



GLOBAL  
SEED  
SAVERS

2022

# IMPACT REPORT

WE ENVISION HUNGER-FREE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE, FARMER-PRODUCED SEEDS AND FOOD.

## VISION

## MISSION

GLOBAL SEED SAVERS IS AN EDUCATIONAL AND ADVOCACY INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING SMALLHOLDER FARMERS IN CREATING LOCAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND FOSTERING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THROUGH TECHNICAL TRAINING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-OWNED AND OPERATED SEED LIBRARIES.

## VALUES



FOOD AND SEED SOVEREIGNTY



ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

FARMER LEADERSHIP



EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVITY



COMMUNITY

## WHY

THE WORLD HAS AN INCREASING NEED FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS THAT HELP US TACKLE THE TRIPLE-IMPACT CHALLENGES OF: PRODUCING MORE FOOD, CREATING MORE JOBS, AND PRESERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE REALITIES.

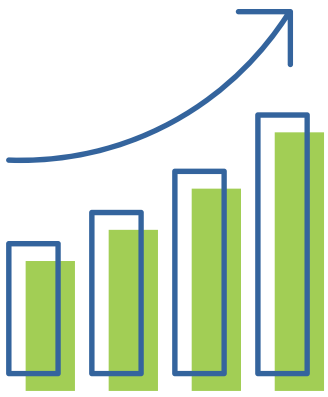
AT GLOBAL SEED SAVERS, SMALL-HOLDER FARMERS, EQUIPPED WITH THE SEEDS AND THE REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE INHERITED FROM THEIR ANCESTORS, LIE AT THE HEART OF OUR SOLUTIONS.

## OUR MODEL



# OUR 2022 IMPACT

We surpassed our revenue goal for the year raising



## \$204,664

in revenue to support our growing work

We received our largest grant in our history; \$35,000 from the **Conversation Food and Health Foundation**

## \$35,000



## \$27,700

Our July Campaign was a success!

**Sikat Saka: The Rise of Farmers and Seeds**

Thanks to **61 donors** we raised over \$22,700 and **unlocked a dollar for dollar match.**

Held our first **hybrid Nourish Celebration!**

Our global community gathered for hybrid Nourish including watch parties in Denver and in the Philippines in Baguio and Cebu City.



We raised 

## \$20,380

 from **67 Donors**



We held our first **IN-PERSON STAFF RETREAT**

with all staff members since COVID!



**APRIL 2022**

We launched our new **website** with more resources and interactive elements!



Gained a new team member Anjanette Wilson as our

**DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

Expanded our US board with two new **BOARD MEMBERS**



# OUR 2022 IMPACT

## SEED SCHOOLS

### Tublay and La Trinidad Benguet

19 participants

Led by BASS SSTT Graduates

#### Tublay

27 participants

### Oriental Mindoro

10 participants

Rangers of Mts. Iglit in Partnership with Philippine Permaculture Association (PPA) and D'Avoville Foundation (DAF)

### Siargao

14 participants

(Partnership with NGO LOKAL)

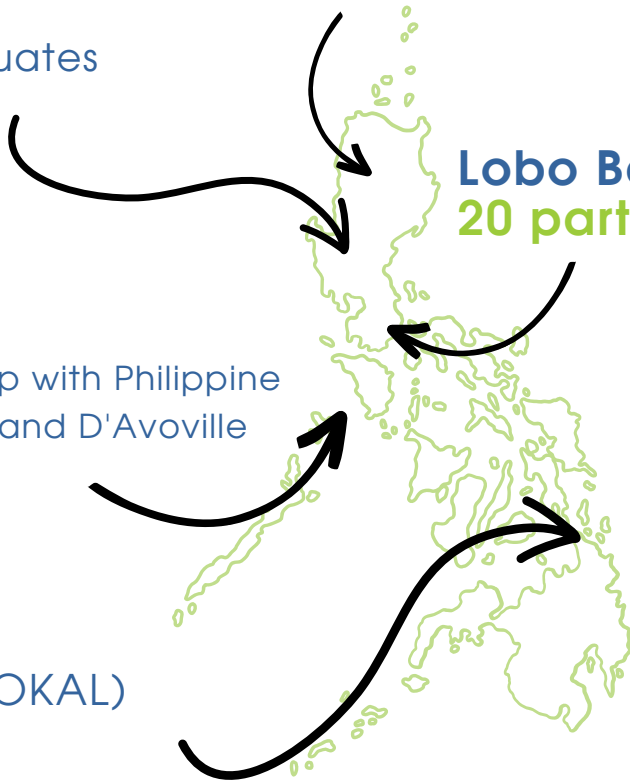
### Bauko Mountain Province

25 participants

In Bauko Mountain Province in partnership with Good Food Community

### Lobo Batangas

20 participants



3 Online/Virtual Seed Schools

60 participants

Partnership with SOURCEFIT

## SEED SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

Facilitated a 3-day Seed School Teacher Training (SSTT) attended by:

- 3 farmers from Benguet Association of Seed Savers,
- 1 Cebu Seed Saver,
- 3 CAFEi partner NGO staff.



### SSTT GRADUATES TRAINED 27 PEOPLE



SSTT Graduates conducted Seed School in a day and applied learning as a practicum to various audiences from the academe, students, and farmers at Children's Paradise Montessori School in Talamban Cebu.

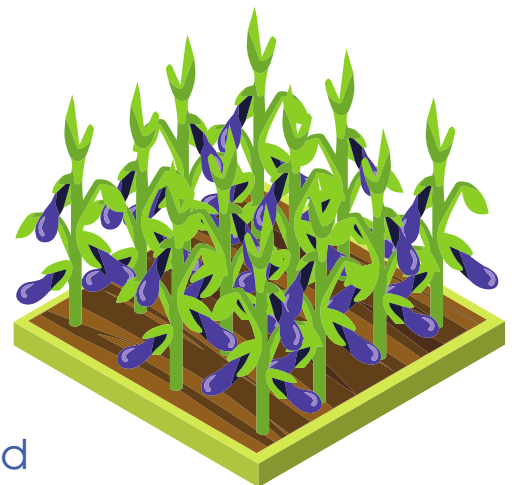
## SEED PRODUCTION

At Arapal seed production site

Dedicated 1200sqm parcel for seed production

5 new garden plots and beds

13 new varieties of seed produced



\$900

SEED SALES

We sold \$900 USD (49,305 PHP) of seeds to local buyers

# CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE TRAINING PROGRAM



CONSULTANCY AND FARM VISITS BY JOHN SARMIENTO WITH THE CEBU SEED SAVERS



John Sarmiento provided farm plan advice and design guidance to farmers. **28 participants:** including the **Cebu Seed Savers, CAFEi Staff and Farmer Association members.**

Conducted online consultations with

**15** Integrated Diversified Organic Farming System (IDOFS) participants.

IDOF's participants, specifically the Cebu Seed Savers started to implement the **7 Sustainable Agriculture Indicators** preparing them for the Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) inspection.

Participating farmers are those impacted by Typhoon Odette in 2021. Through these programs their farms have been rebuilt and are better prepared for future typhoons.

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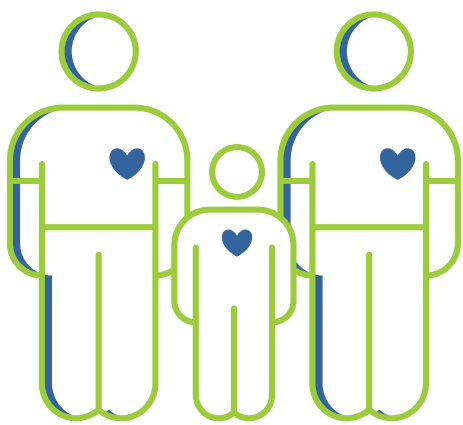
People trained in person at Arapal Nature Farms

**25**

Farmers attended the Online Consultation

**28**

Farmers attended farm visits and synthesis



"The thing that struck me most about the retreat, is the group discussions where we talked about things to improve on in the future. Being a member of the BASS, I realized that being committed to saving seeds must be sustained."

~ Anita Sinakay, BASS member



**10 BASS MEMBERS**

attended an **organizational retreat in La Union** which provided an opportunity for the members to reaffirm their commitment to seed saving and strengthen their relationships as an association.

## SOURCEFIT PARTNERSHIP

**1000**

PACKS OF ASSORTED VEGETABLES DELIVERED TO MANILA

**30**

NEW PARTICIPANTS WERE TRAINED IN SEED SAVING AND ORGANIC FARMING

**20**

PROJECT SUPPORTS LIVELIHOODS OF 10 FARMERS AND 10 VEGETABLE LABORERS

This project was a component of our **partnership agreement with SOURCEFit**, a BPO company that provided online Home Gardening and Seed School. The ultimate goal of this partnership was to decrease the company's carbon footprint by introducing seed saving and sustainable agriculture (i.e. home gardening). This also generated new livelihood and markets for the participating farmers through the sale of their produce.

Sherry, Karen, and Bill had the honor of meeting and speaking with

**DR. VANDANA SHIVA AT NAVDANYA BIO-DIVERSITY FARM.**

Located in Northern India



*Dr. Shiva said to Karen and Sherry, "we need more connections between India and the Philippines."*



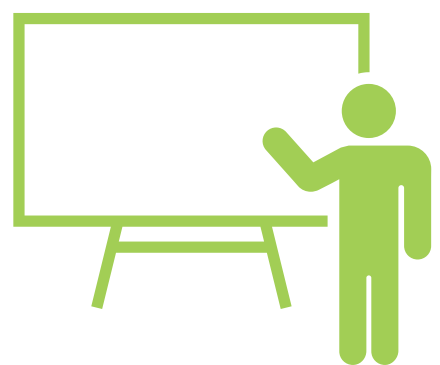
**Visited Navdanya's sacred seed bank!**

## **INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY AND LEARNING AT THE THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) 9TH GOVERNING BODY (GB9) SESSION**

# 400+ Participants

GSS participated as an NGO observer at the GB9 Session of the FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Advocated for Farmers' Rights via the treaty mechanisms and networked with NGO leaders and country delegates from around the world. The treaty governs **64 of the world's most popular seeds**, with **149 signatory countries**, industry partners, and more!

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SHERRY MANNING AND KAREN LEE HIZOLA PRESENTED OUR WORK DURING A SIDE EVENT AT THE GB9**



*"We were thrilled to have participated in the exciting FAO gathering and learn, contribute, and ensure that the voices of the true heroes in agriculture were represented, **our dedicated partner farmers**. At this critical moment in history, **there has never been a more important time to advocate for the restoration of local food and seed systems.**"*

*~ Sherry Manning, Founder and US Executive Director  
Global Seed Savers*