

## 2009 Young Professionals Workshop on Social Housing

### *Capability-building / Training services*

**Location** : Antipolo City; Navotas City;  
Quezon City

**Date** : October 22-27, 2009

#### Project partners

- Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api (DAMPA)
- Bicol Area Homeowners Association, Inc. (BAHAI)
- Samahan ng mga Kababaihan ng Bicol Area Tanza
- Mamamayang Sama-samang Gabay ng Naaapi (MASAGANA)
- Upper Nawasa Neighborhood Association, Inc. (UNNAI)

#### Funding support

- KZE Misereor Germany
- Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA)
- Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies, Inc. (PHILSSA)

#### Contract / agreement value

- PHILSSA: PHP 60,000



*Participants of the 2009 YP Workshop on Social Housing*

#### Project brief

Water and sanitation (watsan) issues were at the forefront in the fourth YP Workshop on Social Housing held on October 22-27, 2009 in Antipolo City. With the theme “WATSAN in Social Housing: Improving Access to Water Supply and Sanitation for Urban Poor Communities”, the 2009 YP workshop focused on interventions to address the lack of access to basic watsan services in poor communities and improve watsan conditions in social housing projects.

Pre-workshop coordination with DAMPA was carried out for the YPs' immersion in three communities – UNNAI in Commonwealth, Quezon City and Bicol-Chungkang Area and Masagana in Tanza, Navotas. It was also the first time in the YP Workshop program that a small community project for each immersion area was conceptualized by the participants and implemented post-workshop through a small project grant from ACCA.

Fifteen (15) YPs from local and international universities and 11 community representatives attended the workshop. The standard two-level training approach, theory and practicum, was applied. Lecture presentations by technical experts made up the theoretical learning, with open forum and small group activities conducted in between. Exposure visits to social housing projects and community fieldwork provided experiential learning. Participants were grouped into teams and deployed in the immersion sites where they conducted watsan assessment and facilitated community consultations and action planning. Each YP team also developed a micro-project proposal aimed at improving the watsan conditions in the community. At the culmination of the six-day workshop, the YP teams presented their immersion output and community project proposal to a panel of reactors. The proposals included the improvement of drainage canals in UNNAI, cooperative water supply connection in Bicol-Chungkang Area, and construction of elevated pathways in Masagana community.

The YP teams were mobilized as volunteer groups after the workshop. They helped the community associations carry out the proposed projects with the small fund set up by TAO. Nine of the 2009 YP

workshop participants completed the YP Internship program; while two were eventually absorbed into regular staff positions.

#### Project outputs

- Workshop module and course/program
- Implementation of training course/program
- 15 YPs and 11 PO reps trained

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