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Years of conflict and neglect have left Kabul's infrastructure in ruins. One of the most pressing problems facing the city is the disposal of solid waste. This problem is especially acute in Kabul, which has experienced rapid urban growth due to a large number of returnees and new urban dwellers (a daytime population of 3 million, and about a 300,000 floating population) and the increase in waste from growing economic activity. It is exacerbated by the absence of an effective strategy to deal with the problem and the municipality's lack of capacity to respond. The capacity deficit is reflected in the estimated 70% of total solid waste that is accumulated on roadsides, back yards, in drains, rivers and open places, and represents a significant environmental hazard.