

1st TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2014

Capability-building / Training services

Location : Quezon City

Date : August 2014

Client : TAO network partners

Project partner

- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Office of the Undersecretary for Urban Poor, Informal Settler Families and Other Special Concerns

Funding support

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Contract / agreement value

- PHP



Participants in the first TAO Forum held at the DILG-NAPOLCOM multi-purpose hall

Project brief

In 2014, TAO-Pilipinas launched the TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities which was intended to become an annual event organized by TAO. The learning activity revolved around sustainable human settlements development issues and was scheduled to coincide with the celebration of TAO's 13th founding anniversary in August. Attended by about 60 representatives of network and project partners of TAO, the forum was co-hosted by the Department of Interior and Local Government's Office of the Undersecretary for Urban Poor, Informal Settler Families and Other Special Concerns.

The theme for the first TAO Forum was post-disaster rehabilitation and focused on post-Yolanda (Haiyan) recovery and reconstruction efforts that government and various organizations, including TAO-Pilipinas, have been involved in less than a year after the devastation wrought by the super typhoon. Five resource persons were invited to speak. Fr. Jorge Anzorena talked about community responses after the 2004 tsunami in Thailand. Arch. Arlene Lusterio followed this up with a presentation on the community action planning process undertaken by TAO-Pilipinas in Tacloban City, while Ms. Simeona Martinez discussed the spatial data analysis and GIS mapping that was simultaneously conducted for the same project. Dr. Antonia Tanchuling spoke on disaster waste management contingency planning; and Dr. Laura David gave a presentation on settlements development in coastal areas.

An exhibit of TAO projects related to post-disaster response (from 2013 to 2014) was also mounted during the forum. These included project outputs from technical assistance given in Cagayan de Oro after Sendong (Washi); shelter damage assessment in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, community action planning in Tacloban City and project monitoring in Northern Iloilo after Yolanda (Haiyan); and the off-site resettlement of a community in Angat, Bulacan.

Project outputs

- Conduct of forum
- Exhibit materials