The Project Propel Urban Barangay Gardens have now become EcoGardens. EcoGardens are vegetable gardens providing added nutrients to families in seven vulnerable communities. EcoGarden fences are made entirely from EcoBricks--plastic bottles densely packed with non-biodegradable waste. Each fence keeps approximately one ton of plastic from entering the landfills and waterways. EcoBricks are also used to make storage spaces, raised garden beds, and even floating gardens in flood-prone areas. The EcoGardens have become an integral part of the community and are enthusiastically supported by the local government units. EcoGardeners have become teachers, educating the greater community about taking care of the environment, healthy eating, and organic urban farming practices. Project Propel will expand the EcoGardens to more areas of Metro Manila, and this year started initiatives in Baseco, the largest urban settlement in the city.

AGRICULTURE & HEALTH EMPOWERMENT FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Project Propel met with six tribal chieftains of the indigenous Aeta people. Through their Tribal Association, a board resolution was approved for a partnership expanding organic livelihood agriculture (EcoFarms) to 10 plots in the surrounding ancestral tribal lands. Project Propel will combine the EcoFarms with health education & empowerment for these undernourished rural communities. We have welcomed Che Abrigo, an experienced organic farmer and community organizer to lead this initiative.

EXPANSION OF ECO-CONCIOUS PRODUCT LINE & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

The Project Propel EcoWings have taken off and are now being sold in five stores in and around Metro Manila. EcoWings are an environmentally-friendly alternative to plastic disposable menstrual pads. The production of EcoWings provides a stable source of income to five women. Since the launch of EcoWings, the team has expanded the product line to include EcoRounds (reusable cotton facial rounds) and EcoLiniers (reusable cotton panty liners).
HEARTFELT THANKS...

Project Propel was honored to host Dr. Ralph Watts and the HELP International team in February. HELP International met with community and program members, local government partners, tribal leaders and partner organizations. They also committed significant support for 2020, which will help in greatly expanding the EcoFarms and EcoWings programs. Our team is incredibly grateful for this partnership!

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM 2019

Thank you to the Project Propel Donor Family. We are so grateful for each & every contribution!

Donations: USD 67,966

Expenses: USD 40,506

Volunteer Spotlight

Project Propel welcomed our third intern from the University of the Philippines in February. Bryan Del Castillo helped as an all around assistant in the office and on programs. He also contributed greatly in merchandising the EcoWings. Thank you Bryan for sharing your time and skills. We are grateful for your positive spirit and creative abilities!

Participate in #MeatlessMonday!

Project Propel promotes a whole food, plant-based diet in our workplace and in the communities we work with. Join us by participating #MeatlessMonday! Every Monday we will post a vegetarian recipe to Instagram and Facebook. DM us your own favorite recipe so we can feature them on our social media and in our Project Propel recipe book!

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