comparing personal contributions to community averages.

Adjacent to emissions data, a financial transparency panel displays accumulated donation amounts through layered bar graphs showing allocation percentages across environmental projects, with hover details revealing specific initiative impacts. Progress metrics calculate emission reductions using the formula:

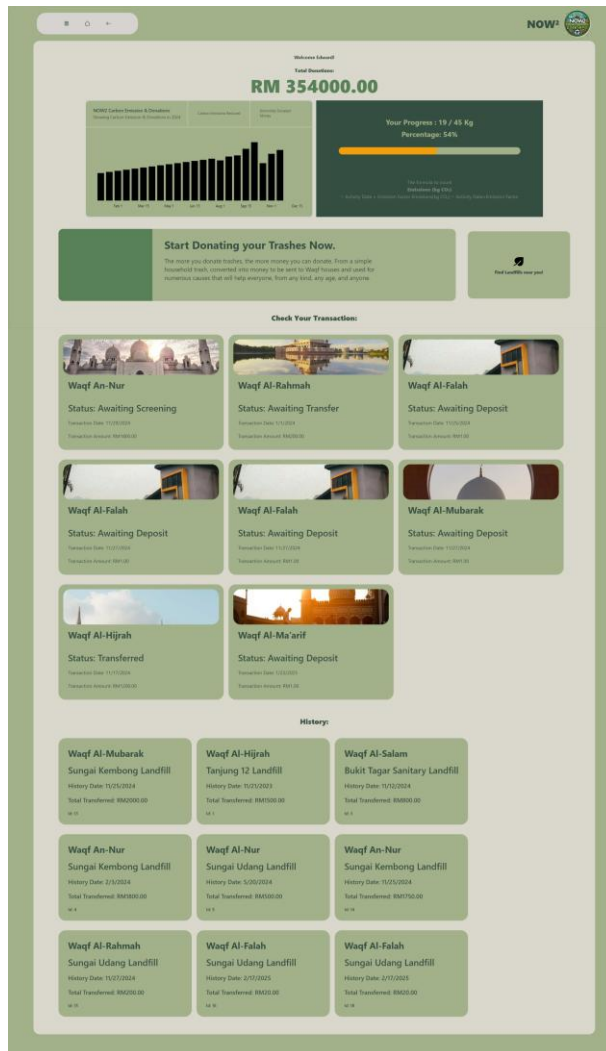
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presented through animated gauges showing percentage completion toward personalized sustainability goals. A persistent "Find Landfills Near You" button in the action toolbar triggers a choice for the user to select the closest area near them that offers the service.

All visualizations refresh automatically upon new activity input, with achievement badges appearing when users reach milestone thresholds. The layout employs progressive disclosure - tapping any data widget expands secondary screens with historical comparisons, peer benchmarking, and detailed impact reports. The user's activity is color-coded to follow their monthly goal's progress (green for $\geq 70\%$, yellow for $33\% - 69\%$, red for $< 33\%$) while maintaining WCAG AA accessibility standards.



(a). Empty User Home Screen



(b) Filled User Home Screen

Figure 8. User Home Screen

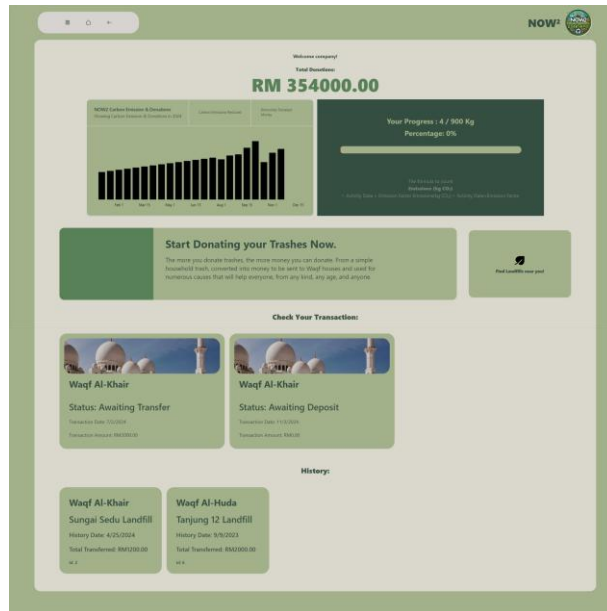


Figure 9. Filled Company/Organization Screen



Figure 10. Choose Landfill Area

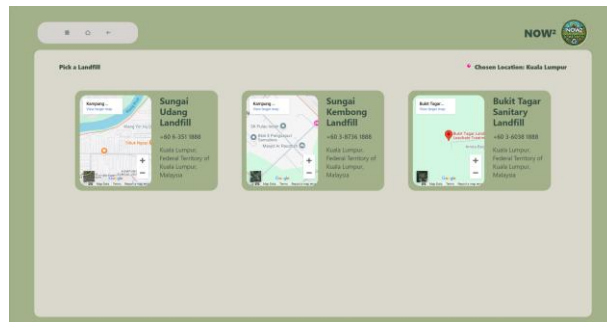


Figure 12. Choose Landfill



Figure 13. Landfill Details

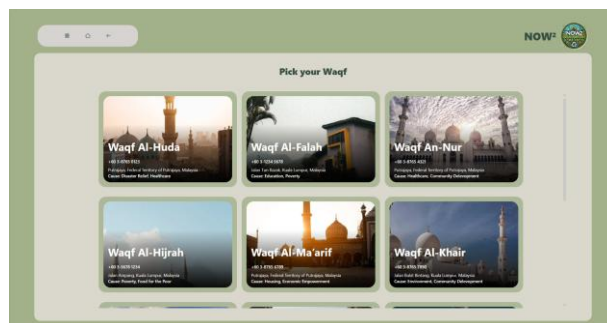


Figure 14. Choose Waqf

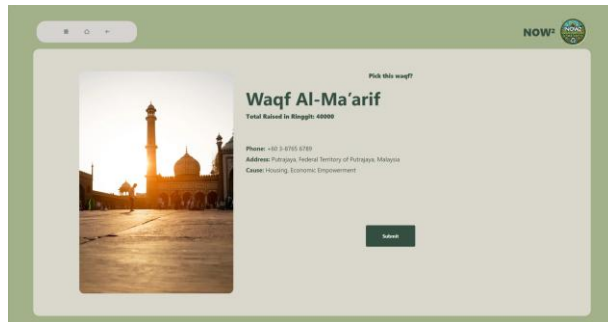


Figure 15. Waqf Details



Figure 16. Transaction Confirmation Details

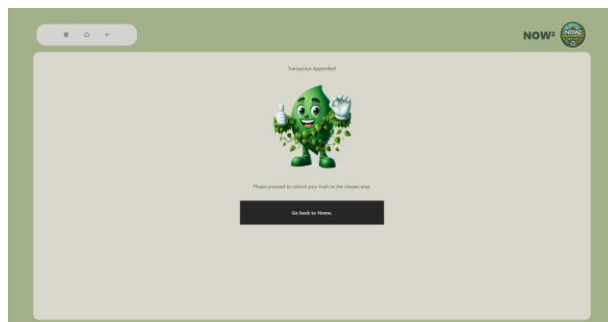


Figure 17. New Transaction Made Screen

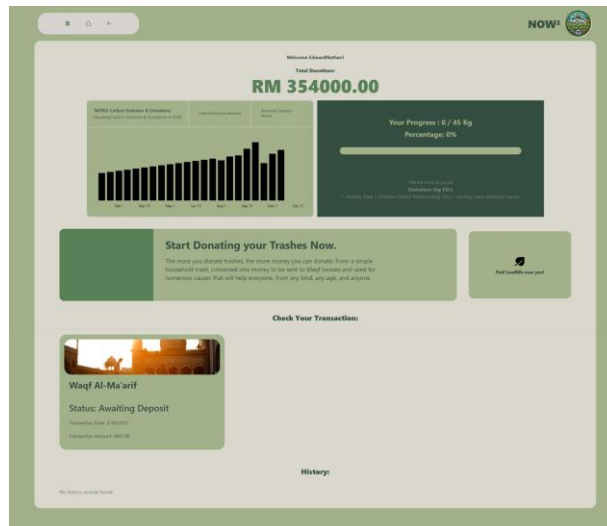


Figure 18. New Transaction Details

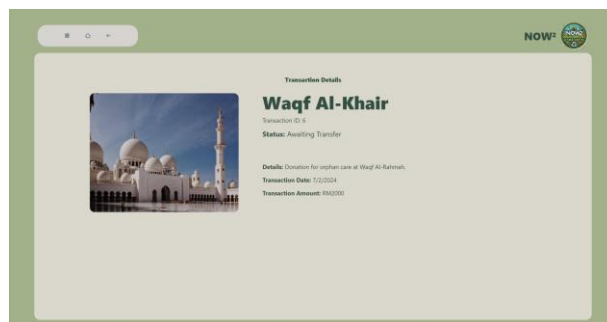


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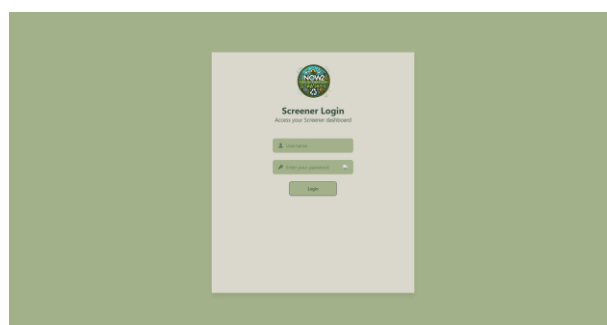


Figure 20. Screener Login Page

The screenshot shows the 'Screener' login page with a grid of eight transaction cards. Each card contains a transaction ID, date, type, description, and input fields for 'Transaction Screened' and 'Transaction Deposited', along with a 'Submit' button.

Transaction ID	Date	Type	Description
Transaction ID : 15	21/10/2024	Organic Waste	description: Balance Pests
Transaction ID : 3	11/06/2024	Recyclable Waste	description: Donation for healthcare services at Waqf Al-Hus
Transaction ID : 16	11/05/2024	Recyclable Waste	description: Edukasi + Donorasi
Transaction ID : 17	11/07/2024	Organic Waste	description: Testing
Transaction ID : 18	11/07/2024	Organic Waste	description: Testing
Transaction ID : 20	11/07/2024	Organic Waste	description: testing 7
Transaction ID : 53	10/09/2023	Hazardous Household Waste	description: Batteries, etc
Transaction ID : 2	11/9/2024	Grant	description: Grant for environmental conservation at Waqf Al-Hus

Figure 21. Screener Page

The screenshot shows the 'Transformers' page with three transaction cards. Each card contains a transaction ID, date, type, description, total screened, and input fields for 'Transaction Transformed' and 'Transaction Transferred', along with a 'Submit' button.


Transaction ID	Date	Type	Description	Total Screened
Transaction ID : 5	11/02/2024	Grant for disaster relief at Waqf Al-Hus	description: Grant for disaster relief at Waqf Al-Hus	200
Transaction ID : 6	10/02/2024	Donation for orphan care at Waqf Al-Hus	description: Donation for orphan care at Waqf Al-Hus	2000
Transaction ID : 1	11/01/2024	Donation for educational programs at Waqf Al-Hus	description: Donation for educational programs at Waqf Al-Hus	1000

Figure 23. Transformers Page

The screenshot shows the 'Open a Model' dialog box with a search bar and a list of available models.

Model Name	Count
All Models	1
Action	1
Classified	10
Entity	1
History	10
Landfill	1
Screened	1
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Transformer	1
User	1
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Figure 24. Admin Page

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