



TAO-PILIPINAS INC.

Organizational Profile • 2021

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Who we are

"It is time for us to go to the people rather than ask the people, especially the poor, to come to us."

TAO-Pilipinas (Technical Assistance Organization), Inc. is a women-led, non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization that assists urban and rural poor communities in the physical planning, development, and management of their communities. It was started in 2001 by a multidisciplinary group of individuals who wanted to have a socially-responsive professional practice.

Our core values are integrity, commitment, professionalism, and respect for diversity.

VISION

TAO-Pilipinas envisions the development of sustainable human settlements that is inclusive, people-centered, environment-friendly, and promotes equitable distribution of and access to resources.

MISSION

TAO-Pilipinas commits to the fulfillment of the following:

- Promotion of participatory human settlements, planning, design, development and management;
- Enhancement of technical knowledge and skills among stakeholders in sustainable human settlements development especially the urban poor; and
- Planning, design and development of sustainable communities.

GOALS

TAO-Pilipinas aims to help bring about improved living and housing situation and increased disaster and climate resilience of the poor and vulnerable, consistent with the Rights of Nature framework.

Vision-Mission-Goal and Objectives

OBJECTIVES

TAO-Pilipinas targets to achieve the development of sustainable human settlements by extending support in the form of direct technical assistance, capability-building, research, and networking.

- Strengthened community capability to participate and negotiate in processes to acquire security of tenure and establish safe and sustainable settlements;
- Improved access to gender-responsive technical assistance and financial resources for poor and vulnerable communities;
- Increased community access to knowledge and information leading to low carbon community-managed development; and
- Increased awareness on heritage conservation through research and education.



TAO-Pilipinas was started by architects Arlene Lusterio and Faith Varona who wanted to have a more socially responsive professional practice. This pursuit of architecture careers immersed in working with poor communities took root from their initial exposure as members of the socio-civic student organization Task Force Arki (TFA) at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. In 1996, they organized the first national summer camp on social housing in Cebu City, initiating the formation of a loose coalition of young professionals involved in community development work. Faith and Arlene eventually formed TAO-Pilipinas as an NGO in 2001 with the support of Fr. Eduardo Jorge Anzorena of SELAVIP. They were joined by like-minded women professionals as board members of the new NGO.

TAO-Pilipinas' first official involvement was with informal settlements affected by the Pasig River Rehabilitation Program in Metro Manila, in partnership with the Urban Poor Associates. The first communities that TAO worked with to formulate community development plans or People's Plans were in Baseco and Parola in the port area of Manila and Barangay Pineda in Pasig City. Other groups along Pasig River and in other areas in Metro Manila followed suit, mostly communities affected by government multi-million-dollar infrastructure projects for the rehabilitation of waterways and railways. TAO was soon working with communities in Quezon City, Valenzuela City, West Rembo in Makati City, Punta-Sta. Ana and Tondo in Manila, Tanza in Navotas City, and in Marilao, Bulacan. TAO employed a strong participatory approach in its technical assistance work which was centered on advocacy for secure tenure and housing, and on community development.

In 2004, with Misereor providing institutional funding support, four major programs were set up and run to achieve TAO's goals. Its core program, the Human Settlements and Environment, provided direct technical assistance to community-based organizations and NGOs. Supporting it were the Research and Publications program which covered various studies and documentation activities, as well as the maintenance of its resource center; the Education and Training with the Young Professionals program which focused on the provision of capability-building workshops and trainings; and the Organization, Networking and Advocacy program which dealt with network and organizational development.

Herstory

In a decade, TAO has grown to a 10-strong all-women staff and reached more informal settlements in and outside of Metro Manila and parts of Luzon, worked with more NGOs, collaborated with local governments and key shelter agencies, and widened its local and international academe network. By 2012, TAO-Pilipinas' work increasingly geared towards shelter assistance in post-disaster response and began undertaking its first few major construction projects. The following years also saw TAO's project areas expand to the Visayas and Mindanao region with capability-building activities in Palawan, Northern Samar and Cagayan de Oro City.

In the aftermath of super typhoon Yolanda in 2013, TAO-Pilipinas worked with various NGOs, international NGOs, local government units and people's organizations in numerous post-disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Leyte, Panay and Eastern Samar. For close to four years, TAO implemented the shelter and evacuation center component of PMPI Project Pagbangon in Manicani and Homonhon Islands in Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

At present, TAO has received another three-year grant from Misereor, its major funding partner since 2004, for a continuing project on building sustainable and disaster-resilient communities in Luzon. TAO also has recently undergone organizational restructuring to more efficiently provide the expanding range of technical services offered to its target groups while continuing to give a strong focus on the application of participatory approach in its planning and design works.

Services

PEOPLE'S PLANNING AND SHELTER ASSISTANCE

TAO-Pilipinas takes the participatory approach to community development planning, using methodologies and tools that strongly engage the community in the planning process. We facilitate the formulation of People's Plans to help communities negotiate for security of tenure, access financing for social housing, and address shelter needs and issues.

We provide the following technical services:

- pre-design services (including housing site assessments, community action planning)
- site and physical planning (including master development planning, subdivision planning)
- site development planning
- housing design for horizontal development and high-density housing

PROFESSIONAL / CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Our interdisciplinary team at TAO-Pilipinas delivers professional and consultancy services in the fields of architecture, engineering and environmental planning.

With our focus on sustainable human settlements development, we extend pre-design services, specialized architectural services, detailed architectural and engineering design services, and comprehensive development planning services (including comprehensive land use planning and local shelter planning).

CAPABILITY- BUILDING / TRAINING

TAO-Pilipinas implements capability-building programs that facilitate technical knowledge transfer and information sharing to guide communities in making informed decisions.

We design and deliver customized and hands-on training on a variety of settlements-related topics for community-based implementation, such as:

- housing estate management
- disaster risk reduction and management
- solid waste management
- disaster-resilient shelter design and construction
- renewable energy systems

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

TAO-Pilipinas undertakes research and develops publications to build awareness, guide community action, and share learning on sustainable human settlements development.

Knowledge products created from research work are made available to the general public, including materials on:

- participatory community development planning
- alternative building materials and technologies for social housing
- disaster risk reduction and management
- solid waste management
- architectural heritage conservation

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YP) FORMATION

TAO-Pilipinas provides venues for young architects, engineers and planners to engage in social housing and community development work. YP formation activities orient them in socially-responsive professional practice and in the participatory development approach.

TAO-Pilipinas also offers seminars for continuing professional education in architecture and environmental planning. Our seminars highlight settlements and urban development issues, especially those that affect the poor and marginalized sectors.

Our programs and activities include:

- Orientation workshops on social housing
- Internship program
- Volunteer mobilization and coordination for NSTP-CWTS
- Training courses and research collaboration with the academe (local and international)
- CPE programs (courses and seminars on architecture and environmental planning)

POST-DISASTER RESPONSE

With the effects of climate change pulling the country to the forefront of disasters, TAO-Pilipinas has evolved its range of post-disaster response in partnership with humanitarian and other donor agencies.

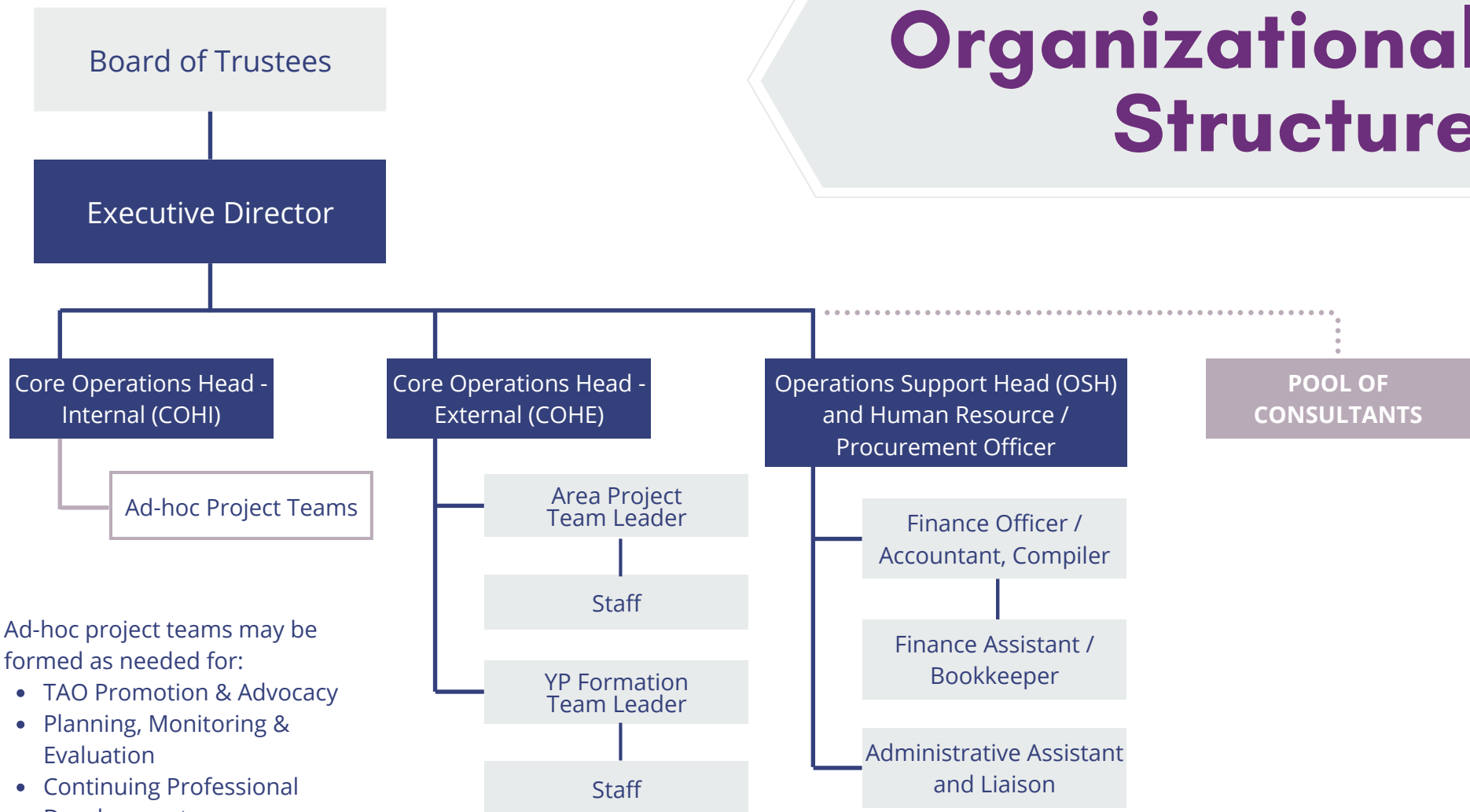
Since 2006, TAO has partnered with humanitarian actors to deliver timely and effective shelter assistance in post-disaster situations. We provide technical support in the conduct of post-disaster damage assessment and reconstruction efforts, employing the principles of people-centered response and disaster resilience.

Project Areas




TAO-Pilipinas offers a comprehensive range of technical services to organized poor and vulnerable target communities, non-government organizations, and local government units or national government agencies. We take pride in the application of participatory approaches to planning and design and give focus on sustainable human settlements development issues in our capability-building and training activities, research work, and post-disaster response.

Organizational Structure



Ad-hoc project teams may be formed as needed for:

- TAO Promotion & Advocacy
- Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Continuing Professional Development
- Organizational Development
- Research, Publications & Knowledge Management
- International Engagements

 Members of the Management Committee

Board of Trustees

Ana Marie O. Dizon

Chairperson

Ana Marie Dizon is a sociologist with over 20 years of local and international experience in social development, internal/external monitoring and survey research, advocacy and networking, adolescent and youth work, gender and development, displacement, community-based post-conflict rehabilitation, project development and implementation, and monitoring and evaluation in emergency settings

Ana holds a postgraduate degree in International Crisis Management from Monash University in Melbourne, a diploma in Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action from the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), a joint center of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute (IHEID), and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

She has worked for the following local and international non-profit organizations: Center for Women's Resources (CWR), Urban Poor Associates (UPA), John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (JJCICSI), Assisi Development Foundation (ADF), ASA Philippines, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). In her most recent assignment with UNICEF, she was involved in the humanitarian performance monitoring of the Typhoon Haiyan emergency response in the Philippines and the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) emergency in Liberia, West Africa.

She is presently engaged as an independent consultant for a number of INGOs as learning consultant and evaluator (Christian Aid/Start Network, Tearfund, CARITAS Internationalis). Ana is a founding member of TAO-Pilipinas.

Maria Antonia N. Tanchuling

Vice Chairperson

Dr. Maria Antonia N. Tanchuling is a Professor of the University of the Philippines College of Engineering and is the Director of the Institute of Civil Engineering since 2017. She is the former Coordinator of the Environmental Engineering Graduate Program from 2010 to 2016 and the former Associate Dean for Student and Industry Linkage.

Tonette earned her BS in Civil Engineering and MS in Environmental Engineering degrees from the University of the Philippines Diliman, and her PhD in Civil Engineering from Tokyo Institute of Technology. Her research interests include solid waste management, environmental impact assessment, water quality management, and water and sanitation. She is currently the chairperson of the Philippine Association of Tertiary Level Educational Institutions in Environmental Protection and Management (PATLEPAM).

Tonette joined the TAO-Pilipinas Board of Trustees in 2009. She is also a founding partner of AMH Philippines, an engineering consultancy firm.

Maria Faith Y. Varona

Secretary

A licensed architect and environmental planner, Maria Faith Varona is currently a member of the faculty of the University of the Philippines College of Architecture under the urban design, housing and architectural communication laboratories. Faith helped found TAO-Pilipinas in 2001 and was its Research and Publications program director for more than a decade until she became a member of its Board of Trustees in 2014. Prior to establishing TAO-Pilipinas, she also worked for local and international organizations such as Alterplan, NGO-Coalition for Cooperatives Development, Oxfam-America, and Building Alliance for Action and Initiatives.

Faith received her Master's degree in Urban Management and Development – Housing specialization through a joint-university master's degree program between the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)-Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands and Housing Development and Management (HDM) in Lund University, Sweden with a fellowship from the Netherlands Fellowship Program (NUFFIC). She also holds a post-graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Philippines - Diliman School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP) and completed her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the UP College of Architecture. She has conducted housing design, community planning, research, technical consultancy, local coordination, documentation and assessment for various projects, spanning different cities and regions in the Philippines.



Maria Victoria S. Ilagan

Treasurer

Avic Ilagan is an independent filmmaker and a senior resident actor-teacher of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA). Prior to pursuing a career as a filmmaker, Avic spent eighteen years as a theater artist of PETA doing production design, marketing and promotion, cultural research, facilitating workshops and eventually doing lead and support roles. She created educational television programming designed to appeal to mass audiences and has directed a number of drama teleplays aired nationally on Philippine television.

Avic has directed several film projects on childbirth and maternal care, health and migration, and documentary films on the plight of Filipino migrant workers. Her films "Ang Babae Kapag Nag-iisa sa Maynila" (A Woman Alone in Manila), "Dancing In The Light," and "Sowing Seeds" have been screened internationally. She has won several awards for her documentaries and short feature films at the Gawad CCP Para sa Alternatibong Pelikula at Video in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

She joined the TAO-Pilipinas Board of Trustees in 2004. She is also affiliated with Blacksoup, a film collective working on documentaries, audio-visual productions and multi-media projects.

Ma. Aleta C. Nuñez, LLM

Board Member

Atty. Alett Nuñez is an environmental lawyer with more than two decades of experience in environmental and natural resource policy and governance and program management. She has served as an advisor and specialist to numerous international and local agencies including the US Agency for International Development, World Wildlife Fund, Department of Public Works and Highways, and Provincial Government of Negros Occidental. She provides policy and legal support in programs related to fisheries management, water quality management, and in ensuring transparency and accountability in the mining, oil and gas industries. Her work experience also covers training, capacity-building and teaching, and the practice of law before courts and administrative agencies.

Alett received her degree in political science and Bachelor of Laws at the University of the Philippines Diliman. She completed her Master of Laws at the Columbia University in New York City with a Parker School Certificate of Achievement in International Law. She joined the TAO-Pilipinas Board of Trustees in 2021.

Laura T. David, Ph.D.

Board Member

Dr. Laura T. David is a physical oceanographer and professor at the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UP MSI) who studies ocean physics and its effects to productivity and diversity. She is currently the UP MSI Director. Her research interests are in coastal oceanography, remote sensing of coastal and marine environment, ocean energy, coastal ecosystems and climate change, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction management, science communication on biodiversity, interconnectivity and climate resilience.

Laura earned her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from UP Diliman and her PhD in Physical Oceanography, the first Filipina to do so, from the University of South Carolina, USA. She has been involved in research about the Philippine coast and adjacent waters and in mapping and modelling the vulnerability to human impact of coral reefs in the Southeast Asia region. Her expertise is also being tapped to assist in matters related to climate change vulnerability and adaptation. She is the chair of the Technical Committee for Marine Science of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and is a member of the National Panel of Technical Experts for the Climate Change Commission.

She is an awardee of the Outstanding Young Scientists (OYS) and The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS), Gawad Chanselor Natatanging Guro from UP Diliman, a former L'Oreal National Fellow, and a continuing Senior Fellow at the OML Center for Climate Change Adaptation. Laura has led the Board of Trustees of TAO-Pilipinas as chairperson from 2004 until early 2019. She continues to sit as a member of the board.

Eleanor C. Ramos

Board Member

Ellen Ramos is an architect-turned-independent filmmaker. She studied animation at the Mowelfund Film Institute and experimental filmmaking under Christoph Janetzko. She was a UNESCO-Aschberg scholar at the Cologne Academy of Media Arts in Germany and was an animation lecturer at the Mowelfund Film Institute from 1993-2005, and later became Head of the Education Program. She has worked on various short film productions as director, animator, production designer, sound recordist, and editor. She received the 1992 Philippine Board of Books for Young People (PBBY) Illustrators Grand Prize and First Prize awards from the CCP Awards for Alternative Film & Video and Animahenasyon Film Festival. As a freelance graphic designer, she has worked for various cultural institutions, advocacy organizations, and created videos for plays staged by the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA). She was also a member of Blacksoup, a film collective working on documentaries and audio-visual productions.

Delving into feature films with co-director Paolo Villaluna, their filmography includes Pauwi na (Pedicab, 2016), Walang Hanggang Paalam (Endless, 2009), Selda (The Inmate, 2007), and Ilusyon (2005) which have been screened and garnered awards in local and international film festivals. Ellen is a recipient of the first Philippine Daily Inquirer Indie Tribute in 2010, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Ani ng Dangal Awards in 2011 and 2012.

Prior to becoming a filmmaker, Ellen was a full-time architect and a computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) specialist. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of the Philippines Diliman. She joined the TAO-Pilipinas Board of Trustees in 2004.

Arlene Christy D. Lusterio

Executive Director (ED)

Arlene Lusterio is a licensed architect and environmental planner. She is one of the founders of TAO-Pilipinas and has been its Executive Director since 2001. Prior to establishing TAO-Pilipinas, she spent three years working directly with the poor in Magsaysay Village, Tondo as the project coordinator for a parish-based housing project. Then she spent three years doing physical planning work with Planning Resources and Operations Systems, Inc.

While running a technical assistance NGO, she has also done consultancy work as a specialist on People's Planning and Social Housing for the Department of the Interior and Local Government and for Asia Foundation. She serves as board member for Partnership of Philippine Support and Service Agencies (PHILSSA) and as co-convenor for Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc. (PMPI). Arlene is also a principal at the consultancy firm PROS Architects and Planners Inc.

Her research interest is in sustainable coastal human settlements development. She is a published author-contributor in books and journals about coastal settlements, disaster-resilient communities and humanitarian shelter assistance.

Arlene completed her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of the Philippines College of Architecture in Diliman and finished her post-graduate Master of Architecture in Human Settlements degree at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL) in Belgium where she was a recipient of the Flemish Interuniversity Council (VLIR) Scholarship. She was also awarded an Asian Fellowship by the Asian Scholarship Foundation and spent a year of research on settlements on water in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam and presented her research findings in international conferences in Belgium and Taiwan.

Geraldine R. Matabang

Core Operations Head - Internal (COHI)

Geraldine Matabang is a licensed architect and environmental planner. She has Master of Arts in Urban & Regional Planning and Bachelor of Science in Architecture degrees from the University of the Philippines. She started as a junior architect at Smith Group Gexis, the Manila office of the US-based integrated design firm SmithGroup. She then joined Leandro V. Locsin Partners as a staff architect, working on various high-end residential, cultural and institutional building projects.

Upon completing her post-graduate degree, she shifted to development work. She joined TAO-Pilipinas first as a member of its Board of Trustees in 2001 and worked full-time to head the Young Professionals Program from 2005 to 2010. She is also formerly the Education and Training Program Director where she oversaw its capability building programs for social housing projects, designed participatory shelter planning modules and facilitated trainings for government, civil society and community-based organizations. She has published manuals and monographs about community planning and disaster-resilient design.

She was a recipient of the UNDP-TUGI Young Leadership Award for Good Urban Governance in 2002 and placed first in the 2005 Environmental Planning Licensure Exams. As a Young Researcher Grantee of Provention Consortium in 2008, she completed an action research on "Integrating Disaster Risk Management in Site Planning and House Design of Resettlement Projects in Albay" and presented her research findings in various Manila and Bicol universities.

Angelus Maria P. Sales

Core Operations Head - External (COHE)

Angelus Maria Sales is a licensed architect whose field of interest lie in historic preservation. Angel has a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of the Philippines College of Architecture and a Graduate Diploma in Archaeology from the Archaeological Studies Program (UP ASP). She initially joined TAO-Pilipinas in 2005 as a staff for the Research and Publications Program and worked on the regular publication of TAO Shelter magazine, project documentation, and a research project on heritage conservation. She has authored and published two manuals on house construction for social housing. She moved to lead the Young Professionals Program by 2013.

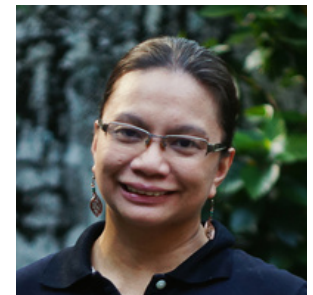
Angel is also a volunteer field archaeologist of the UP ASP and a lecturer of residential design and housing at a review center. Aside from her interest in historic preservation and archaeology, she is well-versed in graphic design and animation and has completed training courses in geographic information systems and remote sensing.

Cecilia P. Del Rosario

Operations Support Head (OSH)

Cecilia Del Rosario is a graduate of BS Behavioral Science at Miriam College Quezon City with local and overseas experience in human resources and office administration, purchasing and contracts management. Cecil worked in the United Arab Emirates from 2006 to 2014, first as an accounts assistant for Coral Oriental Dubai Hotel, then as a cost engineering assistant for global engineering firm Foster Wheeler Ltd. in Dubai, and as the shipment coordinator for the manufacturing supplier New Jersey Industrial Supplies in Sharjah. Returning from abroad, she joined TAO-Pilipinas in 2015 as the finance and procurement officer for its post-disaster shelter assistance and construction projects in Eastern Samar. Cecil now heads the administrative and finance unit of TAO-Pilipinas, supervising human resource and operational support management, as well as projects procurement.

Staff



Gladys Faith H. Cortez

Finance Officer and Accountant

Gladys Faith Cortez is a certified public accountant (CPA) practicing in the fields of public and corporate accounting. Gladys graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy in 2012 from the Philippine School of Business Administration in Quezon City. She delved into development work and spent nearly four years as finance officer and administrative assistant of Philippine Misereor Partnership, Inc. (PMPI) where she supervised the budget for the PMPI's Project Pagba-ngon, its region wide post-Yolanda rehabilitation project in Eastern Samar. She joined TAO-Pilipinas in late 2018 as an accountant and finance officer.

Gladys continues to work as an accountant-consultant for various companies and NGOs. She hones her skills through specialized training courses and recently attended a training program on international financial methods for controllers in Olof Palme International Center in Sweden to improve her work with local partners.

Janice C. Distal

Administrative Assistant and Liaison Staff

Janice Distal has a Bachelor in Business Teacher Education degree from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines which she completed in 2005. Janice has since worked with various companies in the manufacturing and trading and food industries, acquiring vast experience in inventory and purchasing, accounting and administrative support. She joined TAO-Pilipinas in 2019 as an office administrative assistant, performing clerical duties to ensure orderly operations, facilitate communication, and monitor and document information.

Maria Lorena P. Hernandez

Project Team Leader - Angat

Lorena Hernandez is a licensed civil engineer. She graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. In 2015, Lorena started working for TAO-Pilipinas as Human Settlements and Environment program staff wherein she monitored TAO's post-Haiyan shelter assistance projects in Guiuan and Salcedo in Eastern Samar. She also trained TAO project partners in using Kobo Toolbox application for data collection and monitoring. She is now the project team leader for technical assistance to Masagana community in Angat, supervising the construction of core houses and leading a project that utilized renewable energy technology in community facilities.

Lorena's research interests are in mass transportation, critical transport infrastructures, humanitarian logistics, and disaster management. She is currently taking up a Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience degree at the Ateneo de Manila University with a scholarship from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Dessica Marie P. Salvador

Project Staff - Angat

Dessica Salvador joined TAO-Pilipinas as an apprentice in 2015 while still a student at the Technological Institute of the Philippines where she completed her Bachelor's degree in Architecture in 2019. As a student-intern, Dessica assisted in CAD production and created workshop tools and scaled models of TAO's various shelter unit designs. She is now a full-time staff assisting in the Angat project area. Dessica has special interest in the arts, joining several art contests and was a student paper cartoonist in secondary school. Her research interest is in sustainable architecture. Her undergraduate thesis focused on the integration of urban farming in the development of a low-income community in Quezon City.

Theresse R. Julia

Project Team Leader - Lupang Arenda and PPVHOA

Theresse Julia is a licensed architect. She graduated from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Architecture. Theresse started out volunteering at TAO-Pilipinas as a member of the student organization UP Task Force Arki and then applied as an intern after graduation. She became a full-time staff for the Research and Publication Program in 2017, working on project documentation and producing information, education and communication (IEC) materials for TAO's community partners. She is now assigned in the Lupang Arenda project team and also leads in other project engagements. Her fields of interest are in urban planning, urban design and community architecture.

Marianne C. Turiano

Project Staff - Arenda and PPVHOA

Marianne Turiano is a BS Architecture graduate of University of Santo Tomas. After graduating, her work experience as an architectural designer with private firms was focused on high-end residential projects. Since joining TAO-Pilipinas in 2020 she has been exposed to social housing and community upgrading projects. Marianne currently assists in the development of the PPVHOA high density housing in Manila and in producing GIS maps for the site upgrading of Lupang Arenda settlement in Taytay. Gender and development and community architecture are her research interests.

Min-Roselle S. Malunhao

Project Staff - Young Professionals Formation

Min Malunhao graduated from the University of the Philippines Diliman with a BS Architecture degree. Prior to joining TAO-Pilipinas in 2020, she worked as an architectural designer at R.Villarosa Architects. Min is currently assigned to the Young Professionals Formation, engaging the academe for student volunteer mobilization and internships, and coordinates the publication of the YP e-newsletter. She is also the social media officer of the organization. Her fields of interest are in sustainability science and in music and acoustic design.



Major funding partners

Over the years, TAO-Pilipinas has rendered its services through funding from various partners - from local NGOs, INGOs, faith-based organizations, to academic and financial institutions, private foundations, and government agencies. Here are our current funding partners (2019-2021):

KZE Misereor Germany

MISEREOR is the German Catholic Bishops' Organization for Development Cooperation based in Aachen, Germany. It cooperates with local partners (ie church-based institutions, NGOs, social movements and research institutions) to implement projects that support the marginalized and promote development. MISEREOR currently provides funding for the project "Building Sustainable and Disaster-Resilient Communities in Metro Manila and Luzon", and the institutional funding of TAO-Pilipinas.



Australian Embassy Direct Aid Program (DAP)

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program of the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). It supports projects working with local communities in developing countries on projects that reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development consistent with Australia's national interest. DAP currently provides funding for the project "Sustainable Community Development of Masagana Homeowners Association Angat".



Global Youth Empowerment Fund (GYEF)

GYEF is a partnership between the Junior Chamber International (JCI) and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Action Campaign that provides grants to youth-initiated projects and social enterprises that promote the SDGs in local communities from all over the world. GYEF provided funding for the recently completed project "CO-DESIGN: Empowering Community Youth Leaders and Students on Social and Technical Processes for Disaster Resilience".



Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc. (PMPI)

PMPI is a social development and advocacy network comprising over 250 church/faith-based groups, NGOs, and people's organizations from all over the Philippines. It works in partnership with MISEREOR. PMPI currently provides project funding for "#ProjectPagbangon: MCR Production".



Partners

List of major funders (2001 to 2018):

- KZE Misereor Germany
- SELAVIP (Latin American and Asian Low-income Housing Service)
- UNDP The Urban Governance Initiative
- Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
- Partnership of Philippines Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Water Financing Partnership Facility
- Christian Aid
- Catholic Relief Services
- Terres des Hommes (TdH) Germany
- Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc.
- Fondation de France
- Housing Development and Management Lund University-Sweden
- Give2Asia Foundation and Starbucks Social Entrepreneurs Fund
- National Commission for Culture and the Arts
- Social Housing Finance Corporation
- Provention Consortium Applied Research Grant
- Sikat Solar Challenge Foundation

Community partners

As an advocate of participatory processes, TAO-Pilipinas works closely and collaboratively with its partner communities in the planning and design, development, and management of various projects. Here are our current partner communities / people's organizations:

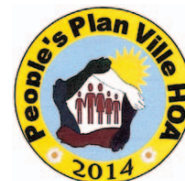
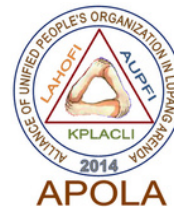
Alliance of People's Organizations in Lupang Arenda (APOLA)

APOLA is located in Sitio Tapayan, Barangay Sta. Ana, Taytay, Rizal. It is the umbrella organization of 3 federations — Lupang Arenda Homeowners Federation, Inc. (LAHOFI); Arenda Urban Poor Federation, Inc. (AUPFI); and Koalisyon ng Pagbabago sa Lupang Arenda Council of Leaders, Inc. (KOALISYON) — that comprises over 19,000 families (as of 2011) in 7 puroks within 80 hectares of land.

Under Presidential Proclamation 704 in 1995, the 80-hectare land in Lupang Arenda was allocated to families affected by the Pasig River Rehabilitation and to informal settlers in Taytay. However, PP 704 was revoked by Executive Order 854 in the aftermath of flooding caused by Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) in 2009. APOLA actively engages with the local and national governments to push for a new proclamation to re-establish Lupang Arenda as a site for socialized housing development. The decades of struggle for the proclamation will pave way for achieving security of tenure in Lupang Arenda.

People's Plan Ville Homeowners Association (PPVHOA)

PPVHOA is composed of 200 informal settler families currently residing in Binondo, Manila. The community has identified the GSIS property on De Dios Street, Barangay 632, Sta. Mesa, Manila as their in-city housing site. With a total land area of 3,164 square meters, the site will accommodate a five-storey building with 200 residential units, 2 commercial units, and 3 units for a multipurpose hall. The project will be funded through a loan under the vertical CMP (Community Mortgage Program) of Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC). The community is currently waiting for the purchase of land by SHFC from GSIS. A usufruct agreement is being considered for land ownership to make the project affordable to all members of PPVHOA and the institutional funding of TAO-Pilipinas.



List of community partners (2001 to 2018):

- Alyansa ng Nagkakaisang Maralita ng Daet (ANMD)
- Bicol Area Homeowners Association, Inc. (BAHAI)
- Buklod Tao
- Buklurang Mamamayan Community Association (BMCA)
- Cemento Women's Association, Inc. (CWAJ)
- Damayan sa Floodway Homeowners Association
- Dike-side Organization of Punta (DSOP)
- Dinahican Visayan Village Fishermen's Association (DVVFA)
- Dumpsite View Neighborhood Association, Inc. (DVNA)
- Gulayan Pilapil Neighborhood Association, Inc. (GPNAI)
- Happy Family Neighborhood Association, Inc. (HFNA)
- Homonhon Environment Rescuers Organization (HERO)
- Kabalikat para sa Kaunlaran ng Baseco (KABALIKAT)
- KABISIG Homeowners Association, Inc. (KABISIG HOA)
- Kapanalig Kapisanan ng mga Samahan sa Riles ng Valenzuela (KASARIVAL)
- Kasiglahan Village Phase 1-D Homeowners Association
- Munting Sabang Tagumpay Association
- Naga City Urban Poor Federation, Inc. (NCUPFI)
- Nagkakaisang Lakas ng Maralita sa UP Campus (NALAMA)
- Nagkakaisang Samahan ng Parola (NASAPA)
- Nakakaisang Lakas ng Maralitang Navoteno
- Parola Compound Neighborhood Association (PACOMNA)

Community partners

As an advocate of participatory processes, TAO-Pilipinas works closely and collaboratively with its partner communities in the planning and design, development, and management of various projects. Here are our current partner communities / people's organizations:

Masagana of Angat Homeowners Association (Masagana)

MASAGANA (Mamamayan Sama-samang Gumagabay at Nagtatanggong Api) of Angat Homeowners Association, Inc. is a community-based organization in Barangay Pulong Yantok, Angat, Bulacan that aspires for a safe and sustainable settlement. The community was established in 2009 as a breakaway group from Sanagmana, a federation of informal settler families residing in Navotas City. Families of Masagana initially relocated in the middle of a reclaimed fishpond in Barangay Tanza but the site eventually became permanently flooded due to dike breaches.

The community resolved to search for a resettlement area and found a 1.4-hectare agro-industrial land in Angat, Bulacan that they were able to purchase through funds from the Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA) Navotas Big Project in 2010. After an arduous process of land reclassification, various certifications, and local acceptance, Masagana finally began resettling in Angat in 2012. Currently, 17 houses have been constructed in Masagana Area through the ACCA loan (11 houses have been completed while 6 are under construction). Out of the 63 household members of Masagana, 21 households are permanently residing in the area.



Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC) of Santuario de San Vicente de Paul Parish

The BEC of Santuario Parish are a group of communities divided into three non-contiguous areas (called kawan 1, 2 and 3) in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City. Kawan 1 has 643 households; Kawan 2 has 1,022 households; while Kawan 3 has around 800 households. While majority of the households in all three kawan areas already have security of tenure, there are still a few informal settlements scattered across the communities. The community associations are currently at different stages of securing land tenure. Most of them are planning to apply (or are currently applying) for the Community Mortgage Program (CMP) of Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC).



List of community partners (2001 to 2018):

- Pili Federation of Urban Poor Associations, Inc. (PFUPAI)
- Pinagsama-Dampa Housing Cooperative
- Pinamana
- Pope John Paul II Village Association (Infanta, Quezon)
- Promiseland
- PRoMiSi (formerly Save Manicani Movement)
- Sabah Neighborhood Association
- Samahan ng Maliliit na Mangangalkal ng R. Domingo
- Samahan ng mga Maralita sa Riles ng Marilao (SAMARIMA)
- Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Maralita ng Navotas (SANAGMANA)
- Samahan ng mga Kababaihan sa Bicol Area Tanza
- Samahan para sa Angkop na Pabahay sa San Pablo Apostol (SAPSPA)
- Samahang Magkakapitbahay sa MRR Pineda (SAMAPI)
- Samahang Magkakapitbisig na Maralita ng Hilltop Empire (SANKAHILLE)
- Samahang Magkakapitbisig ng Sitio Crusher (SMSC)
- Samahang Maralita ng Sitio Pulo (SAMASAI SIP)
- Samahang Pantalan Uno
- SMSJ/NAMAPA
- Suburban Phase 1B Homeowners Association
- Taysan United Homeowners Association (Taysan Resettlement Site)
- Ugnayang Lakas ng mga Asosasyon at Pederasyon (ULAP)
- United Survivors Homeowners Association (Anislag Resettlement Site Phase 2)
- Upper Nawasa Neighborhood Association, Inc. (UNNAI)

NGO partners

TAO-Pilipinas works hand in hand with other NGOs of various fields to accomplish the goals and objectives of each project. Usually, development NGOs introduce TAO-Pilipinas to their partner communities in need of technical assistance, or TAO-Pilipinas taps other NGOs to address the community needs that are outside of TAO's expertise. Among our current development NGO partners are:

Community Organizers Multiversity (COM)

COM is a non-profit NGO that develops, enhances, and nurtures the capacities of community organizers, people's organizations, and other development organizations. COM is TAO's partner NGO for communities in Lupang Arenda in Taytay, Rizal (Alliance of People's Organizations in Lupang Arenda) and Sta. Mesa, Manila (People's Plan Ville Homeowners Association).



Foundation for Development Alternatives (FDA)

FDA is a non-profit NGO that promotes social justice and development, and origination of socialized housing for homeless urban poor communities. FDA is TAO's partner NGO for communities in Tandang Sora, Quezon City (Santuario de San Vicente de Paul Parish Basic Ecclesial Communities).



Foundation for the Development of the Urban Poor (FDUP)

FDUP is a non-profit NGO that organizes and empowers urban poor communities towards shelter security. They also develop socialized housing projects and assist communities in accessing government financing programs. FDUP is TAO's NGO partner for a community in Sta. Mesa, Manila (People's Plan Ville Homeowners Association).



List of NGO partners (2001 to 2018):

- Alternative Planning Initiatives (Alterplan)
- Bakas Pilipinas
- Center for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (CARRD)
- Center for Community Assistance and Development (CCAD)
- Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)
- Coastal Core Incorporated (CCI) and Sentro ha Pagpauswag ha Panginabuhì (SPPI)
- Community Organizations of the Philippines Enterprise, Inc. (COPE)
- Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api, Inc. (DAMPA)
- Food for the Hungry (FH) Philippines, Inc.
- Health Alternatives for Total Human Development Institute (HealthDev)
- Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS)
- International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
- Julio & Florentina Ledesma Foundation Inc. (JFLFI)
- John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (JJCISI)
- Maria Aurora Quezon Foundation, Inc. (MAQFI)
- Medical Alliance Group (MAG)
- Metropolitan Museum of Manila Foundation, Inc.
- Nagkakaisang Mamamayan sa Kanlurang Batangas Multi-Purpose Cooperative (NAGKASAMA MPC)
- Saint Hannibal Empowerment Center (SHEC)
- Sentro para sa Ikauunlad ng Katutubong Agham at Teknolohiya (SIKAT)
- Sikat Solar Challenge Foundation, Inc.
- Social Action Center (SAC) - Prelature of Infanta
- Socio-Pastoral Institute (SPI)
- Urban Poor Associates (UPA)
- Urban Poor Ministry of San Roque Parish Diocese of Caloocan
- Venture for Fund Raising

Network partners

In order to provide a holistic approach in realizing its goals, among other things, TAO-Pilipinas links up with network partners from different disciplines that share its vision and aspirations in developing inclusive and sustainable communities. Presently, we are affiliated with the following networks:

Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA)

PHILSSA is a non-stock service network comprising over 60 partner NGOs engaged in various fields of development service in urban centers from all over the Philippines. The partnership network works towards sustainable development and empowerment of urban sectors, such as informal settler families (ISFs), labor force, youth, women, children, and development workers themselves. TAO has been a part of PHILSSA since 2006.



Philippine Misereor Partnership, Inc. (PMPI)

PMPI is a social development and advocacy network comprising over 250 church / faith-based groups, NGOs, and people's organizations from all over the Philippines. It brings together organizations supported by Misereor, the social development arm of the German CathoBishops based in Aachen, Germany. Its advocacy work incorporates various thematic concerns including climate change, environmental and rights issues.



Community Architects Network (CAN)

CAN is a regional network of community architects, planners, engineers, young professionals, lecturers, and academic institutes in Asian countries. The network was established in 2010 and has been supporting community-led projects on housing, city-wide upgrading, and disaster recovery. The network believes in the role of community architects to build the capacity of people through participatory design and planning processes.



Academe partners

Rounding out the project partners of TAO-Pilipinas are academic institutions and organizations. TAO-Pilipinas has established partnerships with various universities and students organizations for its past and present projects. Among these academe partners include:

Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health (ASMPH)

ASMPH is an academic unit of Ateneo de Manila University with an integrated Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) curriculum. Part of this curriculum is the Learning Experiences in Communities (LEC), a program that provides a venue for students to apply learning in clinical medicine, public health, and management in community service. They APOLA communities in Lupang Arenda, Taytay, Rizal is one of their target areas for community extension work.



De La Salle University – Manila, Center for Social Concern and Action (DLSU-COSCA)

COSCA is the social development arm of De La Salle University – Manila (DLSU). Under DLSU's Service Learning Program (SLP), all undergraduate students are given the opportunity to apply academic learning and skills to help COSCA's partner communities and organizations, which include TAO-Pilipinas.



Housing Development and Management (HDM) Lund University – Sweden

HDM is a department under the Faculty of Engineering in Lund University (Lund, Sweden). HDM undertakes research and education in housing and urban development from an international perspective, conducting training programs with field study in the Philippines which are coordinated by TAO-Pilipinas annually since 2007.



University of Santo Tomas – Department of Civil Engineering (UST CE)

The UST Department of Civil Engineering is an established academe partner of TAO-Pilipinas. Among their past engagements include a post-disaster house repair project in Rodriguez, Rizal in 2008. Most recently, UST CE students volunteered for a project on house assessment and retrofitting in Lupang Arenda, Taytay, Rizal.



University of the Philippines Task Force Arki (UPTFA)

UPTFA is a service-oriented student organization in the College of Architecture of the University of the Philippines in Diliman. UPTFA has had numerous volunteering experiences with TAO-Pilipinas since the latter's establishment in 2001, doing architectural drafting and design for a housing loan program and art workshops for children. They also volunteered for a project on house assessment and retrofitting in Lupang Arenda, Taytay, Rizal.



List of academe partners (2001 to 2018):

- Eastern Samar State University College of Engineering
- Mapua Institute of Technology – School of Architecture, Industrial Design and the Built Environment (MIT-ARIDBE)
- Mapua United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxiliary (Mapua-UAPSA)
- Miriam College Environmental Studies Institute
- Polytechnic University of the Philippines College of Architecture and Fine Arts (PUP-CAFA)
- Technological Institute of the Philippines - Quezon City College of Engineering and Architecture
- University of Santo Tomas Association of Civil Engineering Students (ACES)
- University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Engineering
- University of the Philippines Circle of Landscape Architecture Students (UPCLAS)
- University of the Philippines College of Architecture CWTS Class
- University of the Philippines Geodetic Engineering Department
- University of the Philippines Task Force Arki (UP-TFA)

Government partners

TAO-Pilipinas has also worked with various local government units and national government agencies in providing technical assistance to the poor throughout the years. TAO-Pilipinas is involved with the following government agencies in some of its projects:

Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

PCUP is a coordinative and advocacy body mandated to serve as the direct link of the urban poor to the government in policy formulation and program implementation addressed to their needs.



Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)

SHFC is the lead government agency mandated to undertake financing of social housing programs that cater to the formal and informal sectors in the low-income bracket. It is also in charge of developing and administering social housing program schemes.



Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)

PRC is the agency in charge of the professional sector. Its mandate is to administer, implement and enforce regulatory laws and policies in the practice of professionals under its jurisdiction. The PRC also undertakes the overall implementation of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programs.



Consulting partners

TAO-Pilipinas works with consultancy firms and individual consultants to form multidisciplinary teams that a project may require. The following are some of the professionals that we have engaged in order to provide a comprehensive range of technical services:

List of consultants (2001 to 2018):

- AMH Philippines, Inc. (civil and structural engineering)
- Arch. Cesar Aris of FDUP (trainer on MCR production)
- Armie Jean Perez of Seastems, Inc.
- Arch. Jun Rillera of ASSURE
- Engr. Cesar Tadeo (electrical engineer)
- Engr. Clinton Roque (mechanical engineer and fire protection specialist)
- Engr. Gildo Jimenez (geodetic engineer)
- Engr. Harold Aquino of UP Institute of Civil Engineering
- Engr. Ramon Alberto B. Nolido (civil and structural engineer)
- Engr. Voltaire Tila (geodetic engineer)
- EnP. Eden Sorupia (transportation planner)
- Ms. Lourdes Didith Mendoza-Rivera (editor)
- Ma. Simeona Martinez (GIS specialist)
- Dr. Marc Elgin M. Delgado (GIS research and training specialist)
- Mendoza Engineering (structural engineer)
- Mr. Jonjon Sarmiento (community organizer)
- Mr. Rudy Encinares (trainer on bamboo construction)
- Planning Resources and Operations Systems (PROS)
- Ridge to Reef Solutions, Inc. (geologists)

List of government partners (2001 to 2018):

- DILG Office of the Undersecretary for the Urban Poor, Informal Settler Families and other Special Concerns
- Office of the Mayor of Marilao, Bulacan
- Salcedo Municipal Planning and Development Office

Representative Projects: PEOPLE'S PLANNING & SHELTER ASSISTANCE



Completed Projects:

- Parola Conceptual Development Plan
- Baseco Conceptual Development Plan
- Community Development Plan for MRR-Pineda
- SRAI Conceptual Development Plan
- Platinumville Subdivision and Site Development Plan
- Community-based Technical Assistance to Urban Poor Communities in the Philippines
- Alternative On-site Development Plan for DSOP
- Conceptual Planning and Design for UP Daang-Tubo Site
- KLP-DAMPA Village 1 Subdivision Plan
- Conceptual Development Plans for SHEC Phases 5 and 6, 8 to 12, and 14
- Houses-on-Stilts SANAGMANA Housing Project
- Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA) – City Process, Small and Big Project
- MASAGANA Resettlement Project (Resettlement of Vulnerable Families from Navotas)
- Building Disaster-Resilient Communities in Flood-Prone Areas – Navotas City
- Conceptual Development Planning for COM-assisted Communities
- DILG Consultant for People's Planning
- CRS Community Action Planning (Tacloban City)
- Sustainable Shelter Assistance for Manicani Island
- PMPI Project Pagbangon Shelter and Evacuation Shelter Component
- PPVHOA High-Density Housing Project

Representative Projects: PROFESSIONAL / CONSULTANCY SERVICES



Completed Projects:

- Technical Assistance to DAMPA (subdivision survey)
- NAGKASAMA MPC Farmers' Center Building Design
- CARRD Muscovado Sugar Processing Plant Building Design
- Architectural Design of Green Medium Rise Housing SHEC Phase 3
- Columban Mission Center Schematic Design
- Relocation, Structures and Subdivision Survey for SMSC
- Proposed SHEC Eco-Retreat Center
- Participatory Rapid Assessment for PHILSSA
- Housing Consultant for INSA Fast Housing Project
- Consultant for People's Planning (AUSAID TA to the DILG on GPH Program for Securing Safety of Informal Settler Families in Metro Manila Sub-component 1: Architecture and Engineering for People's Planning)
- Barangay Health Station and Daycare Center Design (for MAG Reconstruction Project)
- San Carlos City Rural and Urban Governance 2019 and Beyond
- Local Shelter Plan and Permanent Shelter Provision in Salcedo and Shelter in Homonhon, Guiuan, Eastern Samar
- PPVHOA High-Density Housing Project (on-going)

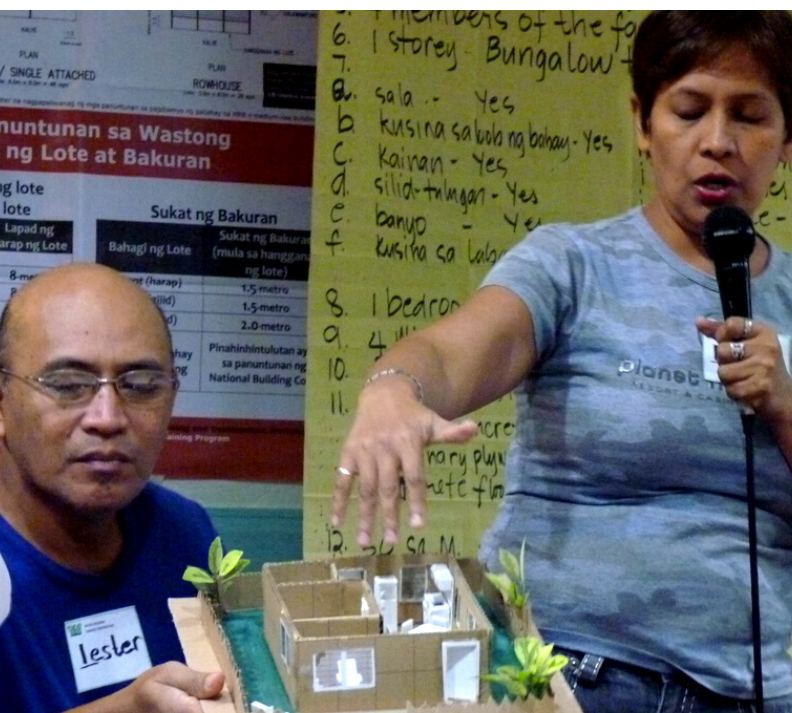


Representative Projects: CAPABILITY-BUILDING / TRAINING



Completed Projects:

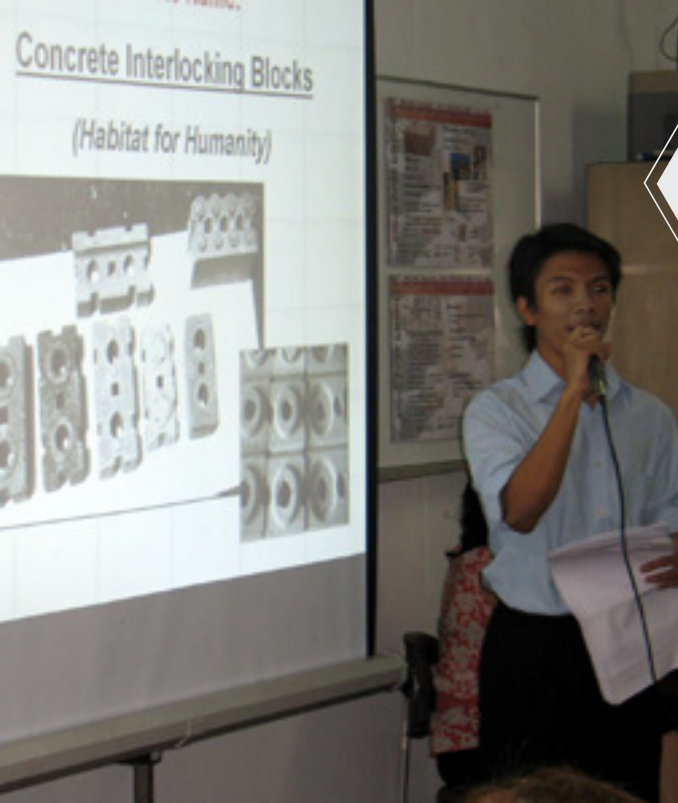
- Bicol Community Planning Workshops
- Solid Waste Management (SWM) Training of Trainers
- Technical Capability-building for COPE Community Organizers
- CB-SWM Training for SHEC
- NTU-TAO-UPCA Joint Study Program (Pasig Field Study)
- NTU Navotas Field Study
- Community-Based Solid Waste Management: Earning by Greening Poor Communities in Metro Manila
- PHILSSA Roundtable Discussion Series on Disaster Risk Reduction
- Community-Based Disaster Risk Mgt Training for Gulod Urban Poor Alliance
- Participatory Community Planning and Design Workshop for Housing Sendong-affected Communities in Cagayan De Oro
- PHILSSA Training on DRRM/CCA Policy Development and Advocacy for the Municipalities of Mabitac and Pila, Laguna
- Participatory Design Workshop for the Bienina HOA Housing Project
- Building Disaster Resilient Communities in Flood-Prone Areas: A Demonstration and Pilot Testing of Local Design Innovations for Housing and Small Community Infrastructures (ADB-PDA)
- Trainer's Training for COM COs and LCOs (Orientation on Technical Design and Planning)
- IIRR SOLVE Classroom Participatory Design Workshop
- Orientation Workshop on People's Planning for PHILSSA





Completed Projects:

- Dialogue on Historic Preservation
- CAN Collaboration (Shelter Planning Workshops)
- Planning Workshop for the Informal Settler Families of Bacoor City, Las Piñas and Parañaque
- Orientation on Disaster Resilient Housing Designs for PHILSSA
- Workshop on Design for Small Spaces for Ernestville HOA
- 1st TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2014 (Post-disaster rehabilitation)
- Capacity Building Program on Estate Management for SHFC High Density Housing
- 2nd TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2015 (Learning from post-Yolanda shelter projects: Lessons in shaping resilient shelter solutions for island and coastal settlements)
- Financial Enablers Project: Urban Disaster Preparedness, Response and Resilience in Greater Manila Region
- 3rd TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2017 (Engaging Communities for Change: Lessons from Post-Disaster Shelter Interventions)
- IEC Translation for COM
- Western Union Chain of Betters: A Grass to Secure the Community
- Sikat Impact Challenge
- Capability-building of SHFC Builders on Community-Driven Approach
- Co-Design: Empowering Community Youth and Students on Social and Technical Processes for Disaster Resilience
- Capability-building on Estate Management for STGHOA and CMP Mobilizers



Representative Projects: RESEARCH, ADVOCACY & PUBLICATIONS



Completed Projects:

- TAO Shelter Magazine (2006-2012)
- Sourcebook of Alternative Building Materials and Technologies for Socialized Housing (SABMAT) Research
- Action Research Project: Integrating Disaster Risk Management in Site Planning and House Design of Resettlement Projects in Albay
- UP-MERF/WB Climate Change Adaptation Strategies: From Ridge to Reef (Sorsogon Province)
- ACCA Process Documentation, Publication, and Trainings on CB-SWM and CB-DRMSB
- Searching for the Genius Loci: San Juan Pride of Place
- Assessing the SDI needs of NGOs in the Philippines: Non-profit groups as stakeholders in spatial data infrastructure
- UP-MERF/NEDA Climate Change Adaptation Strategies: From Ridge to Reef (Calauag, Quezon)
- PHILSSA Social Research - Development of Participatory Community Planning Tools for Effective On-site Development / Upgrading of Urban Poor Communities in Metro Manila
- UP Source of Solutions: University of the Philippines as a Model for Urban Planning and Housing
- PHILSSA-PEF FAST Housing: Inventory of Available Land and Technical Assistance to Communities
- Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)
- TAO coffee table book "Architects in the Margins" and "Battling Waves"
- Exhibition in 16th Venice Architecture Biennale



REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Representative Projects: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YP) FORMATION



Completed Projects:

- Volunteer Assistance to SAPSPA
- 2005 YP Workshop on Social Housing : YPs and the Informal Communities - a Collaborative Partnership in Social Housing
- YP Internship Program
- 2006 YP Workshop on Social Housing: YPs Working towards Sustainable Communities - Integrating Community-Based Disaster Risk Management in Social Housing
- 2008 YP Design Ideas Challenge
- Housing Development and Management - Shelter Design and Development Course (HDM-SDD 2007 to 2011)
- 2008 YP Workshop on Social Housing: Building Sustainable Communities in the Resettlement Sites of Albay, Bicol
- Housing Development and Management - Conservation and Management of Heritage Buildings (HDM-CMHB 2009)
- NTU Pasay Field Study
- 2009 YP Workshop on Social Housing: Improving Access to Water Supply and Sanitation for Urban Poor Communities
- Housing Development and Management - Urban Shelter: Architecture for Extreme Environments (HDM-US 2010 to 2019)
- NTU Navotas Field Study
- 2011 YP Workshop on Social Housing: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Community Planning and Development
- 2016 YP Workshop in Social Housing: Mainstreaming Participatory Design Process in Community Planning and Development
- 2017 YP Workshop in Social Housing: Planning for Climate and Disaster-Resilient Urban Poor Communities
- Co-Design: Empowering Community Youth and Students on Social and Technical Processes for Disaster Resilience
- TAO Lecture Series / CPD Programs for Architects and Environmental Planners
- ASMPH Learning Experience in Communities





Representative Projects: POST-DISASTER RESPONSE

Completed Projects:

- Post-Reming Technical Assessment in Albay
- Food for the Hungry (FH) Philippines Typhoon Frank House Repair Alternatives
- Post-Ondoy Relief Operation
- Christian Aid Post-Ketsana Rehabilitation Site Assessment
- Typhoon Ketsana Rehabilitation Programme: Initiating Self-Help Retrofitting and Small Infrastructures Development with Technical Capability-Building towards the Development of a Community Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Plan
- PMPI Post-Disaster Needs and Capacities Assessment (PDNCA)
- Architect Consultant for FdF Post-Haiyan Reconstruction Projects
- Sustainable Shelter Assistance for Manicani Island
- Barangay Health Station and Daycare Center Design (for MAG Post-Haiyan Reconstruction Project)
- PMPI #Project Pagbangon: Integrated Rehabilitation and Development of Manicani and Homonhon Islands
- Technical Capability Building for Christian Aid Typhoon Ruby Emergency Shelter Assistance in Northern Samar
- Local Shelter Plan and Permanent Shelter Provision in Salcedo and Shelter in Homonhon, Guiuan, Eastern Samar



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