Post-Disaster Permanent Relocation

Case Studies in Tacloban City, Philippines

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Problem Statement

Urbanization

Hazards and disasters

Relocation

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Settlements and area-based approaches ‘involve a shift away from narrow, **sectorally driven delivery** towards a multi-sectoral approach based on strong inter-sectoral collaboration’ and **spatial focus** (Sanderson 2017).
Post-disaster Relocation

**Decision makers**
What can we learn from relocation implementation that could inform settlements approaches?

**Community members**
What is the state of holistic outcomes at relocation sites – and why does it matter?
Site development, construction, and move-in

Establishing new homes and a new community

Infrastructure issues delay transfer and entice abandonment
Post-disaster Relocation

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Interviews
47 government and NGO officials

Survey
908 respondents across 13 Tacloban City relocation sites
Interviews with Decision Makers

**Insights**

- Lack of alignment between housing timeline and support infrastructure and services

**Question**

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Interviews with Decision Makers

Planned versus actual transfers

Original schedule of moves

Revised schedule of moves

Actual transfers
What can we learn from relocation implementation that could inform settlements approaches?

**Insights**

- Lack of alignment between housing timeline and support infrastructure and services
- Biggest difficulty: extending and formalizing water provision
- Currently out to bid
Interviews with Decision Makers

Question

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Insights

- “Taking a risk”
- Perceived incompetency or corruptibility of local leaders by regional and national official
- Need for good governance metrics
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**Question**

**Insights**

- Structural and auditing constraints
- Pride in sectoral mirroring
- Fear of COA
Interviews with Decision Makers

Insights

- Untangling public versus private funding regulations
- The local government is denying a settlements approach-type project utility services because it’s private property
Survey Takeaways

**The Good**

- Overall high rates of social capital, access to basic health services, and nearby schools for their children

**Improving**

- Relocation takes a significant amount of time, and timelines for housing and support infrastructure are not aligned
- Limited livelihood activities and few promising emerging investments in local light industrial/agricultural work

**The Bad**

- Over 40 percent of households reported construction defects
- Many relocated households continue to live with severe natural hazard impacts, particularly flooding