2011 Young Professionals Workshop on Social Housing

Capability-building / Training services

Location: Metro Manila

Date : October 19-25, 2011

Project partners

- Community Organizers Multiversity (COM)
- Masagana of Navotas Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- Samahan ng Maliliit na Mangangalakal ng R.Domingo
- Samahang Pantala Uno
- Kasiglahan Village Phase 1-D Homeowners Association

Funding support

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





Participants of the 2011 YP Workshop on Social Housing

Project brief

The fifth iteration of the YP Workshop on Social Housing in 2011 focused on the theme "Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Community Planning and Development" and was held on October 19 to 25, 2011 in Quezon City. From being an emergent issue in social housing in the 2006 YP Workshop (see related Project 0601a), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience as integral elements of settlements development were revisited in the 2011 YP workshop.

TAO-Pilipinas applied the usual two-pronged learning methodology for YP workshops. The 7-day program consisted of five lecture sessions on social housing and disaster risk reduction, site visits to social housing projects, stay-in immersion in urban poor communities for three days, facilitation of community DRR assessment and action planning workshops, presentation of fieldwork outputs, and reflection and evaluation sessions. The community-based workshop activities were carried out in cooperation with NGO partner Community Organizers Multiversity (COM) and four people's organizations - Masagana of Navotas Neighborhood Association, Samahan ng Maliliit na Mangangalakal ng R. Domingo, Samahang Pantalan Uno, and Kasiglahan Village Phase 1-D Homeowners Association.

Fifteen (15) senior students of architecture, engineering, and planning attended the workshop along with 8 community representatives. They were grouped into teams and went to their designated community immersion areas, Masagana in Tanza, Navotas; Pantalan Uno and R. Domingo in Tangos, Navotas; and Kasiglahan Village in Rodriguez, Rizal. They facilitated a hazard-vulnerability-capacities assessment with the communities and came up with a DRR community action plan as main output of their fieldwork.

This workshop cycle can be considered the most successful so far since eleven (11) of the YP workshop participants later completed the summer YP Internship program in 2012, a second-stage learning process for the participants. After the fifth YP Workshop, TAO-Pilipinas also organized a YP Reunion event on December 2011 attended by 28 YPs from 5 batches (2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2011).

Project outputs

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

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