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# PLANTYLICIOUS Urban School Farming

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## The current problem

Children aged 6-10 from marginalized families

No shared meals
No information on healthy food
No money to buy healthy food
High intake of UPF

-> Risk of developing obesity in adolescence

-> Need for prevention in community setting

### Tim



### The solution

**Plantylicious**<sup>©</sup> - Urban School Gardening

- Reuse of plastic bottles using soil and seeds to promote locally grown vegetables
- Taste of healthy food & plant based diet to prevent obesity



installed in a school.

### Figure 1: Illustration of the Plantylicious© system

# Existing free mode

# Just 3D print it!

# Trading cards

- Gamification for children
- Motivation and activation of target group
- Information on nutrition facts
- Recipes using the produce from the Plantylicious© system



### Figure 2: Children trading Plantylicious© Cards

# EXAMPLE





# "From seeding to feeding"



### Scientifical studies



Davis et al. LA Sprouts: A Gardening, Nutrition, and Cooking Intervention for Latino Youth Improves Diet and Reduces Obesity. J Am Diet Assoc 2011, 111(8): 1224-1230.

Rochira et al. School Gardening Activities Aimed at Obesity Prevention Improve Body Mass Index and Waist Circumference Parameters in School-Aged Children: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Childhood Obesity 2020 16:3, 154–173.

### Gardening, Nutrition, and Cooking reduce obesity in children

### School gardening improves BMI

### Advantages

- Promotion of <u>healthy eating</u>
- Increased <u>vegetable</u> consumption
- Encouragement of physical activity

Stress reduction and <u>emotional well-being</u>

Integration of physical and environmental <u>education</u>

Long-term <u>healthy</u> <u>habits</u>

# Implementation & Costs

Feasible (existing ecosystem) and low costs (raw materials)

City council proposes concept

City council provides models

set up racks

City council provides funding for implementation Schools allocate staff &

### Schools implement concept

### Schools gather plastic bottles &

### resources to 'Plantylicious'

### Goals of PlantyliciosC

- Implementing gardening into school setting
- Target population learns how to grow plants
- Deeper understanding of healthy food, plants and nutrition
- Gamification incentivizes motivational change

# Thank you

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