

Recovery in Leyte, the Philippines: Tacloban City after Typhoon Haiyan

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1. Introduction

Nov. 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan(Yolanda)

- Storm surge higher than 5m
- Casualty: 6,300, missing: 1,062
- Collapse:12,270, partially damage:46,553



Source : <https://news.mb.com>

Relocation from No Build Zone



Source: <http://www.noone-special.com>
<https://mranola.wordpress.com>

Construction of tide embankment



February, 2023

Post-audit survey
by TC21



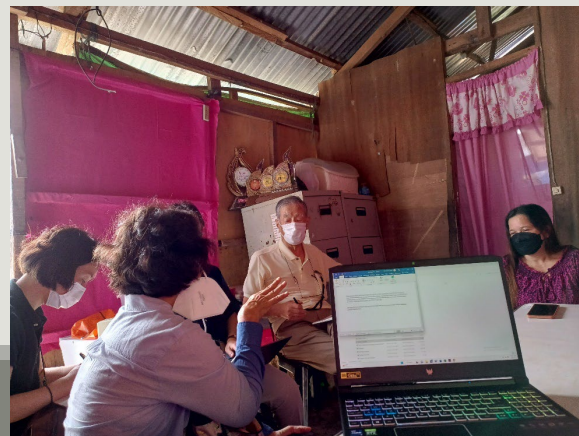
Review the situation
AFTER reconstruction
in the view of TDA

Interview Survey

National level : DPWH (We could not get appointment with National Housing Authority.)

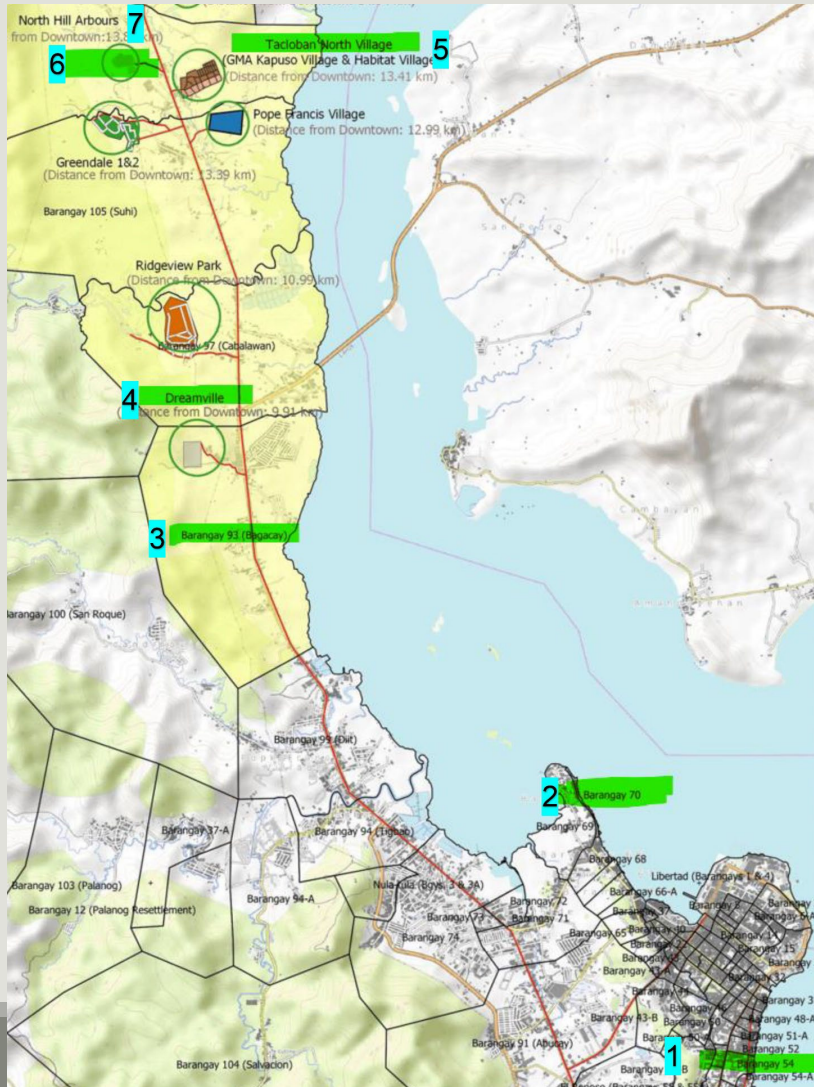
City level : 4 departments at Tacloban City Government

Barangay level: 4 Barangay and 3 citizens groups



2. Situation of reconstruction from the Haiyan

2) Relocation



▪ Out of the target housing units of **212,618** under the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program(2014), only **156,219 units (73%)** were completed as at December 31, 2021.

(Source: National Housing Authority Annual Audit Report 2021)

▪ Of total target housing units, 194,918 units are undertaken by the NHA (National Housing Authority), and the **remaining 17,700 by Tacloban city.**

▪ According to the city planning section of Tacloban city, 2,000 units out of 17,700 are still leaving in the coast **because of land acquisition and arrangement for utility.**

3. Issues during and after the relocation

1) During relocation

- No water, no electricity, even no window at relocated sites.
- No choice for the residents to choose relocation sites (all determined by governments)
-> community were scattered to different relocation sites

2) After relocation

- Many relocated residents **still register to original barangay**(village).
-> Original barangay chief has to distribute goods to remote areas.
- Back to **original places** due to livelihoods problem
- One of the relocation site was located at **hazard prone catchment/basin**.
- **Cholera broke out** at the downstream village because of the poor sewage treatment.
-> Additional fund for rehabilitation is being required.

4. Findings from the view of TDA

1) Conflict between national and city government

- Some relocation sites by NHA were determined **without development permission by local government.**
- This kind of conflict accelerated after **2017 Marching order from the President** to build and completed the relocation **in just 3 months**

The screenshot shows the website of the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) of the Philippines. The header includes the GOVPH logo, the Republic of the Philippines coat of arms, and the text "REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE TANGGAPANG PAMPANGULUHAN SA KOMUNIKASYON MALACAÑANG". Social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are also present. The navigation menu includes links for PCO, News Releases, Transcripts, Photos, Videos, Issuances, Procurement, About, Others, and Archive. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation menu. The main content area displays a news article titled "President Duterte visits Tacloban City housing project, vows to relocate displaced families by March, 26 Jan. 2017" dated January 26, 2017. The article text states: "TACLOBAN CITY — President Rodrigo Duterte visited government's permanent housing project for Typhoon Yolanda survivors here promising to relocate displaced families by March this year. Duterte arrived at New Hope Village in Bgy. Sta. Elena, Tacloban City on Wednesday, January 25 to inspect the government's P290 million housing program for the typhoon survivors. The New Hope Village is just one of the government's housing projects for families affected by Typhoon Yolanda. In his message, Duterte said he was angered by the government's inability to immediately provide shelter to the survivors of the typhoon." To the right of the article, there are three "Watch" buttons with icons of a television, each linking to a different broadcast service: PBS (Philippine Broadcasting Service), PTV (Telebisyon ng Bayan 738kHz AM), and RTVM (Radio Television Malacañang). The date and time of the screenshot are "PST: FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023, 11:48:48 AM".

4. Findings from the view of TDA

2) Effective support from the citizen group and third party

A) Homeowners Association:

- **Managing rule** at new resettlement sites and complains such as boundary/border disputes
- **Good relationship with barangay** (information sharing / cooperation on troubleshooting)

B) Third party including Catholic Relief Services(CRS) and private sector

- Third party like CRS appointed **staffs to follow-up relocation sites** until everything is fine.
- It is pointed out that relocated area with third party is **relatively in good governance**.

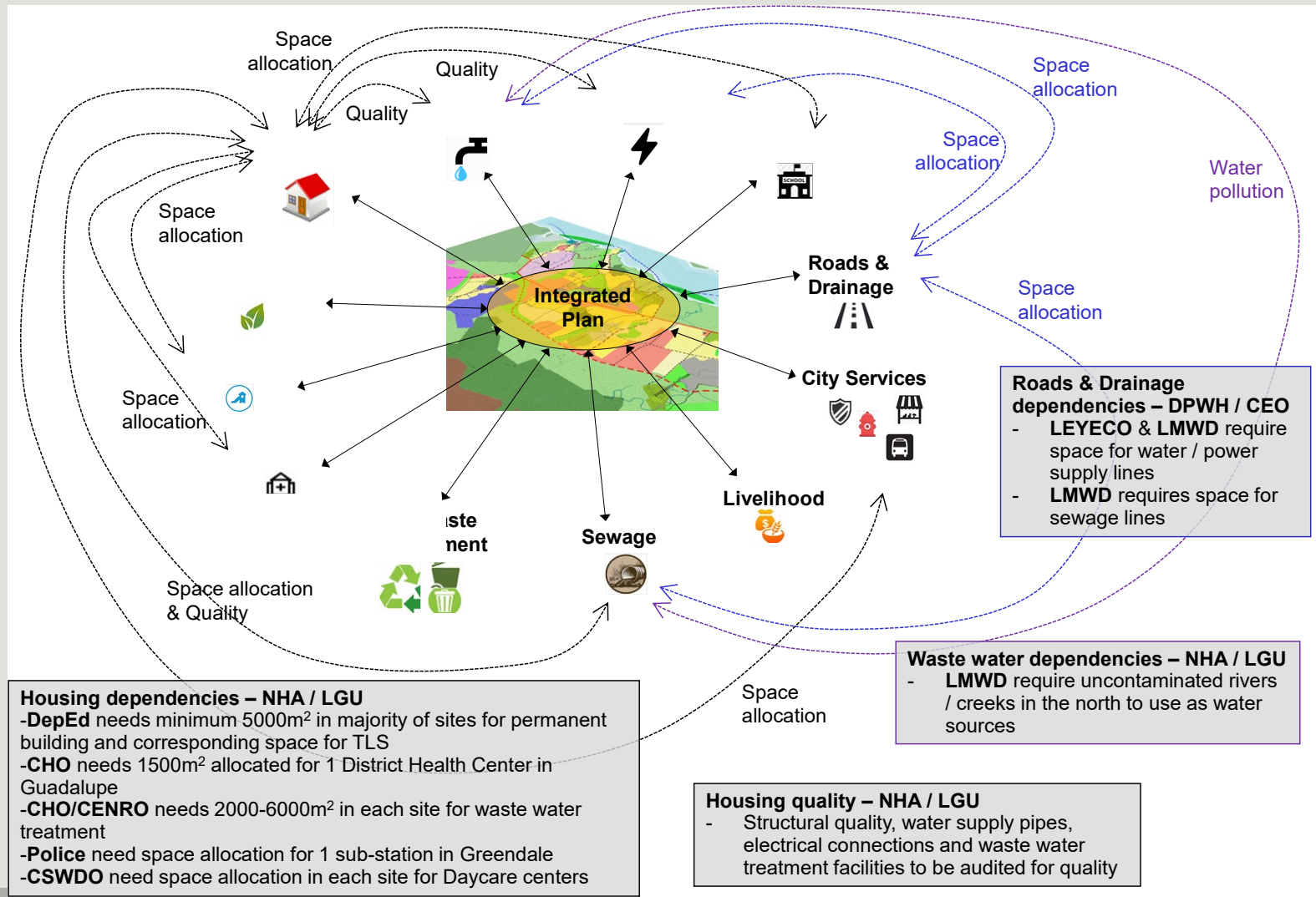
(Ex: Local rule at relocation sites were discussed and signed by people, under management of CRS.)

5. Summary

Purpose of relocation is not just providing houses, but getting back the normal life with enough quality of living environment.



Good sector/stakeholder coordination is essential on relocation.



5. Summary

In the first place, there was very limited land for new resettlement in Tacloban.

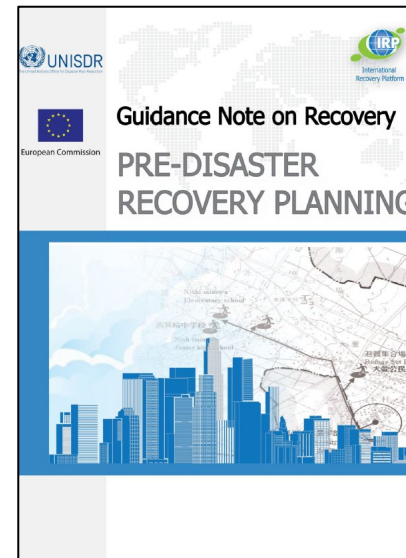


”Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning / Pre-reconstruction plan” (事前復興計画)

-> Local governments and residents discuss and formulate a plan to determine to which area relocate, in case disaster devastated the area.



Workshop in Minabe town, Japan (source: Kii Minpo)



Guide for pre-disaster recovery planning by UN and FEMA

Thank you very much for your kind attention