

## 2008 Young Professionals Workshop on Social Housing

### *Capability-building / Training services*

**Location** : Legazpi City; Anislag, Daraga

**Date** : January 21 -25, 2008

#### Project partners

- Community Organizations of the Philippines Enterprise, Inc. (COPE)
- United Survivors Homeowners Association (Anislag Resettlement Site Phase 2)
- Taysan United Homeowners Association (Taysan Resettlement Site)

#### Funding support

- KZE Misereor Germany
- SELAVIP (Latin American and Asian Low Income Housing Service)
- Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies, Inc. (PHILSSA)

#### Contract / agreement value

- PHP



*Participants of the 2008 YP Workshop on Social Housing*

#### Project brief

In 2008, TAO-Pilipinas brought the third cycle of the YP Workshop on Social Housing to Legazpi City in Albay Province where efforts to resettle families displaced by typhoon Reming (Durian) were underway. In collaboration with Bicol-based COPE Foundation, the workshop was held on January 21-25, 2008 with the theme “Building Sustainable Communities in the Resettlement Sites of Albay”. The workshop aimed to bring together technical professionals, affected communities in Albay, government and NGOs in one forum to discuss resettlement planning and design needs and issues. It also sought to revive the Bicol Young Professionals as a volunteer technical assistance group for poor communities.

Eight (8) new graduates and senior students from architecture and civil engineering colleges of Bicol University and Aquinas University Polytechnic Institute participated in the five-day workshop. They were joined by 17 representatives from Bicol Urban Poor Coordinating Council (BUPCC) and community associations in the COPE-sponsored housing areas in the resettlement sites Anislag Phase 2 in Daraga and Taysan in Legazpi City.

Like in the previous YP workshops (*see related Projects 0501 and 0601a*), the program comprised of both theoretical and practical learning. Participants learn from lecture presentations by academic and technical experts and gain knowledge from community-based experience. Keynote addresses were personally delivered by Albay Governor Joey Salceda and Legazpi City Mayor Noel Rosal.

COPE and the people's organizations in the two resettlement sites (Taysan United Homeowners Association and Anislag United Survivors' Homeowners Association) facilitated the participants' stay-in field immersion activities. Grouped into teams, the YPs conducted hazards and resources mapping, focus group discussions and community action planning. After the consultation process, the YP groups prepared technical recommendations on community space planning and home design improvements. On the last day of the workshop, the outputs of their field work activities were presented in plenary and critiqued by a panel, followed by a mural painting activity and the sharing of personal reflections. The workshop ended with a discussion of the ways forward to build up the Bicol YP group under the guidance of COPE.

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#### Project outputs

- Workshop module and course/program
- Implementation of training course/program
- 8 YPs and 17 PO reps trained

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