

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

Industrialization of Bataan placed a positive net migration rate which resulted to rapid increase in population. The total population of Bataan as of May 2010 was 687,482 persons or increase of 25,329 persons over 2007 census count of 662,153 persons. This registered a growth rate of 2.11% which was 0.28% lower than the rate during 2000-2010. The number of households also rose to 150,090 compared to 139, 125 households in 2007.

As of year 2010, the total occupied housing unit in Bataan was 147,142 which registered an increase of 8.08% from year 2007 and recorded a ratio of 4.67 person per occupied housing unit.

The continuous increase in population put pressure on the government to provide housing for low income earners and marginal groups. Government and private financing institutions are addressing this concern thru Public-Private Partnership Schemes.

At present, the Provincial Government is in planning stage for a socialized housing project intended for government employees and informal settlers. The Bataan Housing and Community Development is located at Brgy. Bagong Silang, Balanga City with an area of 5.63 has. It has 635 lots wherein each lot has an area of 75 sq. m. and 40 sq. m.

Dinalupihan Height Settlement, a housing project with an area of 3.93 has., is an on-going construction since 2012. It has 500 lots and 40 sq. m. per lot develop by Municipality of Dinalupihan and National Housing Authority. The target beneficiaries of this project are informal settlers along Taging-ilog and there are already eighty nine (89) families who occupied their units in the settlement.

Bliss Socialized Housing Project is also on going in the Municipality of Limay with total area of 11.10 hectares. A total of 1,051 informal settlers from the said municipality already benefited from the project amounting to PhP 19.3 million. Those who will avail must pay the price of lot in installment basis.

As for the Balanga City Low Cost Housing Project, the Phase I is also on-going covering the site development located at Brgy. Tenejero, Balanga City, behind Bataan Heroes Memorial College. This a project of city government of Balanga with the cooperation of National Housing Authority (NHA), which will develop in a total of 5 hectares with 635 lots. The area of lot is 4m X 10 m. The allotted budget of the project for Phase 1 is PhP 12M and PhP 18M for Phase II construction of houses. The beneficiaries are the informal settlers along the river bank.

As for the Gawad Kalinga Housing Project, this is located in the municipality of Abucay with allotted 1.7 hectares as counterpart from the LGU. As a Public-Private Partnership project, the fund cost is shouldered by the Couples for Christ Movement with initial fund of PhP 10 million while another PhP 10 million comes from Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) for site development. The project has 115 lots with an area of 70 sq. m. per lot and a floor area of 30 sq. m. for the houses. The beneficiaries are the informal settlers along the riverbanks and coastal areas. In relation to this, there is also a proposed project amounting to PhP 800,000 for Water System.