

KEHA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK 2019-2022

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) maintains a vital interest in our global society and its impact in Kentucky, across our nation and worldwide. KEHA receives support for these activities through its relationship with these partners: ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), CWC (Country Women's Council), and NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network), as well as local and other affiliated organizations. KEHA involvement includes the activities of attending their meetings, funding assistance, paying dues and participation in their programs. All of the above work is implemented in collaboration with the United Nations "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs). These goals assist women who will lead their countries forward as the world society changes and improved technology communication unites the entire world as one.



The KEHA International program will support Kentucky statewide homemaker's activities that will develop and create innovative learning, spotlight global growth projects and highlight learning lessons that achieve these goals. Members are encouraged to apply for recognition of all projects and programs that forward the International Projects and Programs.

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- Situation:** Everyone uses plastic and because we don't always recycle plastic, we end up throwing it away without thinking about how it's truly harming our environment. Plastic comes from oil and oil comes from the Earth. Oil is nature's way of sequestering carbon and humans extract the oil to make fuels and plastics. So when plastic and CO₂ enter the biosphere they contaminate ecosystems and change the climate. Awareness of what plastic is and where it comes from is the first step in becoming more environmentally friendly and together we can start building green spaces that enrich our community and remove plastic from the biosphere.
- Focus:** EcoBricks: Repurposed building blocks that can be reused over and over again to reduce our environmental footprint by increasing clean green spaces that enrich our communities.
- Goal:** *Promote. Educate. Fundraise.*
KEHA's EcoBrick Project will reach 7 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Developmental Goals that are a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. These goals address the global challenges we face, including those related to climate, environmental degradation and prosperity. The Goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we address each of the 17 Goals and target by 2030
- Objective:** *Consume Less. Avoid Plastic. Go Organic. EcoBrick!*
Provide families with the knowledge of how to obtain an affordable and energy efficient structure that they can call home while simultaneously reducing our environmental footprint by repurposing waste and increasing clean green spaces to enrich communities.

Activities & Lessons:

- EDUCATE:** Make sure to go over the updated International Manual and Appendix sections found at <http://keha.ca.uky.edu/content/international>. There you will find educational materials, other suggested Projects and Programs, reports and news regarding International Programs.
- Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project. Spread the word about EcoBricks and how it will help our environment as well as a family in the Philippines!
- BUILD:** Learn about EcoBricks by registering for an upcoming training hosted by your State International Chairman. Training topics will educate you on the purpose and vision of EcoBricks and how to build your own EcoBrick Structures.
- Come together as a club and community to build your own EcoBrick Structure. A step-by-step guide and trainings will be available. Please contact your State Chairman to get more information.
- REACH OUT:** Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project. Spread the word about EcoBricks and how it can help families and communities across the world.
- Know a family in need that would be interested in building their own EcoBrick home but do not have the extra funds to get started? Have them fill out an application and they could be selected!

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Below are more examples of other Projects & Programs that are implemented in collaboration with the United Nations *Sustainable Developmental Goals*. Encourage your club to participate as they all empower Kentucky Homemakers toward community service in collaboration with our partners (ACWW, CWC and NVON) whose goals promote action steps that explore poverty, zero hunger, climate change and leadership development among women worldwide. Be sure to submit a report on each project and program you complete.

GOAL 1: No Poverty

- Access to Adequate Food all Year Round: Support the Backpack Program, local Food Pantries, and Children Feeding Program - both local and International
- Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger

- Grow Local, Buy Local: Grow your own garden, organize a community garden and start a junior garden club to nurture youth in the community, support your local Farmers market.
- Access to Adequate Food all Year Round: Support the Backpack Program, local Food Pantries, and Children Feeding Program - both local and International

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-Being

- Grow Local, Buy Local: Grow your own garden, organize a community garden and start a junior garden club to nurture youth in the community, support your local Farmers market.
- Participate in ACWW's Iron Deficiency Resolution
- Participate in ACWW's Gender Sensitive Healthcare Resolution
- Participate in ACWW's Health and Nutrition for Women with Emphasis on Environmental Health Resolution

GOAL 5: Gender Equality

- Participate in ACWW's Domestic Violence Resolution

GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project
- Conduct an educational program "How to Safely Dispose Medications".
- Know your water https://www.uky.edu/KGS/education/factsheet_water.pdf
- Organize waterway cleanup activities that involve youth.
- Implement a program involving youth on how littering can affect our drinking water.

GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

- Participate in ACWW's Use of Plastic Resolution

GOAL 13: Climate Action

- Participate in ACWW's Action of Climate Change Resolution
- Tree Planting: With climate change derailing our goal for zero hunger, ACWW members worldwide are urged to plant trees worldwide. Trees retain and supply us with fresh water.
- Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project

GOAL 14: Life Below Water

- Promote awareness and raise funds for the EcoBrick Project
- Participate in ACWW's Use of Plastic Resolution

GOAL 15: Life on Land

- Participate in ACWW's Registration of Old Landfills Resolution