

## **Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience**

### **Synopsis:**

The Dominican Republic has more than 340 open-air landfills without any type of management or control, which have become highly-concentrated areas of air and water pollution. They are an unseen danger for every Dominican. Fortunately, the country is witnessing cultural changes which are creating initiatives that convert this "problem" into an opportunity for development. The message is clear: trash is no longer just trash, rather it has value. As long as trash can be utilized, it is not trash. The appropriate term is "discarded material," a resource which is raw material and then turned into a new product. *Garbage or Resource? A Dominican Republic Experience*, a film produced by GFDD/FUNGLODE, depicts how recycling has become an important economic opportunity for Dominicans. Through various corporate and educational projects, the viewer observes how-- aside from the obvious environmental benefits-- recycling enables economic development through the generation of new companies and industries. A short film which inspires, moves and calls to action.