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OUR MODEL

FARMER TECHNICAL TRAINING
SEED TRIALS & FARMER ORGANIZING
SEED LIBRARIES
EXPANDED SEED PRODUCTION
DIRECT FARMER TO CONSUMER SALES
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.

We held our first in-person STAFF RETREAT with all staff members since COVID!

We launched our new website in April 2022 with more resources and interactive elements!

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.

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Gained a new team member Anjanette Wilson as our DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR.

Expanded our US board with two new BOARD MEMBERS!

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OUR 2022 IMPACT

SEED SCHOOLS

Tublay and La Trinidad Benguet
19 participants
Led by BASS SSTT Graduates

Lobo Batangas
20 participants

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
(Parternship with NGO LOKAL)

Bauko Mountain Province
25 participants
In Bauko Mountain Province in partnership with Good Food Community

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
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.

“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

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.

IDOFS 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.

People trained in person at Arapal Nature Farms: 18

Farmers attended the Online Consultation: 25

Farmers attended farm visits and synthesis: 28

10 BASS MEMBERS

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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