

TAO Lecture Series / CPD Seminars

Capability-building / Training services

Location : Quezon City

Date : November 2018 – September 2019

Project partners

- Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA)
- Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Center for Gender Equality and Women's Rights

Funding support

- PHILSSA

Contract / agreement value

- PHILSSA: PHP 30,000



Workshop sessions during the CPD seminar of gender perspectives in spatial planning and design

Project brief

A small grant from the Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) paved the way for TAO-Pilipinas to roll out a new capability-building initiative called TAO Lecture Series in 2018. It is a series of continuing professional development (CPD) seminar-workshops purposely developed for architects, environmental planners and other built environment professionals who want to learn more about settlements and urban development issues affecting the poor and marginalized sectors. TAO-Pilipinas was accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as a CPD Provider for Architecture and Environmental Planning for a three-year period (from June 2018 until July 2021).

The initial offering of the TAO Lecture Series was a seminar on “Sustainable Development in a Humanitarian Context” which was held on November 24, 2018 and attended by a small audience of 27 persons. Four lecture presentations gave the audience, primarily environmental planners, with an overview of development work within the context of humanitarian action and an understanding of how the humanitarian sector functions and operates. TAO also presented a preview of an upcoming book “Battling Waves” which documents TAO’s involvement in humanitarian shelter projects.

The second offering of the TAO Lecture Series, entitled “Participatory Approaches in Community and Shelter Design and Construction” was held on February 9, 2019 and attended by 32 participants who were mostly architects. Two lecture presentations introduced the audience to participatory planning, design, and construction processes and methods, and showed its application in post-disaster shelter assistance projects.

After the initial support from PHILSSA, TAO-Pilipinas continued to develop its CPD program. A third CPD activity, “Gender Perspective in Spatial Planning and Design”, was conducted on September 14, 2019 in collaboration with the Commission on Human Rights. It was attended by 36 participants who were mostly architects, planners and engineers. A keynote lecture on gendered spaces was presented and followed by three reactor’s presentations. Workshop sessions with community women as key informants later provided participants the setting to draw out gender issues in community development and propose gender-responsive design of community spaces.

Project outputs

- CPD Seminar on “Sustainable Development in a Humanitarian Context”
- CPD Seminar on “Participatory Approaches in Community and Shelter Design and Construction”
- CPD Seminar on “Gender Perspective in Spatial Planning and Design”
- Completion reports submitted to the PRC CPD Division

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