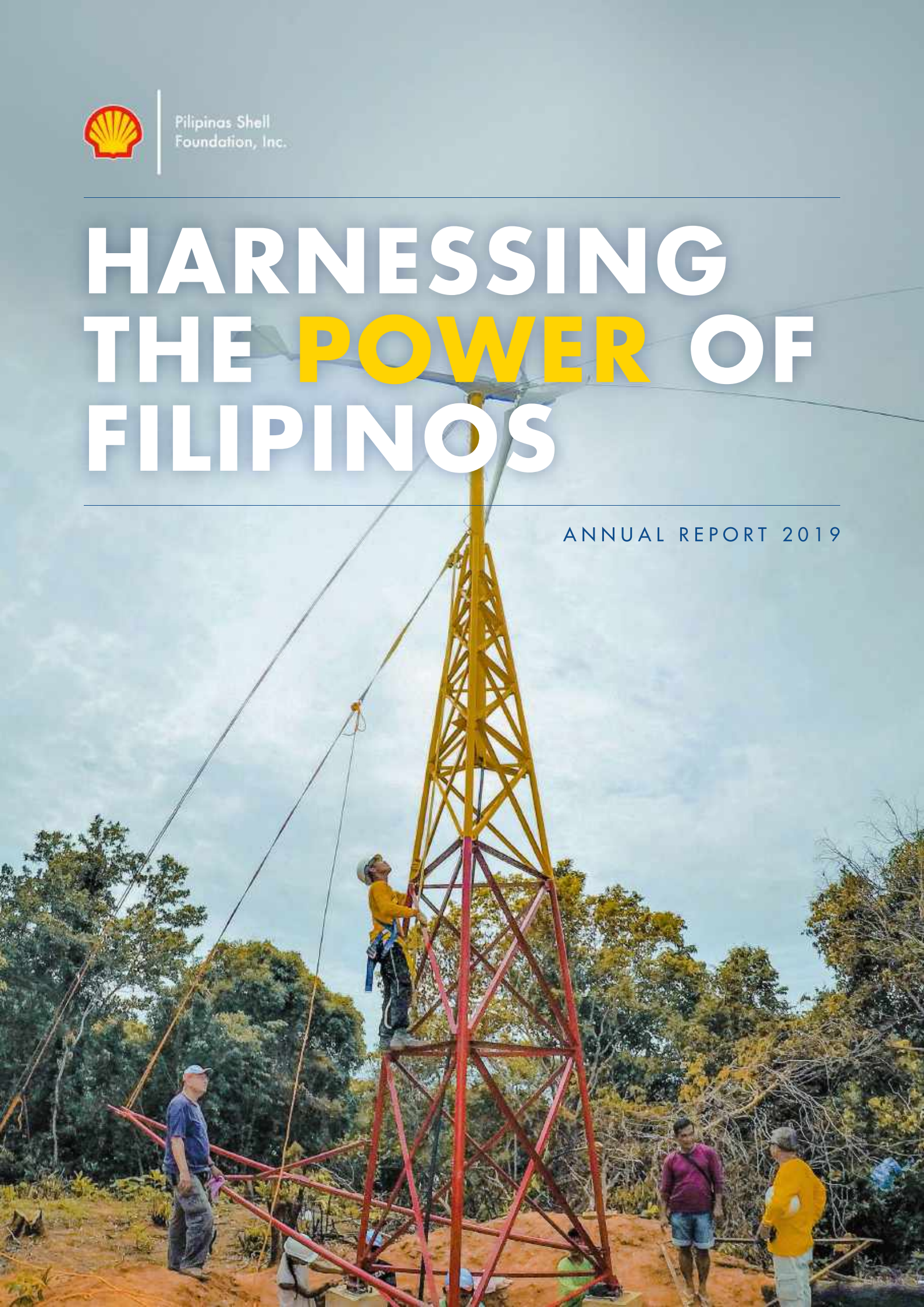




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Dear Partners,

More than three decades ago, we established the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) with a desire to become partners and enablers in nation building, guided by a vision that one day all our brothers and sisters would be productive and responsible members of Philippine society. Today, the Foundation remains true to this vision in a manner that exemplifies the Shell core values of honesty, integrity, and respect for people.

Over the years, the Foundation has expanded and improved its programs to ensure that our work responds to the most urgent needs of our country, particularly in the communities surrounding the Shell worksites. What started with a few programs focused on skills building and improving income generation has since then expanded to encompass 5 areas of assistance: 1) Education, 2) Livelihood, 3) Health and Safety, 4) Environment and 5) Energy.

All of our work aims to achieve positive, sustainable social impact in our communities and contribute to shared goals defined by national strategies and global priorities, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Recognizing the complexity of poverty eradication and nation-building, we continue to reflect on our work and achievements and identify new ways of working that could make our impact greater and more sustainable. We continue to strive to identify holistic approaches that address the root causes of development challenges and design and implement programs that are multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder in approach, knowing that working together towards common goals is the only way we can promote meaningful and long-term change.

I would like to thank our partners, particularly: the Philippine Government- our shared love for this country and commitment to inclusive growth have fueled our dedication to work together in nation-building. The Global Fund - whose support through the years has brought us closer to our goal of eradicating malaria in the country. We look forward to our continued partnership to end epidemics such as malaria and HIV in the Philippines. Lastly, to the staff and volunteers - thank you for your commitment and hard work; for sharing in the Foundation's vision and values. Your unwavering dedication and all that you have and continue to achieve inspire me with awe.


Cesar A. Buenaventura
CHAIRMAN





Our strong partnership with the Filipino people fuels our business to remain as a market leader, an economic enabler, and an active supporter of nation-building.

Beyond operating a successful business in the country, Shell also takes pride in empowering millions of lives and communities through its social development arm, the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI).

At the core of PSFI's mission is its aim to harness the power of Filipinos to become productive and responsible members of society. Through the years, the Foundation has stayed relevant by designing and implementing best practice social development projects that uplift lives and develop capabilities.

In the last 37 years, the organization has touched the lives of over 13 million Filipinos. PSFI has gone beyond the traditional philanthropy model and has instead opted for sustainable solutions. Its initiatives on sustainable farming, alternative livelihood, disease prevention, health education and provision of power to off-grid areas, among others, go beyond dole-outs and demonstrate real impact.

In 2019, PSFI has continued to expand on its role as the partner of Shell companies in the Philippines in promoting sustainable development. This report showcases programs of scale and sustainability; as well as stories of individuals and communities empowered with knowledge, skills and resources. Of special note is our flagship program Movement Against Malaria, which has reduced malaria cases and fatalities in the Philippines by 95%. Other highlights include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related initiatives. Shell has given supplemental focus on STEM in anticipation that supporting innovators and 'solution-thinkers' will lead to a more competitive talent pool and help meet national targets and aspirations.

I look forward to seeing how the initiatives of the Foundation can create an even bigger impact in the coming years. I am confident that not only will our current programs continue to grow and prosper, but also new ones will be implemented that will further strengthen community systems, and at all times, uphold the Shell core values of honesty, integrity, and respect for people.

We remain committed in partnering with the government and communities to realize our shared goals of facilitating social progress, protecting the planet and promoting economic growth through viable and sustainable capacity-building programs of PSFI.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cesar G. Romero', written in a cursive style.

Cesar G. Romero

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

What a year it was for Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI).

I am sure that all of those who are part of this organization, including our partners and stakeholders, know that the year 2019 was truly a time of many transitions.

It was a fresh start for many. From transitioning to a new home office, organizational changes, and welcoming new faces. We have taken a step towards ensuring that our team continues to be composed of individuals who are not only passionate and principled about what they do, but are experts in their fields as well. This will become the strong backbone behind the achievements of the Foundation.

Our work towards contributing to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) continues to be resolute through the enhancement and development of programs on Livelihood, Education, Health and Safety, Environment, and Energy. Some programs have been successfully phased out, while many remain to work with communities and various sectors in achieving the goal of becoming self-sustaining. In 2019, we started to enhance our processes in ensuring that these programs continue to be relevant and effective for the people that we serve, and augmented them for further efficiency.

Through the unwavering collaboration efforts and careful evaluation of these programs, we make certain that we are always working towards our vision of a Philippine society composed of productive, self-sufficient, and responsible communities.

There are so many things to be thankful for in the past year, and we completed 2019 with many activities and accomplishments around the country. To all our staff, partners and stakeholders, let me express my heartfelt thank you for everything we have done. May the Lord bless the work of our hands always!

I am sure this publication will take us back to our accomplishments and inspire us to do more as catalysts of change. We all can make a bigger difference and we can do that now.

Sama-samang pagtulong, sabay sabay na pagsulong!


Sebastian C. Quiniones, Jr.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





Pilipinas Shell
Foundation, Inc.

PILIPINAS SHELL FOUNDATION, INC. (PSFI)

AN OVERVIEW

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) was established on August 19, 1982 as the social investment arm of the Shell companies in the Philippines.

For 37 years, PSFI has led fit-for-purpose projects that respond not only to the needs of Shell worksites and host communities, but to the rest of the country.

Currently, PSFI works with numerous groups in various locations around the Philippines, with specialized focus on communities in Batangas, Camarines Sur, Palawan, Tacloban, and Cagayan de Oro.

Guided by its vision, PSFI aims to strengthen and harness the capacities of the most vulnerable sectors of the country through close collaboration with its partners, stakeholders, and the Shell companies in contributing to the country's sustainable development.

PSFI remains unremitting and undaunted in its efforts to uphold the Shell core values of honesty, integrity, and respect for other people and the environment.

PSFI'S FIVE THEMATIC AREAS

To help uplift the lives of the most vulnerable sectors in the Philippines, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) has aligned its goals with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN). Specifically, PSFI established five (5) thematic areas catering to sustainability programs on national and local levels.



LIVELIHOOD



EDUCATION



**HEALTH &
SAFETY**



ENVIRONMENT



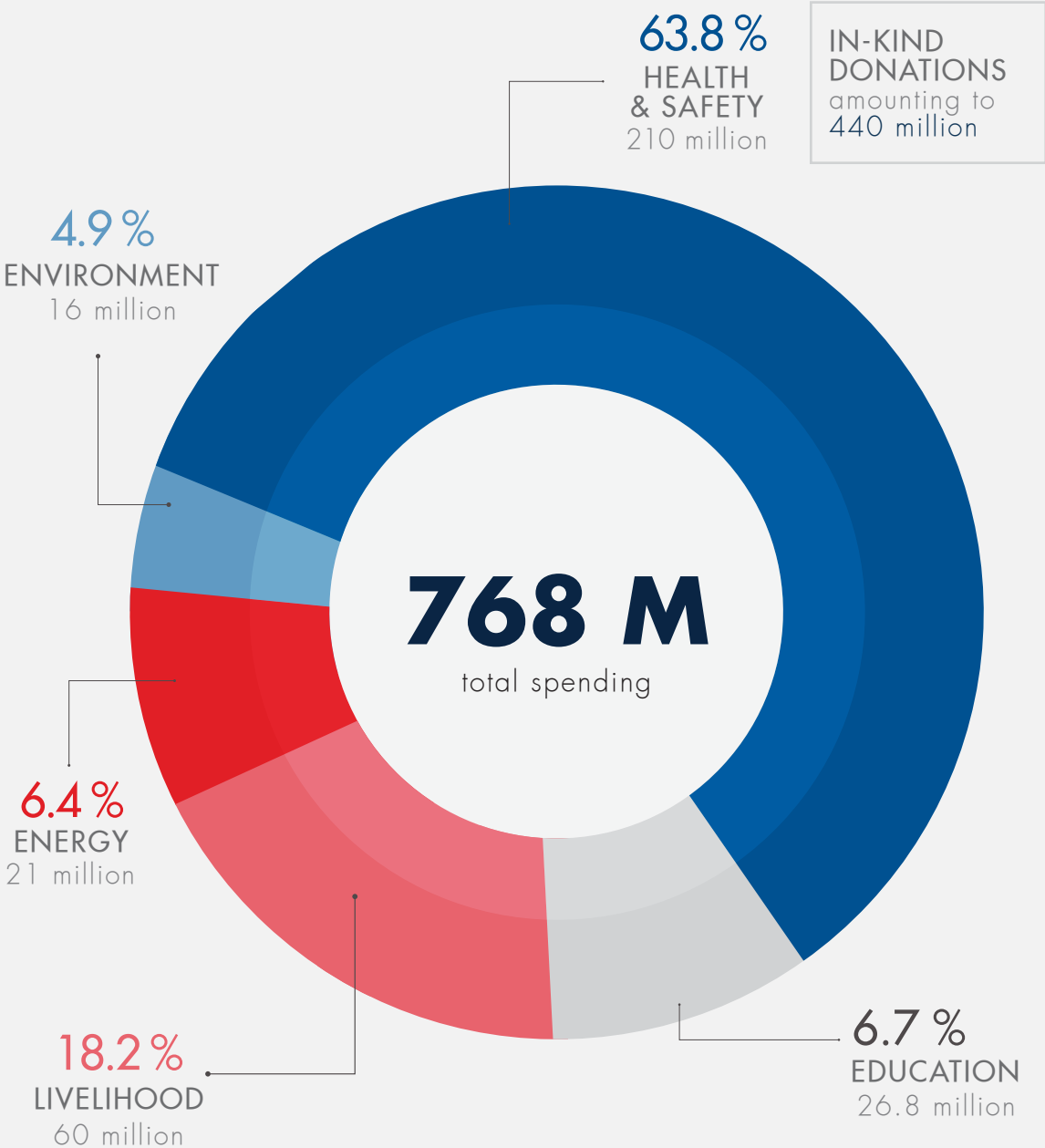
ENERGY

Each of the programs has a primary objective and is categorized under a specific thematic area. However, PSFI recognizes how the thematic areas overlap and transcend their respective boundaries. Therefore, each program is designed with this in mind, ensuring that the work that the Foundation does has a more meaningful, holistic, and sustainable impact for the communities and the people that it serves.

OUR PROGRAM SPENDING

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, PSFI spent an amount of 328 million in cash grants and received a 440 million in-kind donation for its sustainability programs, all amounting to a total program spending of 768 million.

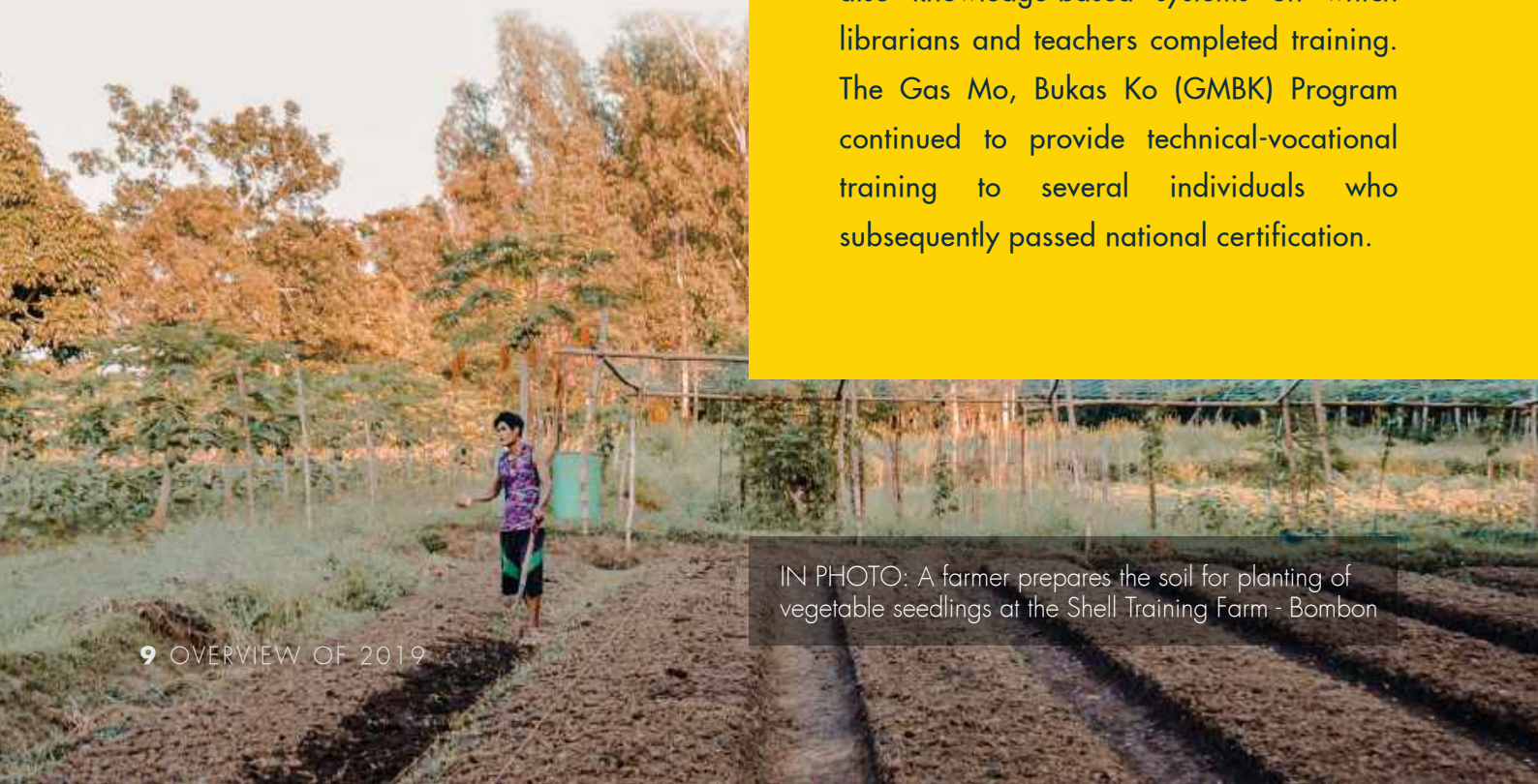


Program Indirect expenses excluding depreciation amounted to 30.25 million.

2019 was a banner year for Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) across all of its five thematic areas.

Through PSFI's *livelihood* programs alone, hundreds of individuals completed training on sustainable farming and livelihood development. Shell training farms continue to provide consistent income generating opportunities for farmers, expanding to more farming families in El Nido through the establishment of the Palawan Eco-Agro Park (PEAP) and the development of an aquaponic system for year-round farming. Coconut farmers in Quezon Province have also benefited from training sessions on alternative livelihood products like coco beads that are used in jewelry making.

Ensuring equitable access to quality *education* is one of the key thrusts of PSFI. In 2019, the Foundation helped build a school library paving the way for more students and teachers to access not only books, but also knowledge-based systems on which librarians and teachers completed training. The Gas Mo, Bukas Ko (GMBK) Program continued to provide technical-vocational training to several individuals who subsequently passed national certification.



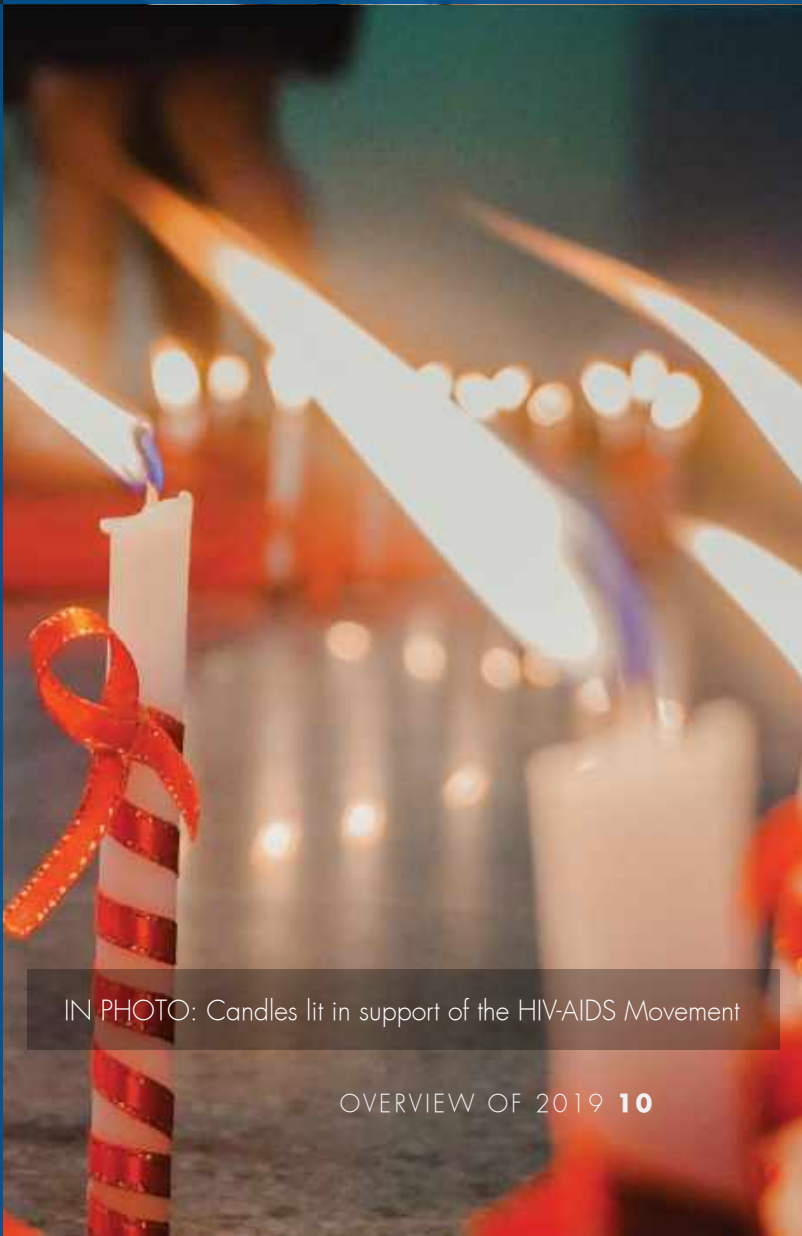
IN PHOTO: A farmer prepares the soil for planting of vegetable seedlings at the Shell Training Farm - Bombon



IN PHOTO: High school students work together in identifying solutions to community issues through the NXplorers workshop

PSFI's scholarships have nudged students from across the country another step closer to reaching their dreams. Some scholars showcased their inventions at an Asian summit, showing how PSFI encourages students to tap on their creativity and turn their ideas into reality. The NXplorer workshops instilled a love for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) among young students and their teachers. These STEM programs inspire the youth to address issues within their communities through their innovations.

Health and Safety indicators are also remarkable. For the past ten years, PSFI has already helped more than 100,000 Filipinos get free HIV testing, and dozens of schools and companies have been provided with HIV orientations/seminars. PSFI also continues to be instrumental in helping make the Philippines malaria-free. As of 2019, only four provinces have local transmission of malaria. Through PSFI's Movement Against Malaria campaign (MAM), additional Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) sites and halfway houses were established. The Foundation has also entered into partnerships with both the academe and local leaders to come up with more strategies to reach and reinforce behavior that help prevent the spread of the disease.



IN PHOTO: Candles lit in support of the HIV-AIDS Movement



IN PHOTO: Tree seedlings grown in Shell Training - Center – Pilillia, Quezon awaiting readiness for planting

Since its inception in 2017, PSFI's partnership with Axios International and Takeda has provided physicians with a mechanism to help cancer patients complete their entire prescribed course of treatment even if they cannot afford partial or full payment. The Takeda Patient Assist Program (PAP) personalizes a treatment plan for the patient that is designed to optimize care and treatment benefits, and increases access to certain medications. PSFI and PAP received a total of Php 400 million in kind in assistance.

PSFI has faced the challenges of Climate Change head-on through its *environmental* programs. From the time of its inception in mid-2017, the Carbon Sink Project (CSP) saw PSFI purchase and plant 91,000 seedlings from local communities which partly increased their income. Of this, 80,000 seedlings have survived (93% of those planted) and will grow to become trees. Through PSFI's Turismo at Negosyo Dulot ng Ingat Kalikasan (TANDIKAN) in Palawan, an impressive 35,000 trees were also planted.

PSFI has always been a leader in harnessing *energy* to provide Filipinos better opportunities to improve their lives. In 2019, three islands and one farm in Palawan started to enjoy the benefits of 24/7 solar power through the efforts of PSFI and its partners.

These milestones are by no means exhaustive. There have been more achievements, many contained within the pages of this report. Challenges would always be there, but with the efforts of everyone at PSFI and its partners, the new year that ushers in a new decade bodes favorably for the Foundation and its future projects.



harness

verb

/'hɑ:r.nəs/

to bring under conditions for effective use¹

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), through its partnerships and initiatives, strives hard to harness the power of the Filipino people. Through sheer determination and collective action, the future is better, brighter for everyone.

¹ <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/harness>



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IN PHOTO: Process of coco bead making in Agdangan, Quezon Province



LIVELIHOOD

Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI) works hard to help Filipinos become self-sufficient by working closely with various sectors of society and providing opportunities for profitable and sustainable livelihood.

Through these various concerted efforts, PSFI aids many Filipinos by enhancing their capacities and broadening their knowledge; in so doing, helping them realize their goals for them to have a better, more self-reliant future.

In 2019, the Foundation made big strides in providing agricultural, technical-vocational, and job readiness training sessions to help increase opportunities for employment and profitable yet sustainable enterprises.

PSFI continues to promote the benefits of organic farming, organic livestock raising, aquaponics among other more sustainable and low-cost methods. A series of training

was conducted to enhance the farmers' competencies and skills on farming and related technologies. Coconut farmers were also given training sessions that paved the way for an alternative livelihood using by-products.

Our Programs

- Agriculture Research and Development
- Collaboration for Coconut Productivity and Nurturing Farmers' Trade (Project COCONUT)
- Gas Mo, Bukas Ko (GMBK)
- Integrated Farming Biosystems (IFBS)
- Joblink
- Leadership Enhancement and Aptitude Development (LEAD) Workshop
- Maghanapbuhay sa Bahay (MAGBUHAY)
- Sanayan sa Kakayahang Industriyal (SKIL)
- Sanayan sa Kakayahang Pangangalakal (SKP)
- Shell Training Farms
- Unlad sa Pasada (USP)

PROJECT COCONUT: PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD TO COCONUT FARMERS



IN PHOTO: A coconut farmer processes coco beads from coconut husks

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) taps into the many potentials of coconuts, one of the country's key crop exports, to ease the plight of many Filipino farmers through its Project Collaboration for Coconut Productivity and Nurturing Farmers Trade or Project COCONUT.

Project COCONUT aspires to enhance organizational development and capacity building among coconut farmers. To help augment farmers' income and promote economic self-sufficiency, the Program mobilizes cooperatives, conducts seminars, and provides training to increase income through the creation of coconut-based products such as handicrafts and souvenir items.

These efforts were undertaken to improve the quality of life of coconut farmer-partners in the municipalities of Agdangan, Unisan, and Padre Burgos, Quezon Province and increase their income by at least 35% by 2021. The University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB) serves as a long-term partner on the research and monitoring of the impact of Mykovam, an affordable biological fertilizer, on the Tacunan Green Dwarf variety of coconuts common in those areas.

A Coco Bead Training was held last August 2019 for coconut farmers teaching them the techniques of coco bead making. Key partners present



IN PHOTO: Coco beads, an alternative means of livelihood for the coconut farmers of Quezon Province

during the training are JNJ Industries and Unisan Cooperative farmer partners.

In December 2019, Project COCONUT, with the help of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), staged an exhibit in Lucena, Quezon showcasing various coco bead-inspired products. The exhibit linked cooperatives with private and government agencies which shared their expertise on coconut by-products, financing, technology, research and development. Key partners present were the DTI, Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), UniGel, JNJ, and LGUs in Quezon Province.

This coming 2020, the Program is set to visit UniGel in Cebu City to further expand the reach of its products and inspire more municipalities to initiate their own coco bead production.

PALAWAN ECO-AGRO PARK: A SUSTAINABILITY HUB IN THE PH'S LAST FRONTIER

The province of Palawan has always been at the forefront of sustainability in the country. In recent years, its LGUs have forged various partnerships with the public and private sectors in ensuring that its rich yet fragile ecosystem is protected and the livelihood of its locals augmented.

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) recognizes the need to support not only the province's economy, but also to safeguard the vast resources and near-pristine ecosystem of what is touted as the country's last frontier.

To address these needs, PSFI established the Palawan Eco-Agro Park (PEAP), a sustainable training, demonstration, and information center of agricultural and entrepreneurial opportunities designed to contribute to the socio-economic development of farmers and entrepreneurs in Palawan.

PEAP is a partnership project of the Provincial Government of Palawan (PGP), the Local Government of the Municipality of El Nido, and PSFI that seek to empower and equip farmers with knowledge and skills on appropriate technologies and entrepreneurship. The farm was officially inaugurated last October 7, 2019 at Sitio Calampinay, Brgy. Pasadena, El Nido, Palawan.

PEAP serves as the hub of various efforts towards sustainable farming. Among these efforts is organic vegetable production (tomato, hot pepper, okra, string beans, and leafy vegetables) that are not only sustainable, but are also able to withstand weather disturbances like heavy rains and typhoons. High value vegetables were also planted like broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage for trial and verification. In 2019, the number of vegetables produced is 3,274.19 kgs with the total sales pegged at P177,786.50--- both very impressive feats for PEAP which is less than a year old.

Moreover, East-West Seed Co. (EWSC) partnered with PSFI in establishing a vegetable demonstration farm at PEAP to grow new varieties of crops such as sweet corn, eggplants, sweet pepper, hot pepper, upo, ampalaya, pakwan, tomato, and string beans, taking into consideration the year-round climate in El Nido. PEAP provides labor and land area, while EWSC provides seeds and farm inputs. Profit from the harvest goes directly to PEAP.



IN PHOTO: A farmer harvests eggplants in Palawan Eco-Agro Park

Two plant nurseries made of bamboo and ultra-violet (UV) plastic for roofing to house planting materials and seedlings during heavy rains and bad weather were constructed within the grounds of PEAP. Through these nurseries, leafy vegetables and other high value crops could be grown during the monsoon season. Additionally, these low-cost plant nurseries could be replicated by farmers in their communities using indigenous materials like bamboo and round timber.

Aside from organic crops, organic poultry and livestock like rabbits and pigs are raised, and tilapia is cultured within the sprawling grounds of PEAP. Production of organic

fertilizers and pesticides through composting, vermicomposting, and the use of indigenous plants and materials for vegetable production are also done in the compound.

Training sessions were conducted by PSFI to further capacitate farmers and entrepreneurs on livelihood and entrepreneurial opportunities. The series of training conducted in 2019 was on Integrated Farming Bio-system (IFBS), organic pig production, organic fertilizer and pesticide production, and rabbit raising.

LOW-COST, HIGH YIELD, AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING THROUGH AQUAPONICS

In 2019, the Agriculture Research and Development program of Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) initiated the development of a semi-commercial backyard aquaponic model. The study aims to investigate the production performance for both vegetable crops and aquaculture in the system. Economic feasibility of the system is a primary consideration as a marker for potential livelihood.

Aquaponics is a sustainable method of raising both fish and vegetables. This type of indoor farming is becoming more and more popular because one grows considerably more food with less water, land, and labor than traditional agriculture. It is a combination of recirculating aquaculture (raising fish in tanks) and hydroponics (soilless plant culture). In aquaponics, the nutrient-rich water from raising fish provides a natural fertilizer for the plants, the plants in turn help purify the water for the fish. Aquaponics can be used to sustainably raise fresh fish and vegetables for a family, to feed a village, or to generate profit in a commercial farming venture,

year-round and in any climate.¹

Modifications were done to improve the semi-commercial backyard aquaponic model to accommodate data from previous cropping cycles suggesting the potentials of the system.



IN PHOTO: Lettuce harvested from Aquaponic system

¹ <https://aquaponics.com/aquaponics-information/>

IN SUMMARY

INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED TRAINING



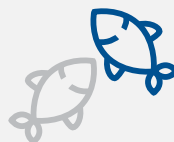
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under MAGBUHAY



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under SKIL & SUHAY



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on capacity building for
fisherfolk communities



107

on integrated farming
bio-systems

140 PIGLETS
FARROWED

30 SACKS OF SWINE
FATTENER SOLD

10 SOW SOLD

5 GOATS SOLD

44 PIGLETS SOLD

34.5 KGS OF NATIVE
CHICKEN SOLD

268 BROILER CHICKENS
GROWN

127 ORGANIC
FERTILIZER SOLD

2,278 SEEDLINGS
SOLD

5,624 EGGS
PRODUCED

1,040 KGS OF RICE
SOLD

8,450 KGS OF FARM
PRODUCE HARVESTED
(vegetables and fruits)

21,575 WILDLING CUTTINGS
COLLECTED

2,319 QUALITY INDIGENOUS
PLANTING MATERIALS
(QIPM) CLONES ROOTED

170 BAMBOO CUTTINGS
PROPAGATED

60 BAMBOO PROPAGULES
READY FOR PLANTING

FARMERS TRAINED



579

on sustainable
farming operations



90

on leadership
enhancement



34

on coconut bead
making

43 INDIVIDUALS
provided with Tech-Voc
trainings and passed national
certification

27 INSTITUTIONS
engaged in providing
scholarship programs

325
TREE
SEEDLINGS
distributed for
livelihood support

3 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
established

2 COCOHUB FACILITIES
built

IN PHOTO: Shell-PhilDev scholars undergo the Leadership Enhancement and Aptitude Development (LEAD) Workshop

EDUCA



DARE TO MOVE
RISE ABOVE THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE



ATION

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) recognizes the value of education in ensuring a brighter future for the younger generation. The Foundation believes that through increasing opportunities for quality education, the Philippines will achieve equity, addressing issues of poverty and lack of resources.

The Foundation works closely with the national and local governments, community members, and private partners to ensure that students and teachers have access to better facilities and programs. This goal is achieved by providing necessary resources for quality education like books, training, and the like. Through these efforts, PSFI aids in increasing the competencies and abilities of both educators and students to help them attain better opportunities for a brighter future.

Through its projects, PSFI strives to create and support opportunities for skills development, specifically on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Technical-Vocational learning. PSFI gathers multisectoral partners to share ideas and initiatives on the role of STEM in nation building, enhancing sustainability, and supporting innovations. Partnerships as in the long-standing one with PhilDev has helped

STEM to come up with innovations that aim to address issues within their communities.

In 2019, PSFI launched the NXplorer workshops in the Philippines in hopes of igniting an interest in STEM among young students and equipping them with critical thinking skills needed to make them better agents of positive change.

Moreover, PSFI believes in the power of literacy in opening doors to more educational and employment opportunities so that people are able to pull themselves out of the vicious cycle of poverty and un/underemployment. Through its education programs, PSFI was instrumental in building a library and providing training to teachers and librarians on knowledge-based systems-- efforts that will ultimately benefit the future of the young.

Our Programs

- Alternative Learning Systems
- BOOKS Program
- Shell NXplorers
- Shell-PhilDev Scholarship Program



IN PHOTO: Students read books in a reading park right outside the school's newly established library

STARBOOKS : BRINGING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES WITHIN REACH OF FILIPINO STUDENTS

Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI), through its Batangas Team and with the support of the Department of Education (DepEd) Batangas City, leads in helping expand the knowledge of and instill the love of reading among children through the effective use of school libraries. Illiteracy proves to be a concern of utmost urgency as a recent assessment by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) revealed that Filipinos rank last among 79 countries in reading comprehension¹.

The power of literacy in enhancing not only individual lives, but also community well-being, and ultimately, economic development cannot be underestimated. Literacy enables individuals to acquire knowledge, sharpen their potentials, and effectively participate in society.

Partners and beneficiaries of the program were present to witness the ceremonial turnover last September 2, 2019 of the newly developed and organized school library that is ready for use

and equipped with the Science and Technology Academic and Research Based Openly Operated Kiosks or STARBOOKS Program, the Philippines First Digital Science Library.

The newly established library in Ambulong Elementary School is composed of a physical library with 1,022 books donated by National Book Store Foundation, Inc. (NBSFI), and a digital library with five (5) desktop units installed with the latest upgraded version of the STARBOOKS program. In addition, 351 librarians, teachers, and students completed training on accessible knowledge-based systems.



IN PHOTO: A corner of the new library serves as an area for the younger reading age group

Developed by the Department of Science and Technology-Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII), STARBOOKS is a digital library that serves as a one-stop repository of science and technology information that is regularly updated. It provides offline access to over 500,000 digitized journals, publications, technical and project reports, research, and directories; both foreign and local; in text, video, and audio formats. STARBOOKS plays a crucial role in providing Filipinos educational resources especially those residing in remote provinces².

This project saw a 100% increase in the use of knowledge-based systems in the school.

1 <https://www.rappler.com/nation/246422-philippines-ranking-reading-math-science-pisa-study-2018>

2 <http://www.dost.gov.ph/knowledge-resources/news/49-2018/1421-dosts-starbooks-named-as-priority-program-for-2018.html>

NXPLOERS: INSPIRING A LOVE FOR STEM AMONG STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

In April 2019, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), together with its social arm, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), launched NXplorers in the Philippines.

NXplorers is an innovative educational program developed by Shell to help shape the learning of students aged 14 to 19.

It aims to introduce young individuals to complex and creative thinking needed for them to become agents of positive change, and equips them with the necessary skills and tools to do so (STEM Habits of Mind).

PSFI addresses the declining interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) courses among the young by focusing on developing broader skills and ultimately inspiring greater awareness and interest in the field. Through three-day workshops, trained facilitators worked with student-participants and their teachers to find solutions to real world challenges relevant to themselves and their local communities.

Noleen, an incoming Grade 9 student-participant says that her favorite parts of the activity were doing group works, sharing ideas, thinking together and documenting them, "Aside from it being fun and interactive, we really learned so much that we could apply in our daily lives. At this young age, it's really good for us to be exposed to these kinds of activities so we'd be able to make a better future."

In a span of half a year from its pilot school in April 2019, PSFI has already implemented the workshop in 25 schools from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, and has trained 970 students and 141 teachers. Moreover, a group of students from Oriental Mindoro National High School won Php 100,000 from the Bright Ideas Challenge through the help of the NXplorers Program.



Those leading and facilitating the activities have also shared positive responses about NXplorers. Teachers like Mark Steven Salem, Science Subject Coordinator of one of the partner schools, expresses his deep appreciation for the activity. He shares, “We appreciate how there is a shift on how social responsibility is being provided focus now and how Shell is giving back to the community. We also appreciate how education has become one of the main thrusts of Shell. Over other means of giving, I think giving people the means to help themselves is a really good endeavor, so thank you very much to PSFI.”

SHELL-PHILDEV SCHOLARS EXHIBIT INNOVATIONS: TURNING IDEAS INTO REALITY



IN PHOTO: Shell-PhilDev scholars, Kenneth and Ivan, talk to STEM Summit guests and PSFI Executive Director, Sebastian Quinones, about their innovation, “KoolGear”

Over the years, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) and PhilDev’s partnership has benefited hundreds of Filipino scholars through the provision of educational grants. With their shared vision of eradicating poverty through education, specifically through science and technology, this partnership has ensured a more prosperous future for its beneficiaries.

In 2019, PSFI led the way for its scholars Kenneth Postrero, Ivan Brent Nara, Kaye Rojas, and Adrian Tan to present their innovations at the First Integrated STEM Leadership Summit in Asia held last November 21-24, 2019 at Shangri-La Mactan in Cebu City.

Kenneth and Ivan, both from Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan (XU-ADC), presented their innovation “Kool Gear”, a wearable cooling device that provides protection and comfort to people who are regularly exposed to the sun. Kaye from the University of San Carlos (USC) presented her mobile application, “Mangape”, which allows users to track the real-time vacancy status of coffee shops near their current location. Adrian, who is also from USC, presented his invention “Indirect Forced Convection Hybrid Food Dryer by Induction Heating with Temperature Controller using Arduino”, a food preservation process that addresses agricultural problems such as overproduction and wastage.

These innovations by some of the country’s brightest young minds are proof that with adequate support, students with an interest in science and technology can come up with innovations that could help in addressing different issues.

The four scholars interacted and discussed their projects with representatives from renowned companies from the United States including Steven Swanson, a former astronaut of NASA.



IN PHOTO: Shell-PhilDev scholar, Kaye Rojas, exhibits her innovation idea, “Mangape”— a proposed café finder mobile application that helps users check the real-time vacancy status of selected coffee shops

IN SUMMARY



351

LIBRARIANS & TEACHERS
completed training on accessible knowledge-based systems



4

DESKTOPS
provided



100%

INCREASE
in students and teachers from Ambulong Elementary School who use knowledge-based systems



398

STUDENTS & TEACHERS
who use and visit the school library (25% increase)

1 **SCHOOL LIBRARY**
built



104

STEM SCHOLARS
supported in total

1,022

BOOKS
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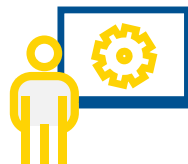
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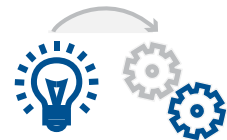
970

STUDENTS
trained on STEM skills



141

TEACHERS
engaged in STEM training



29

INNOVATION PROJECTS
developed through STEM trainings



HEALTH &

IN PHOTO: Community members get tested for malaria



& SAFETY

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) helps protect communities from threatening illnesses and other health-related concerns through health and safety education and health care programs.

PSFI is well aware of how good health is vital to sustainable development. It takes into account widening economic and social inequalities, rapid urbanization, threats to the climate and the environment, the continuing burden of HIV and other infectious diseases, and emerging challenges such as noncommunicable diseases. Universal health coverage will be integral to achieving SDG 3, good health and well-being for all.

Malaria remains a threat to four more provinces in the Philippines as PSFI intensifies its efforts to make the country malaria-free in 10 years. Its Movement Against Malaria (MAM) Program celebrated its 20th year in January 2020 and looks forward to a malaria-free Philippines on its 30th year in 2030.

For the last 105 years of its operations in the country, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), through PSFI and its partnerships with the public and private sectors, has remained steadfast in its commitment to helping the Filipino people when it comes to health and safety. By combating dangerous diseases such as HIV and malaria, the company aspires to a safer and healthier Philippines.

Our Programs

- HIV-AIDS Program
- Movement Against Malaria (MAM)
- Oplan Palikuran
- Road Safety
- TAKEDA Patient Assistance



IN PHOTO: Community members get tested for malaria

MOVEMENT AGAINST MALARIA: TWO DECADES OF CONQUERING AN AGE-OLD AFFLICTION

The Philippines is now moving closer to being malaria-free.

In 2019, local transmission of malaria was reported in only four (4) provinces--- Palawan, Sulu, Occidental Mindoro, and Sultan Kudarat.¹

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) is now on its 20th year of involvement in combating malaria, starting from Kilusan Ligas Malaria (KLM) in 1999 and continuing on to Movement Against Malaria (MAM) through the grant support of the Global Fund (GF) in 2006. The Foundation's partnership with GF, the Department of Health (DOH) and local government units (LGUs) is stronger than ever; its commitment to make the country malaria-free by 2030 remains unwavering.

In 2019, PSFI strengthened its efforts to reach that goal.

To further enhance access to basic diagnostic and treatment services, additional Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) sites were established in far-flung areas where transmission remains active. Additionally, halfway house structures with personnel field assistants were set-up in strategic areas to ensure treatment compliance and patient follow-up in guaranteeing that they are fully cured. Likewise, intensified advocacy on the adherence to the treatment protocols were done during meetings, orientations, and other community gatherings.



IN PHOTO: Community volunteers assist in sanitizing mosquito nets through treatment



IN PHOTO: Recipients of the net distribution activity, a step in combating Malaria in communities

In 2019, about 596,250 pieces of long-lasting insecticidal treated nets or LLINs have been provided to the target population in the aforementioned provinces. Together with the DOH, PSFI has facilitated the establishment of malaria elimination and response hubs in the 50 malaria-free provinces to minimize the risks of reintroduction or resurgence.

Reaching the far-flung sitios where malaria transmission is still active continues to be a daunting challenge. Aside from the physical distance needed to be covered, cultural and economic livelihood practices (highly mobile population, changing of names because of illness, belief in bad omens and traditional remedies among others) influence the degree of acceptance and utilization of proven malaria interventions. Partnerships have been forged by PSFI with the academe and local leaders to explore possible strategies to reach and reinforce behavior that is helpful in preventing the spread of the disease (such as use of LLINs, avoiding mosquito bites etc.).

The remarkable success of the efforts against the disease has brought in millions of dollars in global aid. What started as a community-driven social volunteer program in Palawan in 1999 grew into the nationwide MAM effort a decade later when a USD 31.4-million grant from the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM) was awarded to PSFI. MAM received another grant for 2018-2020, and has been chosen to continue as Principal Recipient (PR) from 2021-2023 to aid the last four highly endemic provinces.².

1 <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1802930>

2 <https://pilipinas.shell.com.ph/media/current-year-press-releases-news/shell-fight-vs-malaria-nearing-end-but-not-over.html>

COMBATING HIV WITH KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS

The Philippines is the country with the fastest growing number of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) cases in the world according to the Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS). The numbers are alarming: UNAIDS recorded about 13,384 new HIV infections by the end of 2018— 203 percent higher than infections recorded in 2010, with only about 4,191. As many as 32 Filipinos are diagnosed with HIV daily².



IN PHOTO: Candles lit in support of the HIV-AIDS Movement



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Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) is aware of the urgency of the increasing prevalence of HIV infections in the Philippines and how misinformation contributes to this epidemic. Hence, PSFI remains committed to its HIV advocacy in the workplace, schools, and communities through various activities that were done in partnership with community-based organizations and Social Hygiene Clinics (SHCs).

For 2019, PSFI continued to conduct HIV awareness/orientation seminars in 82 institutions (including 29 schools) attended by 13,483 participants. It also conducted free HIV testing to a total of 3,844 individuals from various companies, schools, and communities. These activities not only increase awareness on HIV and AIDS, but also provide access to relevant HIV services.

After a rigorous evaluation of applicants, the Philippine Country Coordinating Mechanism selected PSFI as Principal Recipient (PR) of the 2021-2023 grant from the Global Fund (GF) amounting to USD 20.3 million to fight

HIV in the country, plus another USD 2 million matching fund to address barriers to HIV services.

PSFI abides by its commitment in the coming years by further expanding and strengthening its initiatives to see an HIV-free Philippines by 2030.



IN PHOTO: An HIV 101 session facilitated by the Quezon City Health Department

- 1 <https://news.mb.com.ph/2019/10/21/ph-is-country-with-fastest-growing-hiv-cases-unaided/>
- 2 <https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/217903-numbers-global-hiv-aids-cases>

IN SUMMARY



230

RESIDENTS
completed Household Health Sanitation and Disease Mitigation seminars



17

HOUSEHOLDS
provided with toilet sanitation bowl units



50%

INCREASE
in households with sanitation toilet bowls in Brgy. Ambulong, Batangas



91

INDIVIDUALS
trained on road safety



74

STUDENTS
trained on health and sanitation within the classroom

50 DECLARED
MALARIA-FREE
PROVINCES

ONLY 6 MUNICIPALITIES
in South Palawan remain to have high malaria transmission

OVER 90% DECREASE
in malaria cases and deaths in the country



235

CANCER PATIENTS
provided with medical assistance

HIV PROGRAM

49 COMPANIES
29 SCHOOLS
4 COMMUNITIES

13,483

PARTICIPANTS
provided with HIV 101 training



40,849

INDIVIDUALS
HIV tested in workplaces, schools, and communities

1,986

REACTIVE CASES
reached through counseling

1,526

CASES
confirmed (+)

84.29% INITIATED TO TREATMENT

among individuals diagnosed and baseline study



ENVIRO

IN PHOTO: Planting of mangrove propagules within the Mangrove Paddle Boat Tour area in Puerto Princesa, Palawan



ENVIRONMENT

Climate change's effects have become much more drastic and more dramatic as of late. It chooses not whom it affects as everyone is at risk of the consequences of a warmer Earth.

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) and its partners work toward building a sustainable environment for future generations through the best conservation practices in Shell worksites and neighboring communities.

PSFI believes that technological advancements are necessary for development, but should be coupled with effective policy and cultural changes to minimize their harmful effects on the environment.

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC) is unyielding in its efforts to find means of providing energy responsibly, helping the world move towards a future in which energy used causes minimal impact on the planet. Moreover, PSPC has aligned its programs and projects toward a lower-carbon future and is ready to take on the challenges of this scenario.

Some of these efforts are PSFI's Carbon Sink Program (CSP) which has facilitated the planting of over 80,000 indigenous trees and the sequestering of over 38,000 kilograms of carbon dioxide from an 86-hectare farm in Dolores, Quezon Province. The Foundation has also initiated Green Schools, a program that promotes not only a greener environment, but also a greener diet.

PSFI believes that a tiny seedling planted or a greener school goes a long way in the ongoing fight against climate change.

Our Programs

- Anibong Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (ARRP)
- Carbon Sink Program
- Green Schools
- Tubattaha Information Campaign
- Turismo at Negosyo Dulot ng Ingat Kalikasan (TANDIKAN)
- Yolanda Program



IN PHOTO: Tree seedlings grown in Shell Training - Center – Pilillia, Quezon Province awaiting readiness for planting

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE CARBON SINK PROGRAM (CSP)

With the effects of climate change becoming more and more evident every day, Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI) has become even more resolute in supporting efforts towards sustainability- one of which is the Carbon Sink Program (CSP).

CSP started as part of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau's (DENR-EMB) Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) requirement for Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC) to secure a permit to operate a refinery in Tabangao, Batangas City. PSPC has to establish a carbon sink project to offset carbon emission by the refinery and contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere. Carbon sinks are natural (oceans and forests) and artificial deposits (certain technologies and chemicals) that absorb and capture carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere and reduce its concentration in the air.¹

¹ <https://www.activesustainability.com/climate-change/carbon-sinks-what-are/>



IN PHOTO: Farmers of Brgy. Kinabuhayan, Dolores, measure spacing between planted trees to ensure proper and successful growth

PSFI's team ultimately decided to establish the CSP in Brgy. Kinabuhayan, Dolores, Quezon with the help of the National Power Corporation - Makiling Banahaw Watershed Area Team (NPC-MBWAT). Brgy. Kinabuhayan is one of the public areas where a community has been established and meets the CSP requirements of being over 27 hectares, not privately owned, and not currently a part of any major government project.

More than a reforestation effort, PSFI's CSP strives to achieve a holistic enrichment of the present vegetation in Quezon Province. The goal is to regrow the 86-hectare forest with 91,100 trees of native species namely Narra, Tui, Makaasim and Tibuli, to mention a few. At present, a total of 83,709 indigenous forest tree seedlings were planted and are continuously being maintained and actively protected. Moreover, the Program wants to encourage locals to have genuine concern and care for their immediate environment through preservation and conservation measures.

GREEN SCHOOLS: PROMOTING A GREEN ENVIRONMENT AND A GREEN DIET

Through PSFI's Batangas Team, a Green Schools initiative sprouted in 2019— a program that inspires in school children an appreciation for the value of a cleaner and greener environment and the benefits of growing and eating vegetables. Moreover, Green Schools helps enhance the awareness of students on proper solid waste management both at home and at school.

Green Schools is comprised of a series of training and seminars educating school children and parents about solid waste management, health and nutrition, and the importance of maintaining organic vegetable gardens in schools to support nutritional feeding programs.

PSFI's Turning Waste to Treasures seminars has been well attended by 91 participants, while the Team's Health and Nutrition Education seminar was likewise attended by 74 participants.



IN PHOTO: School children learn about Integrated Farming Bio-Systems (IFBS) as part of the Green Schools Program



IN PHOTO: Students are trained on Integrated Farming Bio-Systems (IFBS), producing healthy and nutritious meals for children

To address the distressing incidence of malnourishment in communities, PSFI launched Oplan Batang Malusog (OBM) in 2019. As part of OBM, the Team organized a pre-dental and health check-up for students, of which 30 students were found to be malnourished. PSFI doubled its efforts in increasing awareness on developing healthy eating habits and conducted feeding programs. As of 2019, through Green Schools, 210 school children were provided healthy food and 144 had an improved body mass index (BMI).

Lastly, Green Schools is also about the promotion of organic gardening. Through the Program, parents and children are provided with more knowledge about organic vegetable gardening at school and even at home. In 2019, 27 participants completed the Integrated Farming Bio-Systems (IFBS) Training, seven (7) kilos of crops were harvested, and five (5) kilos of which were turned over to OBM. More than just a livelihood, the practice of IFBS supports nutritional feeding.



600
HOUSEHOLDS
provided with
information materials on
disaster risk reduction
and preparedness

139
INDIVIDUALS
trained on Family Disaster
Management



60
COMMUNITY
LEADERS
completed community
disaster trainings

38,000
KGS OF CARBON
DIOXIDE
sequestered from an 86-hectare
planting site in Dolores, Quezon

56%
INCREASE
in community income through
the Carbon Sink Program



83,709
TREES PLANTED
and survived

91,100
SEEDLINGS
purchased and propagated
from local communities

162 INDIVIDUALS completed Enterprise
Development Training

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTIONS /
ORDINANCES CREATED (Cave Easement, Road Right
of Way, Dewil Valley Cave
System as Watershed Area)



5,666
PEOPLE
reached through
environmental awareness
campaigns



483
PARTICIPANTS
attended marine environment
awareness campaigns



ENERGY

IN PHOTO: A Power House unit stands on a hill on the island of Brgy. Ligad, Palawan



ERGY

Harnessing the enabling power of energy—Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) helps bridge individuals and their families to better opportunities for progress through improved livelihood, education, and health.

Through the efforts of the Foundation and its partners, several communities can now take advantage of the power of energy for work, school, and the household. Hundreds of homes, even islands, have been pulled out of the dark, and have been gifted with more sense of security when night descends.

Moreover, PSFI continues its relentless efforts in finding ways to provide not only cheaper, but also cleaner and more efficient energy from lower-carbon sources to ensure a more sustainable future.

Our Programs

- Access to Energy (A2E)

ACCESS 2 ENERGY (A2E) PROJECT: LIGHTING UP ISLANDS, LIGHTING UP LIVES

The quiet town of Mayteged in Taytay, Palawan is shrouded by darkness every time night falls. The sleepy barangay has long languished in the dark until very recently when light finally found its way in.


Staying true to its mission of providing clean and cheap energy to more homes, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) turned over its micro-grid power facility to the local Mayteged Energy Association (MEA) for the maintenance and management of its operations. It will be formally inaugurated in early 2020.

This hybrid power facility will not only light up homes, but also help in the socio-economic development of the barangay. With energy comes more opportunities for employment and livelihood--- school children need not study in dim lighting, businesses can now make use of technologies requiring electricity.

This is the 11th project funded by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. through the PSFI. Through this, some 90 households in Mayteged are now connected to the power facility, enjoying 24/7 electricity service from the windmill and the 25 kVA generator provided as back-up during nighttime.

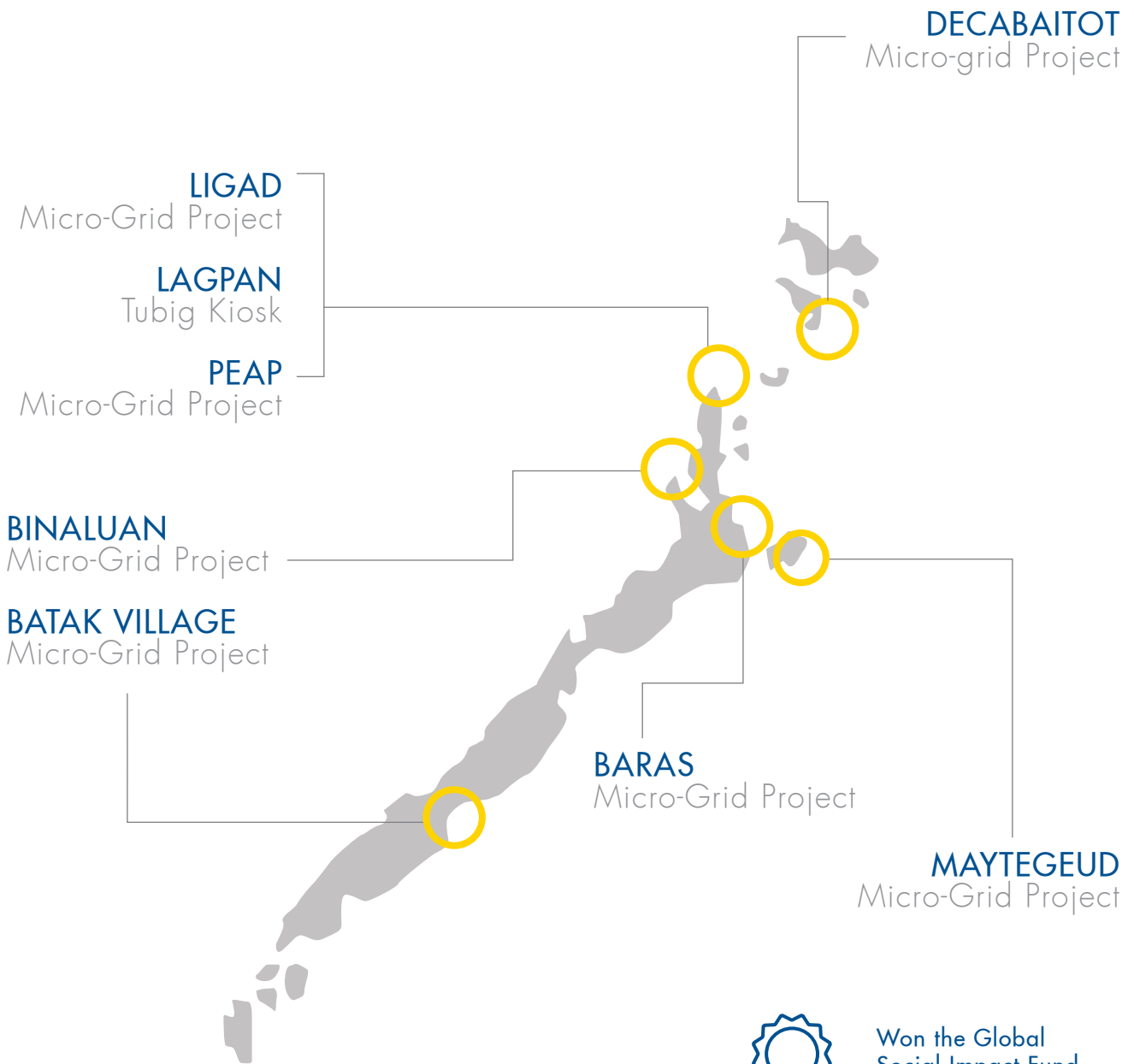
Aside from Brgy. Mayteged, PSFI's efforts towards harnessing and sharing the power of energy with remote and less developed areas in the Philippines have brought light to three islands and one farm in Palawan through the installation of solar power systems.

The new possibilities brought about by the arrival of energy will most definitely provide the communities with new and faster services, and more income generating opportunities, especially for local entrepreneurs.



IN PHOTO: A lamp post is stationed at a kubo sari-sari store by the shore of Brgy. Ligad. The lamp is one of many that is being powered by PSFI's Access to Energy Program

IN SUMMARY



Won the Global Social Impact Fund



1 farm electrified (including cottages, training hall, and food processing center)



SINAG TUBIG
(Tugon sa Barrio ay Inuming Galing Balon) KIOSK

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION



IN PHOTO: A mangrove tree stands tall in Ulugan Bay, Brgy. Buenavista, one of PSFI's Adopt-a-Mangrove sites in partnership with DENR-CENRO, Puerto Princesa City

KINABUHAYAN ECO-WARRIORS: SAVING MT. BANAHAW ONE SEEDLING AT A TIME

People living in the mountains find it quite challenging to look for employment and livelihood opportunities.

Before Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) brought the Carbon Sink Program (CSP) to Brgy. Kinabuhayan, Dolores, Quezon Province, its surrounding mountain areas were prone to annual forest fires. Members of the community were primarily vegetable growers, leaving individuals to focus on selling crops as their primary means of livelihood. It was through the help of the National Power Corporation-Makiling Banahaw Watershed Area Team (NPC-MBWAT) that PSFI came to know about this sleepy town at the foot of the mighty and mystical Mt. Banahaw, and started changing the lives of a group of farmers, their families, and their community.

The strong partnership began over 2.5 years ago, starting out as a reforestation project of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), PSFI and NPC. The people living in Brgy. Kinabuhayan were initially indifferent about the Program, but became interested upon its commencement where over 90,000 seedlings were purchased directly from them. "They took it to heart and started considering what else they could do to contribute," says Pete Javier, CSP Project Officer. It was a collaborative project with the community from the very beginning.

Those actively involved in the CSP collectively dubbed themselves as *Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors*. Bernard Monreal, 34 and a member of the community, shares, "Ang grupo namin ay binubuo ng 16 na lalaki. Iba-iba kami ng edad, trabaho, at estado sa buhay. Mayroong tricycle driver, construction worker, at karamihan ay magsasaka."

The group of men took the responsibility of establishing the CSP at the start by screening seeds, strip brushing or prepping of planting areas, and creating footpaths and firebreaks until the actual planting of seedlings. Now, the members ensure the maintenance and protection of the tree planting areas every day to ring weeds, make sure fire paths are still in good condition, conduct strip brushing, and patrol against man-made fires. PSFI provides a daily allowance to each farmer. "The purpose of hiring people to monitor these trees on a daily basis ensures us that the majority would successfully grow," Javier says.

Members of Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors recount some of their biggest challenges and most memorable experiences in maintaining and protecting the area. "Pinakamahirap talaga ay yung nag-bubuhay kami ng 20 kilos ng tubig at buhangin paakyat ng bundok para mayroong handang gamit na pang-salba ng lugar, baka sakaling magkaroon ng sunog", says Genesis Gaurano, 22. He goes on to talk about sleeping in the mountains for a whole week during Lenten season, ensuring that visiting pilgrims do not damage any of their hard work.



IN PHOTO: The Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors with PSFI Project Officer, Pete Javier

Gabriel dela Rosa, 22, adds, “Dahil sa panahong nagkasama-sama kami para alagaan ang Carbon Sink area, nakabuo na kami ng higit pa sa isang barkada, para na kaming isang pamilya. Dito nabuo ang Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors”.

The members were given supplemental possibilities for livelihood. Since then, they were able to maximize the entire week as reforestation workers on weekdays and farmers at their vegetable gardens during weekends. Javier shares, “NAPOCOR assisted in screening for both farmers and types of trees as experts, while PSFI leads monitoring, management, and provision of resources.”

With an augmented income, the members of the group have been able to send their children to school; some acquired motorcycles and tricycles; and others were able to accumulate additional capital for their vegetable farms.

Like other projects, the CSP will be phased out eventually, especially when the trees have already become self-sustaining. To further capacitate members of the Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors for this possibility, PSFI conducted a series of training primarily on Integrated Farming Bio-Systems (IFBS). These training sessions enabled the participants to have more knowledge in organic vegetable production as their primary source of income. This is followed by a training on Forest Fire Protection and Suppression facilitated by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), where some members of the group were qualified as the very first skilled responders of the community in case of forest fires.


Javier said that the farmers are aware of the eventual phasing out of the Program and that the Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors are already preparing for the decrease of income. “With the current salaries they’ve been receiving from the CSP, the majority of them have already prepared and brought equipment for this, such as tricycles and motorcycles, so they can still earn once the program is done,” Javier shares. Despite this, the Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors are still committed to caring for



the CSP area without monetary compensation, most especially because Mt. Banahaw is very much revered by locals for its religious and cultural significance. Many members of the group consider this as one of their most substantial life milestones, saying it will be a waste if they did not continue to care for the area.

To date, the Program has successfully planted and grown 83,709 trees, a 93% survival rate from the 91,100 seedlings purchased from the community. According to monitoring and evaluation experts, Seastems Inc., over 38,000 kilograms of carbon dioxide has been sequestered from the total planting area of 86 hectares.

The Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors are thankful for all the doors of opportunities PSFI opened for them. “Malaki ang natulong ng programa na ito sa kabuhayan namin. Ito rin ay tumulong na iligtas ang lugar namin na dati ay halos bawat taon ay nagkakaroon ng sunog sa bundok gawa ng mga taong



umaakyat para sa pukyutan at sa pilgrimage¹”, says Gabriel. Bernard and Gabriel were already able to purchase motorcycles; while Genesis now has a steady income to support his growing family.

“Nagpapasalamat po kami sa Pilipinas Shell dahil dito niyo napili sa aming lugar na magkaroon ng ganitong programa. Malaking tulong ito sa amin. Bukod sa naparami ang mga punong kahoy, ay nakatulong na rin ito sa pinansyal naming pangangailangan,” Bernard can hardly contain his happiness. Gabriel also recognizes the benefits of the CSP to the whole community, “Nakatulong din ang CSP sa tinitirahan naming barangay upang makaiwas sa sunog, na binigyan kami ng pagkakataon na matutunang bantayan at protektahan ang lugar. Malaki talaga ang natulong ng programa.”

¹ Mt. Banahaw is well known as a pilgrimage site for healing. Many would flock to Mt. Banahaw especially during Lenten season to pray and light candles, which sometimes would spark forest fires.

IN PHOTO: One of the farmers of the Kinabuhayan Eco-Warriors on his way up the Carbon Sink area in Dolores, Quezon to tend to planted trees



IN PHOTO: Merlie gives tourists an orientation about the area

MERLIE FRANCISCO: CHANGED WOMAN, WOMAN CHANGER

Palawan is one of the country's top tourist destinations, drawing visitors in with its enchanting limestone cliffs, gin-clear waters, and powdery white sand. To safeguard not only Palawan's tourism industry, but also to ascertain that sustainability comes foremost above anything else, Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) established Turismo At Negosyo Dulot ng Ingat KALikasaN or TANDIKAN.

Named after a bird endemic to Palawan, TANDIKAN aims to promote tourism and enterprise development through environmental conservation by providing and supporting community-based sustainable tourism (CBST) sites in Palawan. Since its founding in 2015, TANDIKAN has changed the lives of individuals and entire communities.

Merlie Francisco of the Community Jungle Trail Association (CJTA) is one of the locals whose lives have been positively changed by TANDIKAN, and who in turn promote positive change through sustainable tourism.

A 33-year-old single mom and breadwinner, she describes TANDIKAN as an organization that helps and guides CBSTs, both new and established. "Sila po ay may mga proyekto gaya ng mga training, tour guiding, bookkeeping, basic computer at iba pa, ganun din po kung paano mapangalagaan at maprotektahan ang aming kapaligiran habang ito ay aming nagiging livelihood."

Francisco is currently the treasurer of the CJTA and also serves as a tour guide plying the popular Jungle Trail which leads to the Underground River. She recounts how her activities with TANDIKAN has helped improve her communication skills, especially in English. She proudly shares how she can now communicate confidently with people from all walks of life while learning more about sustainability. "(Ang TANDIKAN) ay naitaas ang antas ng kaalaman naming mga katutubo sa kahalagahan ng kalikasan at paano makisalamuha sa mga dayuhang turista na pumupunta sa Jungle Trail".

She also recognizes how TANDIKAN benefits not just individuals, but the entire community as well, "Malaki po ang naitulong ng programa sa aming komunidad, lalo na po sa pagpapalakas ng aming samahan sa pamamagitan po ng mga ibinibigay nilang training. Nakita ko din po ang malaking pagbabago sa aming grupo sa pagsasalita, pakikihalubilo at pakikitungo lalo na po sa gaya naming katutubo".

Francisco fondly recalls that her most memorable experience with CJTA was when she received the ASEAN Sustainable Tourism Award (ASTA) on the group's behalf in Chiang Mai, Thailand in 2018. Beaming with so much pride, she shares, "Isang parangal para sa mga katutubo na nangangalaga at nagprotektahan ng aming kalikasan na nagiging daan para maging livelihood ng aming samahan sa aming komunidad."

TANDIKAN is thriving thanks largely to the associations and its partnerships with local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations on biodiversity and environmental conservation.

As of 2019, 35,000 trees have been planted through TANDIKAN's various activities- a remarkable feat that PSFI aims to surpass in the coming years. There are currently 3,000 beneficiaries supported by existing CBST enterprises; 100 individuals completed various enterprise building training; approximately 5,000 people have been reached by persistent environmental awareness campaigns.

In 2019, there were 3,974 visitors generating a revenue of Php 754,800, bringing the four-year total to 11,673 visitors and a revenue of Php 2,086,707.00.

These numbers offer much needed comfort in the oftentimes bleak battle against climate change. Numbers that serve as proof that through collective action, everything is possible.

However, as in any organization, TANDIKAN is faced with a number of challenges. Francisco shares that being with TANDIKAN is no walk in the park, "May mga pagkakataon po na ang ilan sa amin o gaya ko na pinanghihinaan ng loob dahil maliit po ang kita, may ilang kasama na po kami na nag-give-up dahil hindi po nila gaanong nausuportahan ang kanilang pamilya at naghahanap po sila ng ibang trabaho."

But Merlie refuses to give up because she genuinely believes in the Program, "Inisip ko na lang din po na hindi naman sa lahat ng panahon ay mababa ang kita at may panahon din tumaas ang kita sa aming Jungle Trail. Kaya po patuloy akong naglilingkod sa aming komunidad at nagiging matatag sa hanapbuhay na para sa pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan para yakapin namin ang aming trabaho at balik tangkilik sa kalikasan na aming pinagkakabuhayan, habang amin itong pinoproteksyunan at inaalagaan at iniingatan ng aming samahan."

True enough, because TANDIKAN's

Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development activities like training sessions and seminars are integrated into the annual plan of activities of the different associations, the members are now much more knowledgeable of environmental conservation efforts. They are now familiar with the country's environmental laws, hence, making the enforcement of said laws easier and more effective. There is now less illegal logging, less wildlife poaching and other activities that are detrimental to the environment because the locals now have an alternative means of livelihood.

Francisco shares her overflowing gratitude to PSFI and TANDIKAN, "Lubusan po akong nagpapasalamat sa Shell Foundation na siyang tumutulong at nagsusuporta sa aming samahan para maging matibay at matatag ang aming livelihood na pinagkakakitaan naming mga katutubo sa Cabayugan, na siya rin pong aming inaalagaan ang kalikasan ng dahil sa pagkakaroon namin ng mga tree planting activity every month na siya rin pong maging daan para patuloy na mapangalagaan ang aming kalikasan."





BRINGING BACK DIGNITY THROUGH PROPER TOILET HYGIENE

Though often overlooked, proper toilet hygiene is vital in reducing the risk and spread of disease. But a clean toilet is not only crucial to health nor is it a mere luxury. It is a basic health and safety requirement for every family; lack of it could diminish a person's dignity.

Absence of proper sanitation is a serious issue that affects most developing countries. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that up to five million people die each year from preventable waterborne diseases due to inadequate and improper sanitation. Many of those affected are the youngest members of society. As of 2015, about seven (7) million Filipinos, or about 6% of the entire population, have no toilet at home. Most of those surveyed live in rural areas^{1,2}.

In 2019, members of Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc.'s (PSFI) Batangas Team made it their goal to provide sanitation compliant toilet bowls to selected stakeholders. The Oplan Palikuran Program aims to promote proper toilet hygiene for healthier and safer Filipino households. Moreover, this effort is geared toward contributing to the improvement of health, sanitation, and disease mitigation in selected communities by discouraging open defecation and urination.

Through the Team's relentless efforts, sanitation compliant toilet bowls were installed in seventeen (17) households in Brgy. Ambulong, Batangas City.

One of the beneficiaries of this Program is single mother of four, Joan.

Unemployed for a stretch of time, she used to be dependent on her mother for her daily living expenses. She did not have the means to build a decent toilet and her priority was attending to the needs of her then growing up children. For five years, they had to make do with the toilet of her mother who lives next door.

As with most Filipinos, Joan did not see having a toilet as a top priority. This is corroborated by a recent study conducted by a multinational company which found out that as much as 90 percent of households in the Philippines do not practice proper toilet hygiene and sanitation³.

Joan immediately enrolled herself in the Oplan Palikuran Program upon learning about it from a barangay health worker. After going through the required process, she qualified as a beneficiary.

She shared a piece of herself in constructing their toilet. She helped in building it because the Program requires the recipient to make use of the provided materials so long as these comply with the City Health Office's standard. After a month or two, with the help of her uncle, they finished the construction. Now, she no longer depends on her mother or other neighbors whenever they need to use the toilet.

Joan is grateful for being part of Oplan Palikuran which gave her and her family their own latrine, and in the process giving them the dignity of having their own toilet facility.

Aside from the provision of the toilet bowls, the Team also conducted a Health Sanitation and Disease Mitigation Seminar to help spread awareness on the importance of proper health and sanitation practices in households. A total of 230 residents attended the seminar.

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COMBINING PASSION AND COLLABORATION IN ACHIEVING ZERO-HIV

The Philippines has one of the fastest growing HIV epidemics in the world. In 2018, it was recorded that as many as 32 people were diagnosed with HIV every day. What is even more alarming is that those infected have become younger and younger, with the majority of new infections more likely to be aged between 15 to 24 years old¹.

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), through its partnership with the University of the Philippines Diliman's National Service Training Program (NSTP) and University Health Service, aims to address this disturbing trend.

The partnership is one that can be described as serendipitous. Prof. Arlyn Macapinlac, Philosophy professor and Director of the NSTP at UP Diliman, shares the beginnings of what has become a productive and meaningful collaboration.

It all started with a project she spearheaded as NSTP-College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) Coordinator, wherein she exhibited student's project proposals for communities. "The proposals are usually based on the courses of students, aiming to address issues that are related to the careers they are interested in. Examples are policy recommendations, school library improvements, philosophy for children, etc.," Prof. Macapinlac explains.

She continues, "This is when a doctor from the QC Health Department saw the exhibit and showed interest in meeting up with us to explore partnership possibilities on the HIV advocacy." The QC Health Department, an already long-term partner of PSFI, linked the NSTP-CSSP to the Foundation, which Prof. Macapinlac eventually elevated to the university-wide NSTP council when she became the NSTP Director in 2017.

She then invited Dr. Rolly Cruz of the QC Health Department and a team from PSFI to join them in an NSTP Council meeting composed of NSTP Coordinators from various colleges. "Here, they talked about the statistics of PLHIV's, the threats in UP according to research, and the need to do something about it. There were a lot of misconceptions that even the NSTP Coordinators (professors) heard about for the first time," Prof. Macapinlac recounts.

In October 2017, a module write shop with the extended NSTP Council was implemented as a step to make HIV a part of the NSTP common module. In the end, it was decided to make HIV a "special module", meaning there will be an available HIV module, but use is optional for facilitators. The reason being that the common NSTP module already has so many topics within it, making it difficult to include all issues. Nonetheless, it was still a big step forward in the efforts toward raising HIV awareness.

Prof. Macapinlac then shares how they eventually found out that the UP Health Service – Public Health Unit already had programs and activities promoting HIV awareness,



IN PHOTO: PSFI leads the facilitation of an HIV 101 session for UP Diliman students

“We eventually tied it all up and were very glad we were starting a bigger family of advocates.”

Dr. Arleth Bantiles, Head of the Public Health Unit of UP Health Service, shares the benefits of the partnership with PSFI and UP NSTP, “The (HIV) program has definitely increased access to facilities and services, especially to those who don’t have the financial capacities and who need to follow up on their status.” She also sees the need to increase HIV awareness through communication, “There is a gap in strategic communication. Advocates are knowledgeable, but the general public isn’t. We want to be able to close that gap. We want to tell them that the community can do something about it. We can help control and prevent further spread.”

Prof. Macapinlac echoes how the HIV Program has made more people aware about HIV, “Students and staff are now having themselves tested. The Diliman Gender Office started putting a condom dispenser in their office.” In the CSSP alone, Prof. Macapinlac’s home college, there are 9-11 NSTP classes per year with over 40 students in each class. “There is now a bigger network of HIV advocates in the university. We were actually talking about how this whole thing just started with an exhibit and it is now this huge,” Prof. Macapinlac adds with a smile.

On a more personal level, Dr. Bantiles candidly shares that for someone in her position, the help of PSFI has, “definitely spared me a lot of headaches.” She cites the stringent procedures of the government and strict compliance to checks and balances, “This partnership has helped make things easier for the HIV program.”

Moreover, the HIV Program humanized the issue for her, “Now knowing what these people have really gone through, like being deserted by their loved ones or being thrown out of their houses, you will really empathize with them. It humanizes them and makes you think that it could have been prevented or they don’t have to be ‘alone’”.

Similarly, Prof. Macapinlac, recounts how the HIV Program has given her an avenue to give back as a breast cancer survivor, “I kept telling

my husband that I wanted to help a group, but I kept getting disappointed with myself that it was taking so long to do it. Eventually, I was put in a position in NSTP Diliman, which I initially thought wasn’t part of my plan, but then realized that God must have a reason why. This was my way of giving myself.”

She now considers this HIV advocacy as her mission. “I love the idea of collaboration and I’ve realized how far we can go doing it. That’s one of my biggest takeaways throughout this journey. Putting people together is so important,” she adds.

The Program is not without challenges, though. Prof. Macapinlac explains how she still finds it difficult to encourage people to become part of the movement. The series of HIV 101 training for NSTP Coordinators still has not pushed through due to various reasons. She also laments the lack of resources, “but here is where Shell is so supportive.” She cites how the team from PSFI provides the test kits during HIV testing.

Dr. Bantiles, likewise, shares how PSFI has given the HIV program more access to resources and linkages, “Working with other stakeholders like PSFI allowed us to have

IN PHOTO: Dr. Arleth Bantiles, Head of the UP Health Service – Public Health Unit, takes part in HIV 101 sessions





more access to resources and networks. It is now much easier for us, especially that we are now working with more people who are on the same page as us. This has really helped tie all things together.”

Moving forward, the team plans to invite enrollees (in UP Diliman) to be tested during the enrollment period. The HIV Program has also set its eye on opening its facility-based testing this year.

“Our biggest dream is to be able to establish a treatment hub and the service delivery network in UP Diliman, separate from the QC Health Department, so we can directly cater to the needs of the students and staff of the institution,” Dr. Bantiles says.

Prof. Macapinlac, on the other hand, sees the need for more efforts to remove the HIV stigma, “That one day when they want to be tested, it should be just like a normal check-up.” The team is in high hopes that there will be a strong counseling, testing, and treatment team and process for the community.

Both Prof. Macapinlac and Dr. Bantiles are grateful for the role of PSFI in the HIV Program, despite it being young. “We would not have gone this far without the support of PSFI. If this support would just continue, I think we could achieve greater things in the future,” Dr. Bantiles shares. She continues by saying how PSFI’s passion and commitment is “so infectious”.

“You meet people and you see how they are working towards addressing that issue, there’s no choice but to match that passion and commitment too. I really want to commend them for that. Some companies can just do it for CSR, but the PSFI team is different. I’m grateful, thank you.”

Prof. Macapinlac hopes PSFI continues with the initiatives, “I have seen how far we’ve already come, but I think if we stay working together, we’d be able to achieve zero HIV by 2030.”



IN PHOTO: Dr. Arleth Bantiles and Professor Arlyn Macapinlac, HIV advocates of UP Diliman

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/nation/212851-daily-hiv-aids-new-cases-2018-philippines>

LOOKING INWARD TO MOVE FORWARD: HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE FILIPINO TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE PHILIPPINES

All of the endeavors of Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) are geared towards contributing to the five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) namely: good health and well-being (#3), quality education (#4), affordable and clean energy (7), decent work and economic growth (#8), and climate action (#13). The five thematic areas were designed around these five SDGs, although all transcend the boundaries of their categorizations and overlap with the other themes/goals.

Likewise, PSFI aims to contribute to the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022, the first medium-term plan anchored on a national long-term vision, representing the collective vision and aspirations of Filipinos for themselves and for the country. The current Plan aims to lay a stronger foundation for inclusive growth, a high-trust society, and a globally-competitive economy by 2040.

PSFI laid out its projects with these two development frameworks in mind and with sustainability at the core of every single activity. The Foundation believes that Filipinos only need to look within themselves and realize that they have the capacity to make their future more self-reliant, more sustainable. PSFI's role is to tap on and enhance the Filipinos' many potentials, and consequently, to harness their knowledge and skills to help them build a brighter future for themselves.

Together with its various partnerships across the whole country, the Foundation intensified its efforts in 2019 to contribute to the UN's SDGs and to help ensure a Philippines that is able to provide its citizens with proper health, and equal access to education and electricity. Moreover, the Foundation remained firm in its commitment to aid Filipinos in sustaining their livelihood and conserving their immediate environment.

Inspired by the three major pillars of PDP 2017-2022, PSFI's projects are designed to help instill "Malasakit" (Enhancing the Social Fabric), "Pagbabago" (reducing Inequality), and "Patuloy na Pag-unlad" (Increasing Potential Growth) among Filipinos and the country as a whole.

PSFI believes that in harnessing the power of the Filipino, through persistent collaborative efforts, and with a genuine love and concern for the country- anything is possible, everything is doable, and a brighter Philippines not too long from now is achievable.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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