

2nd TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2015

Capability-building / Training services

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Client : TAO network partners

Project partners

- University of the Philippines
Marine Science Institute (UP MSI)

Funding support

- KZE Misereor Germany

Contract / agreement value

- PHP



Participants of the 2nd TAO Forum held at the UP MSI audio-visual room

Project brief

In August 2015, TAO-Pilipinas marked its 15th anniversary by holding the second TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities. With the theme, “lessons in shaping resilient shelter solutions for island and coastal communities”, it continued the conversation on post-disaster rehabilitation that was started during the maiden launch of TAO Forum in 2014. (See related Project 1412.) The event was held at the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute and attended by around 80 guests including TAO’s network partners and visiting international students from the University of Cincinnati.

Four speakers gave presentations led by geologist Raymund Rodolfo who spoke on geohazards assessment as an essential part of shelter solutions. This was followed by Arch. Arlene Lusterio’s presentation which put forward the principle of “building back better” as a framework for TAO’s post-Yolanda response in Panay Island and Manicani Island. Dr. Laura David focused on the subject of eco-engineering and the function of mangroves in protecting coastal settlements. Filmmaker Maria Victoria Ilagan shared “theater for development” as a post-disaster response.

In line with the forum’s theme, an exhibit of TAO shelter projects was mounted. Featured were scaled models of housing units and posters about emergency shelter assistance in Northern Samar; sustainable shelter assistance in Manicani and Project Pagbangon in Guiuan; and transitional shelters built in Panay. The forum also introduced a new initiative called BAHAI (Bridging Access to Affordable Housing Assistance and Innovations) to further extend technical assistance to urban poor communities.

Project outputs

- Conduct of forum
- Exhibit materials

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