

YP-OTP Stage 2: Community Integration Process

Capability-building / training services

Location : Metro Manila

Date : October 2005 – March 2006

Community partners

- Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Maralita ng Navotas (SANAGMANA)
- Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api (DAMPA) ALMA-LUPA
- Parola Compound Neighborhood Association (PACOMNA)

Funding support

- Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)
- KZE Misereor Germany

Contract / agreement value

- ACHR: USD 4,210.45



YP trainees Enika Hernandez, Edra Belga and Osan Reyes facilitate a workshop with SANAGMANA community in Tanza, Navotas City

Project brief

The Young Professionals program of TAO-Pilipinas was created to provide a venue for young technical design professionals to engage in social housing and community development work. Inspired by the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) program for young professionals (YPs), TAO sought to build social awareness among young architects, planners and engineers, train them in the participatory development approach, and hone second-liners of socially-oriented design professionals. The Young Professionals Orientation and Training Program (YP-OTP) was developed in 2005 and implemented in two stages: Orientation Workshop on Social Housing (stage 1), and Community Integration Process (stage 2). Financial support for stage 1 was mainly from Selavip, while ACHR was the major funding source for the implementation of stage 2.

The Community Integration Process involved the selection of up to six trainees, who already went through the first stage of YP-OTP, to undergo a 6-month internship period with TAO. Only three trainees (new graduates of architecture, interior design, and geodetic engineering) were accepted into the program, with one eventually becoming a regular staff of TAO. From October 2005 until March 2006, the trainees assisted in several community-based projects including subdivision planning and trainings in solid waste management for SANAGMANA in Tanza, Navotas City; land survey for ALMA LUPA in Payatas, Quezon City; and structures mapping and survey for PACOMNA in Parola, Manila.

The trainees' field work in the communities involved data gathering and validation, community needs assessment, facilitation of consultation workshops, and project monitoring. They also participated in a 3-day national conference in Negros Occidental that tackled issues of homelessness and the role of YPs in social development. At the final phase of their internship, a culminating activity was organized where the trainees each presented their reflections on the achievements, challenges and difficulties in their community fieldwork and their overall internship experience.

TAO has since been replicating the community integration process that was started in 2005. The trainees' involvement in the projects has also contributed in strengthening the capacity of TAO to extend technical assistance to poor communities. (*See related Project 0601.*)

Project outputs

- Activity documentation reports
- Internship reports

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