

Vision

A clean environment maintained by collective action of the citizens, private parties, and government institutions

Objectives

1. Raise awareness in 10 schools per region regarding the importance of solid-waste management
2. To facilitate 4 schools in the country set-up their solid-waste management system

Start with the youth-- encourage student leaders to take action!

As today's youth will be tomorrow's leaders, the idea is to create an environment that is conducive to proper practice and an environment that they will want to create for themselves wherever they may be and whatever career they may want to pursue. When they pursue their careers for service, they don't have to be called "environmentalist" – because what we aim for is a time when we are able to live sustainably and resiliently, and that caring for the environment is innate in everyone's culture.

This project will be national in scope, and will need support of alumni from the 4 main regions in the Philippines (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and NCR). The target beneficiaries will be secondary or tertiary schools and their students, and will be provide grants to schools to start-up a solid-waste management system. Beyond the grant, the important thing about this project is that the recipients will be committed and invested in the project by providing venue, logistical, and administrative support to make the project successful. This follows the principle of “inclusive leadership”

Activities

- I. Planning and networking (*3-6 months*)
- II. Solid-waste management workshops (*3 months*)
 - A school tour to at least 10 schools per major region to reorient the schools with proper solid-waste management and to introduce the SWM grant
- III. Provide support to student leaders who are interested in improving the solid waste management system in their school building (*6 months*)
 - proposals from interested schools will be accepted, and 4 schools (one each from NCR, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao) will be chosen as recipients of a grant worth \$1,000 to be used for setting up a solid-waste management system in their school
 - selection of recipients will be based on need, commitment from the school administration and students
 - create linkages between the school and the LGU, waste collectors, recyclers, and organizations to be able to sustain the solid-waste management system set in the school
- IV. Creative output competition (*4 months, could run parallel with III*)
 - Art, film, and/or writing

Duration: 12 – 18 months (with planning)

Budget

Grants	\$ 4,000
Travel (airfare, bus to schools for project	\$ 6,000

coordinators and speakers)	
Supplies and operational expenses	\$ 4,000
Publicity (newsprint, radio, internet)	\$ 4,000
Workshops (venue, food)	\$ 6,000
Awards	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 25,000