

THE RECOMPOSTERS



From observations to realisations



Singapore School Manila Green Campus is located in an agricultural area where trees are still abundant and therefore, fallen leaves and dry grasses are a common sight. When we were still going to and from school, we could actually see residents raking and burning these leaves as their way of managing these wastes. We are all aware that burning of leaves is harmful to the environment and to our health.



From the school's existing environmental conservation programmes, Earth Warriors and Mindful Makers, The ReComposters, our group, has decided to extend these initiatives to our local community through the distribution of compost mixers. We aim to make a positive change in our neighbourhood by implementing eco-friendly and cost-effective measures in composting. These compost mixers will be used to turn these dried leaves and grasses into valuable fertilisers for the nearby farmers. Not only it helps the residents avoid burning of leaves, it is also a very useful product that helps them produce organic fertilisers.

Our Project

Funding

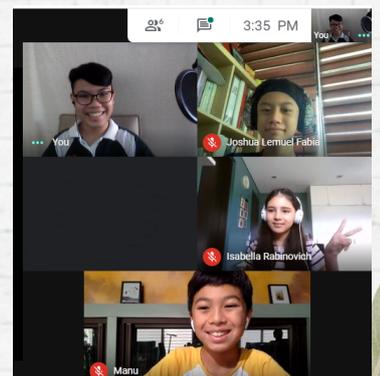
The making of the project was at first challenging because we lacked sources of fund. So we had to do online room-to-room campaign to encourage all students to take their recyclable materials to school for selling. We were able to collect enough funds for the first 5 compost mixers.

Creation

The group used old woods from broken chairs and table as the stand of the compost mixers. We also negotiated with the water suppliers of the school to provide us with very affordable used water bottles that served as the rolling mixers. All GSL members painted them for aesthetic purposes. Out of wastes were compost mixers which would turn wastes into organic fertilisers.

GSL Goals

The Recomposters wished to address



Our Partners

- Students, Parents, Teachers and Staff of SSMGC
- Barangay Council and Residents of Balite II, Silang, Cavite

Our partners have expressed their support until the ReComposters could distribute even more compost mixers in the local community.



Forecasted Impact:

The pandemic has restricted the members of the ReComposters to physically monitor and track the progress of the project. Therefore, we worked hand-in-hand with the Brangay Council, the smallest unit of government in the Philippines and the major organisation to make key changes in the village. The chairman, Mr. Temi Vergara, has agreed to help the group monitor the following assessment criteria or success indicators:

1. number of compost mixers being used by the community;
2. the amount of fertilisers produced;
3. the weekly observations of the frequency of the burning of the leaves and grasses in the community; and
4. number of households making their own compost mixer or requesting for more compost mixers.

We hope that the other barangays will do the same as a result of this project.

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Challenges Overcome:

After the official turn-over of the compost mixers to the Barangay Council, the ReComposters convened online to reflect on some setbacks and challenges that the group had overcome.

- Lack of funding- The room-to-room campaign, official social media accounts and letters to parents had helped the project collect enough funding for the first 5 compost mixers.
- Availability of affordable materials for the compost mixers- Since the was a very limited budget for the project, the group had coordinated with the school's supplier of potable drinking water and requested for some used and old water bottles for the project.
- Mobility Restrictions due to pandemic- The online platform had served as the official meeting place of all the members of The ReComposters- from planning to reflecting.

Lessons Learned:

From this campaign, I learned how to work under a tight schedule as well as how to properly manage my time. This project helped inspire me to become an eco-warrior by showing me that some of the biggest issues can be solved with a simple solution. Additionally, this project also helped me become a better leader as I had to take responsibility for a lot of the major steps in our process.

---Miguel

I have learnt to cooperate better with other people. This experience has taught me that we can make changes to the world no matter our age.

--- Manu

The project has further enhanced my public speaking and creation of worthwhile presentation.

--- Joshua

I have learnt that even if we are young we can still make big changes to help our community. The project taught me to become a better leader by showing a good example and by working hard to achieve our goals and to help in any ways I can.

--- Bella

One small action for the betterment of the community