

2015 Young Professionals Workshop on Social Housing

Capability-building / Training services

Location : Metro Manila

Date : August 17-20, 2005

Project partners

- Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api, Inc. (DAMPA)
- Buklurang Mamamayan Community Association (BMCA)
- Samahang Magkakapitbisig na Maralita ng Hilltop Empire (SANKAHILLE)
- Parola Compound Neighborhood Association (PACOMNA)
- Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Maralita ng Navotas (SANAGMANA)



Participants of the 2015 YP Workshop on Social Housing

Funding support

- KZE Misereor Germany
- SELAVIP (Latin American and Asian Low Income Housing Service)
- Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)

Contract / agreement value

- PHP

Project brief

Hands-on learning to build social awareness and engagement in young professionals in the technical fields of architecture, engineering, and planning was a key strategy that TAO-Pilipinas brought into the Young Professionals Orientation and Training Program (YP-OTP). The YP Workshop on Social Housing, the first component of the YP-OTP, is a week-long training activity that orients YPs on social housing issues and facilitates their involvement with urban poor communities with shelter needs. It seeks to promote community development work as an alternative career path for built environment professionals. A more intensive second phase of the YP-OTP, the 6-month YP internship program, is offered to those who complete the YP Workshop.

The YP workshop provides a combined theoretical and practical learning experience for participants and in cooperation with people's organizations, offers a venue for direct community interaction and the application of participatory approaches in the planning and design process. Select community representatives join the YPs in the workshop activities. Lecture sessions, exposure visits to social housing sites, the conduct of a community consultation and stay-in immersion activities make up the training program.

TAO formally launched the training program through a roundtable discussion with heads of various academic institutions (with architecture and engineering programs) in Metro Manila. Coordination with community organizers and leaders of the people's organizations DAMPA and SANAGMANA and technical needs assessment were conducted to select the immersion sites for the workshop.

The first YP Workshop was organized on August 17 to 20, 2005 with the theme "YPs and the Informal Communities: A Collaborative Partnership in Social Housing". It gathered 20 senior students and new graduates in multi-disciplinary fields, including geodetic, mechanical and civil engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, computer science and accountancy. The first part of the workshop familiarized participants on the basics of social housing and its related issues through lecture presentations by resource persons from government agencies, NGOs, the academe, and practicing professionals involved in social housing projects. The second part had the participants

grouped into teams to do field work (community consultation and action planning) in four sites - BMCA in Bagong Silangan and SANKAHILLE in Payatas, Quezon City; PACOMNA in Parola Compound, Manila; and SANAGMANA in Tanza, Navotas. The outputs of their community immersion were presented in plenary and discussed during the last day of the workshop. Participants expressed their learning through mural painting and sharing of personal reflections, summing up the outcome of the workshop.

Three YP workshop participants opted to continue with the second stage training process and underwent the YP internship program. From September 2005 to February 2006, the interns were able to carry out community-based technical assistance covering subdivision planning, solid waste management training, and land surveying.

The YP Workshop on Social Housing has been the main capability-building activity of TAO-Pilipinas targeting socially-oriented design professionals. Seven workshop rounds have been implemented, with varying themes around pressing concerns in social housing, from 2005 until 2017. (*See related Projects 0601a, 0801, 0914, 1101, 1601, and 1703.*)

Project outputs

- Training module and course/program
- Implementation of training course/program
- 20 YPs and 14 PO reps trained

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