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Metro Manila Flood Management Project Progress Report for the Implementation of Revised Resettlement Action Plan for Vitas Pumping Station Informal Settler Families January 31, 2023

I. BACKGROUND

In April 2021, the World Bank approved the revised Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the Informal Settler Families (ISFs) affected by rehabilitation of the Vitas Pumping Station under the Metro Manila Flood Management Project. The revised RAP covers 229 ISFs, 88 of which would be relocated to the resettlement site in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan developed by the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) and the remaining 141 ISFs would be at the resettlement site in Trece Martires, Cavite developed by the National Housing Authority (NHA).

This is the progress report for the implementation of the revised RAP. All details of the resettlement of the ISFs are specified in the RAP, which was disclosed in accordance with World Bank's OP 4.12 Involuntary Resettlement. This monitoring report needs to be read together with the revised RAP, addendum RAP, and all the monitoring reports to make a full understanding of its context and take-off point.

II. RAP PROGRESS AND MONITORING

This report covers the period starting from January 01-31, 2023. It must be noted that prior to the RAP approval in April 2021, the Consultant established the RAP Implementation Team in February 2021, responsible for coordinating or conducting various relocation preparatory activities:

- a. Establishment of Local Help Desk at Brgy. 93, Tondo, Manila;
- b. Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) on Downloading of Funds, and Sending and Receiving LGUs;
- c. Social Preparations;
- d. Site Tripping; and
- e. Relocation and Resettlement Schedule of Activities.

In June 2022, an addendum to RAP was prepared due to the changes in the relocation site for the 88 ISFs under the SHFC. The proposed relocation site in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan has been taken over by the Samahan ng Walang Bahay (SAWABA) in November 2021. Series of consultation meetings and site tripping with these ISFs have been

conducted to get their opinion and approval to accept the NHA relocation site in Trece Martires, Cavite (please see Annex 1 – Minutes of Meeting and Transfer Agreements).

To date, 194 out of 227 ISFs were relocated at Summer Homes, Brgy. Cabuco, Trece Martires, Cavite, considering that the original number is 229 ISFs, less the 2 ISFs who were noted as double entry wherein both partners were listed. Hereunder is the status of the ISFs, including the remaining ISFs who are yet to be relocated:

TOTAL NUMBER	OF ISFs	227*		
RELOCATION PER BATCHES	NO. OF ISFs	BALANCE	DATE	REMARKS
1ST BATCH	20	207	April 1	Relocated
2ND BATCH	19	188	April 30	Relocated
3RD BATCH	19	169	July 13	Relocated
4TH BATCH	19	150	August 12	Relocated
5TH BATCH	26	124	September 30	Relocated
6TH BATCH	25	99	October 13	Relocated
7TH BATCH	15	84	October 27	Relocated
8TH BATCH	26	58	November 16	Relocated
9TH BATCH	9	49	December 12	Relocated
10TH BATCH	7	42	December 20	Relocated
11TH BATCH	9	33	February 2	Relocated
TOTAL NUMBER OF ISFs RELOCATED	194	33	*There were 2 ISFs who were already deducted from the total number of ISFs (double entry).	
DISQUALIFIED	21	12		
Cannot be Located	2	10		
DEFERRED	7	3		
BSAAC Deliberation	3	0		

NHA provided one unit as the temporary office of the RAP Team at the center of the site to address all issues and/or grievances, if any. To date, all issues, inquiries, and grievances were minimal. The office is also equipped with water and electricity supplies.

The LGU Trece Martires also mobilized 6 security personnel to address the peace and order in the relocation site. Grievances were recorded on their loss of assets and some materials for the construction to complete the housing units. Their duty rotates for morning and evening shifts, 3 personnel assigned in the morning and 3 in the evening. They were also provided with their temporary bank house where they can stay after their

inspection.

The bottleneck for the implementation of the livelihood program is the availability of the ISFs, especially during trainings and other activities of the program. Also, there is an allocated one unit as day care center for them to leave their young children while they are on trainings.

In Vitas Pumping Station, DPWH together with LGU Manila Department of Public Services (DPS) already cleared the area by removing the remaining debris – hence, DPWH is coordinating with their DPWH North District to install the fences (please see Annex 1 - Photo Documentation of the Removal of Remaining Debris).

A. Remaining ISFs from the Original Masterlist

There are still 33 ISFs waiting for relocation with different cases:

a. Disqualified

Out of 21 ISFs who were disqualified, 17 ISFs were disqualified by the Beneficiary Selection, Awards, and Arbitration Committee (BSAAC) due to different cases: the beneficiary to whom the award for the household head is to be transferred to is not his/her next of kin; the household head has no dependents; the household was no longer living along Vitas Pumping Station; falsification of documents; no proof of residency; and 4 ISFs are with former awards. However, request for reconsideration including each disqualified ISF's appeal has been submitted and are waiting for the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) meeting to obtain the resolution for approval (please see Annex 3 – Request Letter for Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs).

A meeting with NHA and Manila Urban Settlements Office (MUSO) were conducted last January 26, 2023 to discuss the appeals of the disqualified ISFs, and the following has been clarified (please see Annex 4 – Minutes of Meeting regarding Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs):

- i. Four (4) ISFs with former awards will not be qualified per R.A. 7279 and the Code of Policy. But there is one ISF subject to identity confirmation because the unit was awarded in 1980 and that person was born in 1980. NHA assured that site visit will be conducted on the site where the unit was awarded for confirmation.
- ii. Fifteen (15) out of seventeen (17) ISFs who were disqualified by BSAAC are included in the 2nd appeal (please see Annex 5 – Final Request for Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs).

Tag No./ DILG No.	Barangay	Name of Household Head	Remarks
ST-025-15-2F	93	Alicando, Andy Simbiling	Mr. Alicando previously waived the award to his stepdaughter because he went to Samar to visit his relatives, and he cannot go back home due to pandemic and lack of money. However, this was not allowed, so his stepdaughter was disqualified. Now, he's already in Vitas and requested to restore the application back to his name instead. Requirements of Mr. Alicando are already submitted. Mr. Alicando is included in the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)/LIAC masterlist.
DILG No. 20	93	Doria, Elizabeth Namang	During the BSAAC deliberation, she mentioned that she does not have children, thus disqualifying her for the award. Since she was disqualified, she then mentioned that she has children as her dependent.
ST-072-15-2F	93	Fronda, Alfredo Gonzales	He has no dependents because he is living with his niece. He waived his right to his niece but he will be relocated together since he is already 64 years old.
ST-059-15	93	Garcia, Bernardo Jr. Beltran (+)	Mr. Garcia has already passed away, so his stepdaughter who was living with him before was trying to claim the award, but she was disqualified. His other legitimate child, Ms. Garcia, then showed up and requested to claim the award on behalf of his deceased father. She is working in Bulacan and only stays in Vitas during weekends, making her stepsister process the documents. She said that since they are living together, the former DQ stepsister will be relocated together with her.
ST-036-15-5F	93	Lopez, Michael Dumot	Mr. Lopez was hospitalized during the 2015 census. Proof of his hospitalization is attached in his folder. He also showed no dependent during the BSAAC deliberation, making him disqualified for the award. After that, his live- in partner showed up with a child.
ST-043-15-6F	93	Quitalig, Angelito Del Pilar (+)	Mr. Quitalig has already passed away. His partner showed up during the BSAAC deliberation and was requested for a proof of her relationship to Mr. Quitalig, to which she cannot provide that time. The Consultant then requested the PSA birth certificate of her child with Mr. Quitalig, showing that she was indeed his partner at that time. The Consultant also requested the PSA death certificate of Mr. Quitalig, since she brought a

[]			falsified death certificate during the
			deliberation.
			However, Ms. Reyes is considered vulnerable
			person because she has 11 children and
			lactating mother from her new partner.
ST-025-15-2F	93	Quizon, Jaime	Mr. Quizon has already passed away. Ms.
		Moratilla (+)	Imelda Tongco, his live-in partner for 22
			years, was disqualified because she cannot
			provide any proof of their relationship. They
			also do not have any children during their
			relationship. Her niece is her only dependent
			that they are taking care of together. The
			Consultant requested an affidavit from her
			neighbors as proof that they previously lived
			together.
ST-023-15	93	Santos, Alicia Santos	She was confirmed by the National Housing
		(Tacla)	Authority (NHA) to be a previous awardee,
			but she is requesting an appeal to check the date of her birthday. She was born in 1986
			but the award was given in 1980.
ST-026-15-1F	93	Santos, Michael	His mother, Experanza Quizon, was confirmed
51 020 15 11	55	Quizon	to be a previous awardee. He is requesting for
		Quizon	reconsideration since the previous award was
			not for him but for his mother.
ST-076-15-3F	93	Santos, Rodolfo	Mr. Santos has already passed away. His
		Santos (+)	partner was requested for a proof of her
			relationship with him. They do not have a
			child, but neighbors can confirm that they
			really living together
No Tag	93	Sosa, Aniceto Collado	His family is no longer living under the bridge
			since they were fire victims. They were
			requested to submit a Bureau of Fire
			Protection (BFP) report and Department of
			Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) list
DILG No. 1	150	Abides, Leopoldo	of those affected by the fire that time. He was disqualified because he cannot say
DILG NO. 1	120	Reyes	the name of his niece. He is also partially deaf
		INCYC5	and cannot speak Tagalog well (Bisaya is his
			primary language).
DILG No. 10	150	Bautista, Raymart	He has no dependents in his application but
		Gonzales	due to the disqualification, he has biological
			child and a mother transferred to Cavite
			during the pandemic. His childbirth certificate
			doesn't reflect him as father because they
			been separated. But now the child is living
			with him and the mother can no longer be
			found.
St-001-L-15-	150	Cruz, Alfredo Jr.	Mr. Cruz Jr. already passed away in 2014 but
2F		Marques (+)	was included in 2015 census. The Consultant
			verified with NHA that the name in the masterlist is the son and not the father who is
			still alive based on the birthdate recorded. Mr.
			Cruz Sr. is now claiming on behalf of his

			deceased son, but he is overage for the award, and has no other qualified dependent. Mr. Cruz Sr. need to be relocated because of his structures within the technical footprints.
ST-001-15-3F	150	Lee, Juinor Pagatpatan	His cousin was requested to submit a proof of his relationship to the household head. Ms. Alcober can no longer locate Ms. Lee hence, they are living together. During the census, only Ms. Lee was present because they are working that time.
ST-001H-10- 2F	150	Tome, Rolando Maganoy	He has no dependents, and he is living together with his niece. If he will be relocated, the niece will also be relocated together with him.

b. Cannot Be Located

There are 2 ISFs who cannot be located. Certification from Barangay 150 was requested to confirm that the hereunder ISFs were no longer living the area and cannot be located.

No.	TAG NO./ DILG NO.	Barangay	NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD
207	DILG No. 34	150	Pitao, Cesario Caliao
222	ST-001H-10-2F	150	Tome, Annalee Maganoy (deceased)

c. Deferred

Out of the 7 ISFs who were deferred, 4 ISFs are still waiting for confirmation of former awards and 2 ISFs were deferred from the previous BSAAC deliberation, but the latter did not appear during the January 12, 2023 BSAAC deliberation – hence, BSAAC hold their application even when they already submitted the required documents.

No.	TAG NO./ DILG NO.	Brgy.	NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD	REASONS OF STATUS
90	ST-046-15-1F	93	Mariano, Jesus Lagman	No show during the BSAAC deliberation last January 12.
160	ST-001-M-15- 3F	150	Cruz, Judita Longgaquit	For confirmation of previous award of Rodrigo Cruz, her husband
166	ST-006-15-2F	150	De Guzman, Eduardo Gonzalez	For confirmation of previous award
180	ST-001-F-15-2F	150	Genon, Paulino Tercero	No show during the BSAAC deliberation last January 12

198	NO. TAG	150	Mantes, Festin Romeo Jr.	Batch 12 – ready for relocation*	
199	St-001-L-15-2F	150	Marquez, Josefina R.	For confirmation of previous award	
200	DILG NO. 55		Martinez, Eduardo Bautista	For confirmation of previous award	
*Lat	*Late to be included for Batch 11 relocation due to confirmation of former award.				

d. For BSAAC Deliberation

Three (3) ISFs submitted their documents late but still needed to undergo BSAAC deliberation to prove their residency by submitting the relevant documents from 2019-2021. Also, these ISFs were included in the NHA masterlist but were out during census as their details were gathered through their neighbors.

No.	TAG NO./ DILG NO.	Barangay	NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD
43	ST-043-15-6F	93	Dela Roma, Boyet Inton (+)
210	ST-001-15-3F	150	Ramos, Veronica Santos
211	DILG No. 39	150	Respicio, Remedios Echala

B. Additional ISFs Living Along the Waterways and Under the Bridge

Fifty-five (55) ISFs for thirty-eight (38) affected structures were censused, interviewed, and recorded as additional ISFs along the technical footprints of Vitas Pumping Station (please see Annex 6 – Masterlist of Additional ISFs). Out of 55, 42 were from Brgy. 93 while 13 are from Brgy. 150, composing of 181 Project-Affected People (PAPs).

Barangay	No. of Households	No. of Persons	
93	42	141	
150	13	40	
Total	55	181	

Overview of Surveyed PAPs

The survey conducted for 55 ISFs is the sweeping activity to clear the area under the bridge. This will be the last survey as well as clearing to be conducted for the succeeding activities like dredging of waterways and rehabilitation of the pumping station.

It can be deduced from these data that 55% of the ISFs are part of the vulnerable sector as they are earning less than Php 12,082 per month as the poverty threshold for the family of five¹.

Below Poverty Threshold	Above Poverty Threshold	No Response	Total
30	10	15	55
55%	18%	27%	100%

Vulnerability in Household Income

Of the total number of persons affected, 55% are vulnerable due to the income below the poverty thresholds, 25% are baby/toddlers, 27% are solo parents, 18% are elderly, and there are no recorded persons with disabilities (PWDs) and with health challenges.

It is understandable that most ISFs suffered low income during the survey due to the stoppage of economic operations brought by the pandemic.

Categories	Total Households			
Households with baby/toddler	14			
Households with solo parent	15			
Households with elderly	10			
Households with physically disabled member	0			
Households with member with health challenges	0			
Households below poverty threshold	30			

Level of Vulnerability

Majority are employees in private sector working as delivery boy for online shopping while 10% are vendors and shopkeepers/owners. Other members of the families who are contributing from their income for their family's needs are unskilled/semi-skilled workers working at the construction or factories and vendors/street hawker. Most of these ISFs who are self-employed as commuter drivers, e.g., pedicabs, tricycles, and taxis. Some are delivering online orders from Lazada, Shopee, etc. 10% of them are vendors at Divisoria, and others are scavenging salvage materials and garbage. When asked about their work location, they are working in the area but only 10% are delivering online orders within and nearby barangay.

¹ Philippine Poverty Threshold as of 2021 from the Philippine Statistics Office (PSA). References: https://psa.gov.ph/content/proportion-poor-filipinos-registered-237-percent-first-semester-2021#:~:text=This%20translates%20to%2026.14%20million,the%20first%20semester%20of%202021.

II. Livelihood Programs

The ISFs from Batches 1 to 4 who attended the financial literary orientation, their livelihood assistance will be distributed on February 15, 2023, while the rest are still awaiting for the second round of the orientation.

III. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

FUNDS FOR RAP IMPLEMENTATION

The revised funds for the implementation of the RAP is at One Hundred Six Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Twenty-Two and 56/100 Pesos only **(Php 106,680,022.56),** including 10% Project Administration Cost and 15% Contingency (please see Annex 7 – RAP Budget).

RAP	Amount (Php)	Additive/Deductive (Php)
RAP	130,450,860.28	-
1 st Addendum	67,669,251.93	- 62,781,608.35
2 nd Addendum	106,680,022.56	39,010,770.63

The changes in the 1st Addendum RAP were the removal of the relocation site development and the provision of the 3-year post relocation assistance to LGU Trece Martires.

The 2nd Addendum RAP is to be prepared and is for the additional 55 ISFs that encroached the waterways. They need to be cleared in order to commence the dredging and rehabilitation works for Vitas Pumping Station. The additional funds are composed of the entitlements specified in the RAP, e.g., 3-year post relocation assistance in pro-rata, funds for them to obtain their Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)/Police Clearance, notary of their documents, etc.

Moreover, the relocation site is intended for the Oplan Likas ISFs, where only 2 out of 55 ISFs were included in the said masterlist. NHA required to replenish the 53 units to be used in Sunshine Ville relocation site amounting to Php 340,000.00/unit.

IV. ANNEXES

- Annex 1 Minutes of Meeting and Transfer Agreements
- Annex 2 Photo Documentation of the Removal of Remaining Debris
- Annex 3 Request Letter for Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs
- Annex 4 Minutes of Meeting regarding Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs
- Annex 5 Final Request for Reconsideration of Disqualified ISFs
- Annex 6 Masterlist of Additional ISFs
- Annex 7 RAP Budget