OASIS Schoolyard

Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School

Location:
30 Adarna St., Quezon City, Metro Manila

Community Demographic:
Dense residential neighborhood with small local eateries and narrow streets

This was our schoolyard

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

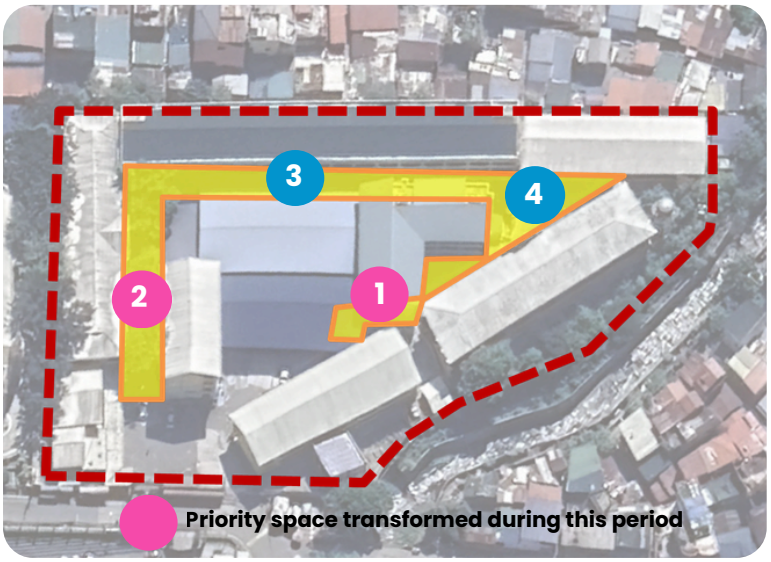
Before transformation











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 turn stories into clear needs

2 We imagined together



Students and teachers explored ideas through drawings and simple modes.

Landscape designer 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 build it together



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

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Welcome to our new schoolyard



Once dominated by cars – now everyone's favorite place to meet

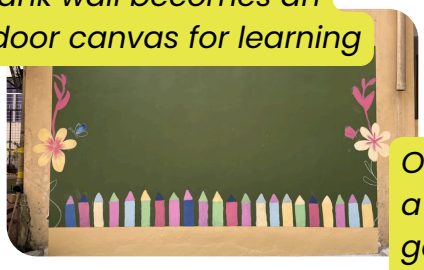


Once a broken tree - now a new creative seating area





Insect hotel: where biodiversity checks in



A blank wall becomes an outdoor canvas for learning



Once a tripping hazard - now a a safe space for the traditional game Patintero, events and activities

What changed?

643 sq m
transformed into a greener schoolyard

7,506
students benefit daily

30
students serve as Oasis Ambassadors

103 sq m
new seating area for the school community

1
new outdoor blackboard for outdoor classes

200
new trees, shrubs and species planted

The new schoolyard at MLQS will be a place for learning, new discoveries, and new experiences. It's not only for the children, but also for the teachers and parents. They want to stay here. They no longer say 'I don't want to go to school,' because every day they will see something new, discover something new and enjoy being in this space.

–Marites G. Ramos, Master Teacher at Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School

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