

EWB Philadelphia – Philippines Project Meeting – July 23, 2013

Project Admin

- 522: Post-trip report (May 2013 trip). Bob DiFilippo to send Steve Kim a draft Field report. Steve to update 522 and send to Bob for Technical Lead additions. Subsequent submission of final report to EWB-USA
- 506: Project Expense report. Bob DiFilippo has sent Steve Kim his flight expense report. Steve to additionally complete travel insurance expense report. Need to talk to Robert Osoteo and Stephanie Cook about arrangements for use of Robert's house.
- 512: Project update for EWB-USA. Walt Walker to complete. Link here: <http://my.ewb-usa.org/my-chapter/project-eforms/6571/>

Water Quality Testing: Lab Results for testing wells in the Philippines

- Chain of Custody – is not date stamped (not dated in Taiwan) Date received (May 25th, 2013) was noted as after the date sample were tested (May 23rd, 2013).
- Bob will need to talk to Edgardo and call the lab (broken chain of custody for sample testing)
- For future testing, is it worthwhile to invest in a Hach field kit so that we can test the water locally? Investigate this option.

Four sub-projects for next trip to the Philippines

Walt Walker – willing to help out where needed

Community Workshop Planning

- Tentative chronological meeting agenda
 - Project Overview
 - Community Water Source Alternatives Discussion
 - Household POU Water Chlorination
 - Health Survey (Pre- and Post- Chlorine Use)
 - Preliminary Household Trial
 - Safety Plan
- Tentative team members: Loyda Garcia, Shelley Jones, Shelley Hull (TBA: Leslie Tuason, Gloria Opinaldo). Open to Others.

Project Overview

- Tentative team members: James Davis, Steve Kim (TBA: Sal Palalay, Walt Walker, Stephanie Cook, Bob DiFilippo). Open to others.

Community Water Source Alternatives Analysis

- Tentative team members: Chris Fantozzi, Steve Kim, (TBA: Sal Palalay, Stephanie Cook, Walt Walker). Open to others.

Household POU Chlorination Water Treatment (Health Study, Safety Plan and Implementation)

- Feasibility Study (Logistics, Community Volunteer Family Feedback on trial use)
 - Working with local health department and community members
 - Need to document before and after conditions for health study
 - Health Study: Assistance by Christiaan Morssink on study format and statistics
- Tentative team members: Rupal Patel, Guen Valmonte, Gloria Opinaldo, Bob DiFilippo, Christiaan Morssink, Tiffini Smith, Steve Kim

Looking for a new co-leader for the project

Plan of Action

- Stephanie Cook will be stepping down as project co-lead
- Walt Walker will help support Steve in the meantime
- Looking for interest among new and veteran members of the project team
- Will start working on the project and look for new leaders to develop and express interest in leading

Current technical advisors – contribute experience and expertise

- Sal Palalay
- Bob DiFilippo

Fundraising

Role in project

- Need to fundraise for travel and construction costs
- 50% of the process
- Grant Applications – plan to schedule grant writing dinner in the coming months
- EWB-USA supports community partnerships; EWB fundraises the bulk, but the communities also contribute funds, labor, time, lodging, food, or other in-kind services to supply their buy-in to the project (EWB is not a charity organization)
- Need an update from Matt Rutt – status of Rotary funds – are they still willing to support our project?

Current Project funds

- \$9,300 in account presently
- Need to deduct \$4-4.5K for Bob's travel expenses.
- Approximately \$6k plus \$15k of unrestricted funds (chapter funds) available (\$21k max)
- Will need to continue fundraising efforts

Updating presence on the web: website, blog, wiki

James Davis volunteered to help update web resources

Blog

- Shelley will add Bob as an author to the blog – so he can add a new post to document his trip in May

Google Drive

- Steve will send Bob a link so he can upload trip photos

Wiki

- James Davis has expressed interest in helping to update web resources.
- Steve will provide James Davis rights to update Wiki.
- Octavio – has had privileges to update Wiki but new job is taking away opportunity to work on wiki

Website

- Need updated photos and text; give current status of the project and next steps

General Discussion/Questions

Where would the money come from for maintaining the system years after construction?

- Good question; something to work out; EWB aims to deliver sustainable solutions to communities and dedicated to maintaining a long-term view
- People in Apatut are mechanically knowledgeable – they are good with their hands and adept at fixing things

Is it necessary to become an official EWB-USA member?

- Only if you wish to travel (only suggested otherwise)
- EWB-USA web resources (ex. Project documents and templates) are accessible only to members.

What else is necessary to travel with EWB-USA?

- First aid/CPR certification (at least 2 people must be trained per trip)
- If sufficient interest is brought to Walt's attention, he may organize a one day weekend 1st aid/CPR certification class for those interested.

How many people typically go on each trip

- Typical team size is 3-4 people

Upcoming events

Next Project Meeting

- Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30PM