



# MA KA HANA KA'IKE

FINAL REPORT 2015-16





**ON THE OUTSIDE,  
WE BUILD STRUCTURES —  
ON THE INSIDE,  
WE'RE BUILDING LIVES.**

Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike has reached the end of another successful year! We're proud to share what our kids have been up to in 2015-16—one of our most exciting new developments is the expansion of our cultural woodworking component into a new Ku'i Program, where students pound kalo (taro) into pa'i 'ai and poi each week to take home to their families. Read on to experience more of this year's highlights...

“My best day was when we finished uncle and auntie’s house and we saw the finished product. It made me feel happy because for once I felt like I did a good deed.”

“When we were at the loko [fishpond] pulling out all the papa ku'i 'ai [poi boards], it really made me feel like we can do anything that we put our mind to, and very proud of my culture.”



“Sometimes I think, like if nevah have this program where would I be? I would just be the same person I was couple years ago. No go school every time.”



“I had more attitude when I first started the program. Now, I’ve learned that listening to how to do things is more simple than screwing ‘um up.”



## BUILDING PROGRAM – SCHOOL

As a combination Building Program/Woodshop project at Hana School, our kids constructed a kiawe post-framed storage building to house the beautiful woods we often receive through generous donations. The inspiration came from a recent donation from a woodworker and lathe craftsman of a large quantity of high-end local koa, kamani, and milo woods for our students' use. The kids will be learning to mill this wood themselves, completing the cycle of milling wood, having the means to store and preserve it, and using it to create fine woodworking projects such as papa ku'i 'ai, canoe paddles, and 'ukulele.



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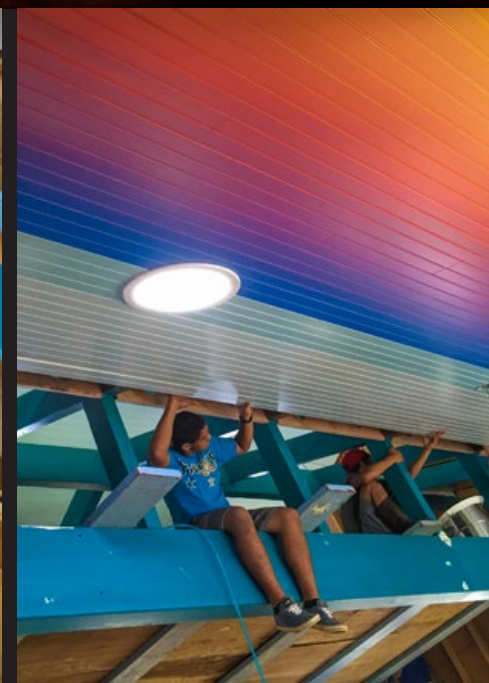




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Our students' big campus project this year was building a much-needed elementary school classroom, including a covered deck, a creative ceiling painted in a rainbow of colors, and a solar photovoltaic system—this is now the first classroom within a public school in Hawai'i to be completely off grid!





# BUILDING PROGRAM — COMMUNITY

Just outside of Hana town, our youth designed and built a 1,200-square-foot cottage—their largest ever!—for a deserving uncle and auntie. The design emphasized sustainable techniques such as passive ventilation, and the kids were taught ways to build for longevity in our damp, hot climate. On the project, they learned every aspect of the construction process, from using a laser level to shoot elevations for the foundation work, to framing, roofing, drywall, electrical, and plumbing. Most impressively, the build was led by one of our graduate teachers, James—a testament to the success our once-considered “at risk” youth can achieve when approached with the right teaching methods.



## BUILDING PROGRAM

61 BUILDING PROGRAM STUDENTS

51 HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS



10 GRADUATE APPRENTICES



14,036  
HOURS OF PARTICIPATION

Youth came to the aid of a kupuna who had a fall and needed safety improvements in her home to make it more accessible. They then built a handicap-access ramp for another auntie, an accessible bathroom for a Hana uncle, and a home upgrade for an uncle who was returning from the hospital and wanted to age in place at home, surrounded by his loved ones.



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# MAHELE FARM PROGRAM

Our community farm continued growing this year—not just by clearing and cultivating new land, but by extending our reach in many ways:

(1) we initiated our Healthy Snack Program at Hana School, getting farm-fresh fruits and veggies directly into the hands of our keiki;

(2) we hosted educational workdays for community members, families, students, and volunteer groups at the farm, and worked with other local nonprofits to get fresh produce into their members' hands; and

(3) we put into place our new Farm Apprenticeship curriculum, where graduates learn organic farming techniques through three main units of study: Lepo (Soil); Mea Ho'oulu (Crops); and Papa Ho'olala (Land Design).

## OUR COMMUNITY FARM



10 ACRES IN TOTAL

5.75 ACRES  
IN CULTIVATION



2 STAFF



4 GRADUATE APPRENTICES



260 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

241 SCHOOL KIDS

44

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH EVENTS



72

CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS



24,473 POUNDS OF PRODUCE





Mahele Farm is now opening up land for more kalo planting, to respond to our new Ku'i Program's need for a local supply.



## KU'I PROGRAM

What started as a cultural component to our woodworking program last fall has turned into our ongoing Ku'i Program, which promotes health and Native Hawaiian culture in our kids and community. Students first learned to make papa ku'i 'ai (poi-pounding boards) out of wood that they felled, carved, cured, and shaped themselves. Then they learned to grind and shape pohaku ku'i 'ai (poi pounders) out of local stone.

The training workshops were so successful, the Ku'i Program director began a weekly Ku'i Club at Hana School, where kids now pound their own kalo together to take home pa'i 'ai and poi to their families. We've also begun a subscription service, so families can pre-order enough cooked kalo to ku'i and feed their family kalo through the week. And we've started a program that provides poi to kupuna who cannot come ku'i themselves...



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## KU'I CLUB

POUNDING POI WEEKLY

STUDENTS

30

ADULTS

12

FAMILIES

6

6,600  
POUNDS OF  
KALO CONSUMED



32



POHAKU KU'I AI

108

PAPA KU'I AI

1,150  
HULI PLANTED



Our students' papa ku'i 'ai cured in the saltwater of our local loko i'a, fishpond. This summer, our kids gave back to the 'ohana who steward the fishpond, by helping them expand their fishpond hale so they can now accommodate overnight visitors to the pond.

# MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT

in making our  
programs possible.  
We look forward  
to continuing our  
partnership with you  
in 2016-17!

Check us out in the June 2016 cover story  
of OHA's Ka Wai Ola

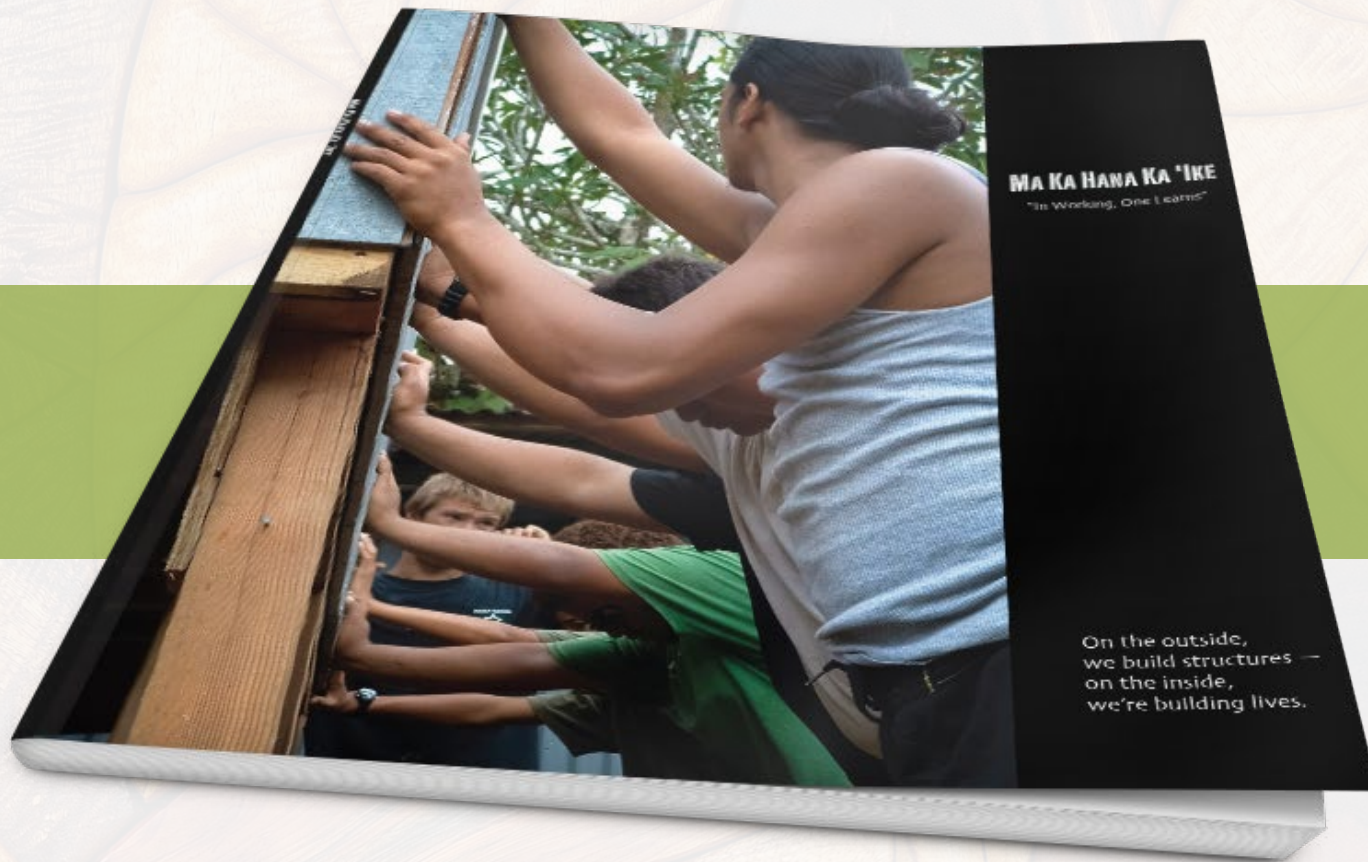
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