

2016 Young Professionals Workshop on Social Housing

Capability-building / Training services

Location : Cagayan de Oro
Date : March 15-21, 2016
Client : Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)

Project partners

- SHFC - CDO
- Tierra Villa Verde Homeowners Association
- Impala Neighborhood Association
- Xavier University

Funding support

- SHFC

Contract / agreement value

- PHP 275,000

Project brief

After a four-year hiatus, the YP Workshop on Social Housing was revived through the support of Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC). The sixth cycle of the YP Workshop was held on March 15-21, 2016 in Cagayan de Oro City (CDO) with the theme "Mainstreaming Participatory Design in Community Planning and Development". The workshop was intended to transfer knowledge about the participatory design process among CDO-based young professionals to support communities working towards shelter security and settlements sustainability. It also served as technical capacity-building for SHFC staff in line with SHFC's community-driven social housing programs.

TAO-Pilipinas maintained the typical training module of YP Workshops that comprised of lecture sessions with group discussions and community-based learning activities. TAO closely coordinated with SHFC and its regional office in CDO to carry out immersion activities in two communities – Tierra Villa Verde Homeowners Association in Mid-Balulang and Impala Neighborhood Association in Camaman-an. Participants also learned from an exposure visit to Xavier Ecoville, a socialized housing project site where typhoon Sendong-affected families were resettled.

Fifty-six (56) participants joined the YP Workshop in CDO. They comprised of engineering students from Xavier University, architecture students from Mindanao University of Science and Technology, the management and technical staff of SHFC, community mobilizers from the local government of CDO, and community representatives from the two immersion areas. For their fieldwork, the YP teams initiated a participatory community consultation process and together with community members, outlined community action plans to address community shelter needs. These were presented and critiqued in plenary. The workshop closed with training evaluation and sharing of individual reflection and learning.

The culmination of the workshop was also the venue for the signing of a memorandum of agreement between SHFC and Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan in efforts to provide assistance to informal settler communities.

Project outputs

- Workshop module and course/program
- Implementation or training course/program
- 20 YPs trained



Participants of the 2016 YP Workshop on Social Housing