OASIS Schoolyard

Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School

Location:
40 Victory Ave, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Community Demographics:
Dense residential neighborhood with small local eateries and shops

This was our schoolyard

- **Too hot to play**
- **Playtime was short**
- **Not safe or comfortable**
- **Very little shade**
- **Nowhere to sit**

Before transformation











From Ideas to Action

1 We listened to each other



Through a baseline workshop, students and teachers shared daily challenges in the schoolyard.

Placemaking experts helped translate stories into clear priorities.

2 We imagined together



Students and teachers explored ideas through drawings and simple models.

Landscape designers translated ideas into safe, climate-responsive options

3 We decided together



In co-design workshops, the school, city, and designers agreed on what to build.

They shared it with the entire school community and parents through a design exhibition.

4 We built it together



Students and teachers worked hand in hand with contractors and designers — painting the playground, planting flowers and building bird houses — making the schoolyard truly their own.

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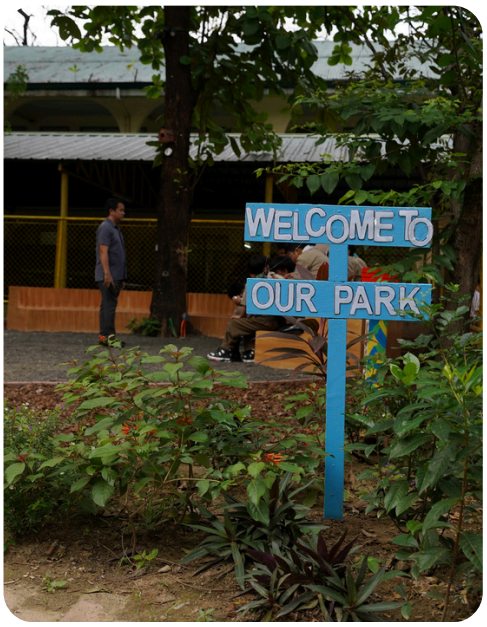
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Welcome to our new schoolyards





Once avoided – now everyone's favorite relaxing spot









Forgotten and restricted - now the most popular spot in school

What changed?

1,400 sq m
transformed into a greener schoolyard

4,459
students benefit daily

40
students serve as Oasis Ambassadors

560 sq m
new playground for children

1,650
students hold weekly outdoor classes

380
new trees, shrubs and species planted

We're happy that our children now have a safe space to play with their friends, where we don't have to worry about their safety and we're grateful to have a greener area within our school.

–Wilma C. Obras, Principal of Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School

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