

3rd TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities 2017

Capability-building / Training services

Location : Quezon City
Date : March 2017
Client : TAO network partners

Project partners

- Christian Aid (CA)

Funding support

- KZE Misereor
- Christian Aid

Contract / agreement value

- CA: PHP 41,829



Participants of the 3rd TAO Forum pose outside the function hall of Max's Restaurant

Project brief

In the third TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities conducted on March 2017, TAO-Pilipinas concludes the series of learning activities on post-disaster rehabilitation. (See *related Projects 1412 and 1506*.) The theme for the third forum was “Engaging Communities for Change: Lessons from Post-Disaster Shelter Interventions” which sought to surface the stories of change that shelter assistance projects have brought about in disaster-affected communities. With the support of Misereor and Christian Aid, around 65 guests from TAO’s project and network partners joined the event held at Scout Tuazon in Quezon City.

TAO-Pilipinas invited five resource persons to share lessons learned from various projects undertaken to support post-disaster rehabilitation. Ms Yolanda Esguerra presented the stories of change from the Manicani and Homonhon island communities in the implementation of Project Pagbangon, a comprehensive post-disaster recovery effort by a consortium of NGOs. Arch. Verna Sarraga followed with a presentation of post-occupancy evaluation results for the completed shelter units and evacuation centers under Project Pagbangon. Ms. Ivy Pagute focused on the community organizing aspect of the in-city resettlement housing project in Tacloban City. Lastly, the municipal mayor of Salcedo, Atty. Melchor Mergal, and his municipal planning and development officer, Ms. Isabel Abella, provided insights on local government framework and perspective in post-disaster shelter assistance.

An exhibit of TAO’s post-disaster shelter interventions in Eastern Samar was once again mounted. The featured items included project posters, workshop tools and communication materials, and scaled models of the shelters and evacuation centers which were designed through a participatory planning process with the project beneficiaries. The forum also became an opportunity for TAO-Pilipinas to present plaques of appreciation to partners in the post-Yolanda projects implementation, including the Philippine Navy, PMPI (Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc.), and Christian Aid.

The forum series provided the organization a venue for the exchange of ideas and to foster learning and provoke meaningful conversation with its network and project partners. TAO-Pilipinas has since regularly conducted the TAO Forum on Sustainable Communities as an anniversary event of the organization, under a thematic issue that its current projects focus on.

Project outputs

- Conduct of forum
- Exhibit materials