

## TAO Publications: “Architects in the Margins” and “Battling Waves”

### Research and publications

Location : Quezon City

Date : 2017-2019

#### Project partners

- Christian Aid (CA)

#### Consulting partners

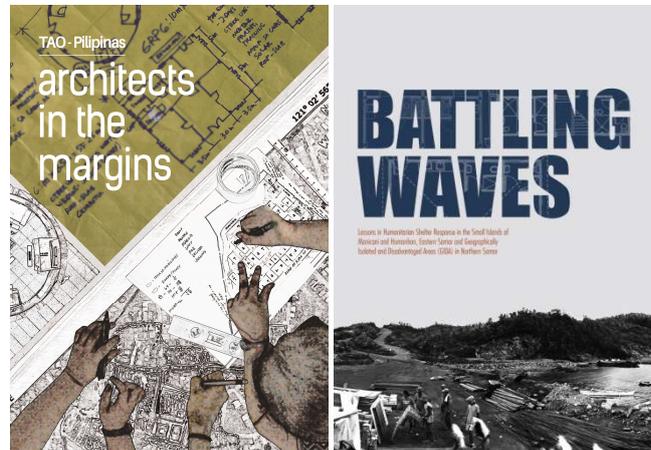
- Lourdes Didith Mendoza-Rivera (editor)

#### Funding support

- KZE Misereor Germany
- Christian Aid

#### Contract / agreement value

- CA: GBP 5,500



*Two books about TAO-Pilipinas and its projects published in 2018 and 2019*

### Project brief

A self-published coffee table book about TAO-Pilipinas was conceptualized in 2016 to provide a proper documentation of the organization’s accomplishments in the past 15 years (from 2001 to 2016). Apart from introducing and promoting TAO’s advocacy to a wider audience, the book also aimed to influence and challenge fellow built environment professionals towards the alternative practice of the profession by showing the possibilities, methodologies, and concrete outcomes of working with poor people in shaping sustainable settlements.

The publication, titled “TAO-Pilipinas architects in the margins”, was released in May 2018. The coffee table book is a collection of nine essays written by TAO staff and a member of its board of trustees, and features 196 photographs of various TAO projects. It highlights TAO’s unique participatory approach in taking on projects that require the skills of technical planning and design professionals.

This was immediately followed up with a second book documenting TAO-Pilipinas’ four-year (from 2014 to 2018) technical assistance to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) in Eastern Samar and Northern Samar. Entitled “Battling Waves”, the 155-page book was released in February 2019 and features TAO’s engagement in humanitarian and developmental actions in post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation. It details the technical interventions by TAO-Pilipinas, particularly in the islands of Manicani and Homonhon in Guiuan through Project Pagbangon, a post-Yolanda (Haiyan) rehabilitation project; and in the remote municipalities of Mapanas, Gamay and Lapinig, as part of post-Ruby (Habagat) emergency response.

Misereor and Christian Aid, long-term funding partners of TAO-Pilipinas, supported the publication of the two books. Both books were also made available as e-book publications in Amazon Kindle format.

### Project outputs

- TAO-Pilipinas: architects in the margins (hardbound print copy and digital Kindle copy)
- Battling Waves (softbound print copy and digital Kindle version)

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