



Crystal Clear Koi

H2O = Helping to Overcome



Overview

Ironically, the Philippines is a country that suffers from water scarcity and unsanitary water; despite being surrounded by the ocean, many people fall ill from drinking contaminated water that contains rust and bacteria, enforcing the need for our project. This tragic situation caught our attention, and we decided to devote our projects to solve the said issue. At the same time, we cannot help everybody; we are sure that we are making a lasting impact on the communities we support.

Our missions were to provide clean water to communities in need by providing quality water filters for them to use. We also learned the importance of water storage for some communities and planned to supply some with water tanks. Finally, we made sure to have seminars that enriched knowledge of the importance of clean water and ones that provided training for those who needed skills for livelihood. Our chosen SDGs are the following: SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 6, and SDG 17.



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The Process

Our first plan was to host seminars about the importance of clean water in schools and provide tap water filters to a community. However, we found this problematic as the water system in Manila was already quite developed and was still improving due to the local water companies. However, when Typhoon Odette hit the Philippines, we saw its destruction on the towns and their water supplies. Due to this, we decided to contact the Municipality of Samboan, one of the affected towns, and change our plans into more developed and well-thought plans. These plans were now Project Agua Sagrada which tackled SDG 4; Project Agua Bendita, SDGs 6, 4, and 17; and finally, Project Agua Limpia, which tackled SDGs 6, 3, and 17. These projects were under our large collective project, Project Agua Vida, which aimed to tackle all our chosen SDGs.

We then informed our audience and individuals who donated to us about our new goals, aims, and plans. We also planned out our project timeline since we started near the submission deadline for GSL. We were able to get a contact person from the municipality who accepted our project proposals and allowed us to partner up with the other organisations that assisted us in our project. We also sent them the funds through Gcash to their bank account to purchase the materials for the projects. However, we did this little by little to avoid the risk of fraud. We only sent the next set of funds after seeing that they had purchased the materials, and we received receipt photos sent through messenger. These projects took us three months to complete, or 450 working hours.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



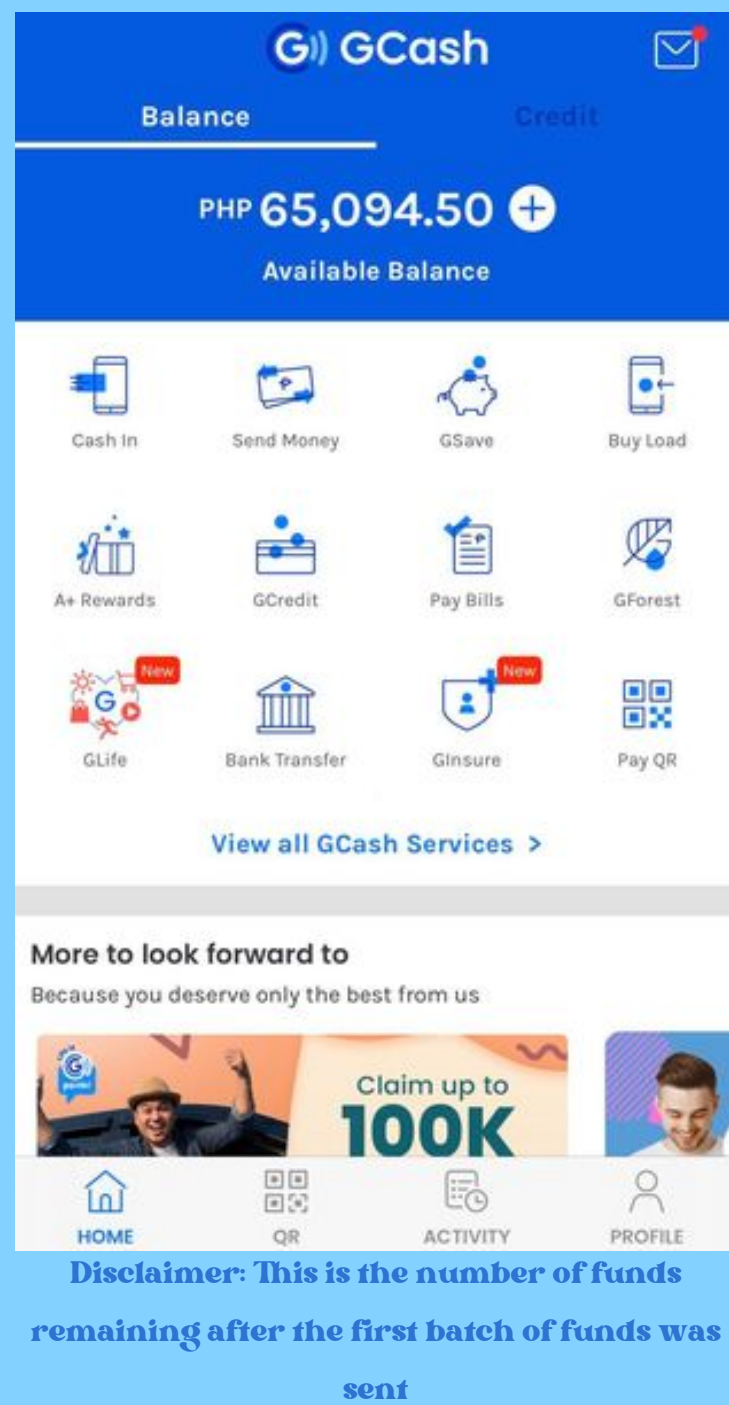
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Funding

Due to the pandemic, we could not raise funds through the usual means of selling products such as food and drinks. Therefore, we had to become innovative and brainstorm ideas. The ideas for funding we came up with were doing a donation drive on our Instagram page and a people fundraiser where we reach out to individuals if they are interested in donating to our group. These donations were sent to our Gcash account.

Generous donations were given to us by supportive communities and individuals who liked our aim and projects, helping us raise over 85 thousand pesos or about 1292 GBP, 35,000 coming from our social media donation drive, and 50,000 coming from the reaching out to people fundraiser.



Outcomes, impacts and setbacks

After many setbacks and redrafting of our plans, our projects were able to:

- Provided three 1000 litre water tanks, renewable water filters, and water pumps to three different communities that would last them at least 5 years
- Hold educational seminars to train those affected by Typhoon Odette about skills for livelihood and the importance of clean water in their abilities.
- Partnered with The Municipality of Samboan, Sangguniang Bayan Samboan, and other organizations

These massively impacted the communities, the water quality had improved, and there were reduced health risks. Unfortunately, we could not purchase or deliver the equipment ourselves; however, the organisations we partnered with were more than willing to help us provide and buy the water tanks and filters. Time was also an issue since our new project started late, so we had to rush. We also weren't getting any donations at first; however, we were able to receive assistance from generous individuals with continuous promotion.



The Experience

Everyone was given a specific and unique task to complete; therefore, our experience varied from person to person. However, most of us agreed that while it was stressful, this pushed us to achieve our work ahead of schedule and accomplish our tasks efficiently. We admit that our time management and planning could have been improved since our project was reasonably delayed due to unforeseen circumstances such as academic projects and requirements. As well as events the municipality and organisations needed to attend due to the upcoming political elections. The overall experience left a lasting impression on us; it has brought us closer together and has improved our coordination as a team; we laughed, cried, and worked together to achieve the same goal.



Highlights:

- Gained 275 followers on Instagram
- Raised over 85K pesos in donations
- Daily stories and weekly posts
- Partnered up with The Municipality of Samboan, Sangguniang Bayan Samboan, and St Jude Thaddeus Foundation Samboan
- Provided three 1000 litre water tanks, water pumps, and renewable filters to use in three communities.
- Received a resolution from the Municipality of Samboan

'A RESOLUTION GRATEFULLY EXPRESSING SINCEREST THANKS TO CRYSTAL CLEAR KOI FOR THE ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING THE WATER SYSTEM IN BARANGAYS BULANGSURAN, CAMBUROY, AND MONTEVERDE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAMBOAN.' Signed and Approved by the Municipal Vice Mayor and Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan.

