



Metro Manila Flood Management Project
8th RAP Monitoring Report for the Vitas Pumping Station
September 5, 2022

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 will be at the resettlement site in Trece Martires, Cavite developed by the National Housing Authority (NHA).

This is the eighth monitoring 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 and the previous 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 August 1-31, 2022. 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 described below:

1. Establishment of Local Help Desk at Brgy. 93, Tondo, Manila

The Local Help Desk established by the DPWH continued to assist ISFs covered under the Project in complying with the requirements of the NHA. The Team continued to assess the requirements prior to submission to NHA for approval and pre-qualification.

Prior to the relocation of the fourth batch ISFs, they were assisted in obtaining their Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) account and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN), and securing their barangay certificates. Those who were relocated that are yet to obtain their TIN were also assisted, even though they are already living at the relocation

site.

There are forty-one (41) ISFs that NHA identified to be provided with assistance in completing their requirements. The Team conducted a Key Informant Interview (KII) for the preparation of a case study, as they will be subjected to the Beneficiary Selection, Awards, and Arbitration Committee (BSAAC) deliberation (please see Annex 1 – Photo Documentation of the Local Help Desk).

2. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Sending and Receiving Local Government Units (LGUs)

To date, the MOA has been signed by all parties and notarized.

3. MOA for the Downloading of Funds

3.a. Trece Martires, Cavite

The LGU Trece Martires has already received the full amount of funds to facilitate the transfer of ISFs to the relocation site. The meeting to discuss the project proposal was scheduled on September 02, 2022. The agenda of the meeting were as follows:

- Approval of NHA for the use of land in constructing the facilities mentioned;
- Preparation of design of the building if needed assistance from the DPWH district office, comments from DPWH Finance Service;
- In coordination with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), preparation of the workplan for each Livelihood Restoration and Improvement Program (LRIP) activities/implementation;
- Procurement of dump truck, due to garbage disposal being one of the problems now in the relocation site; and
- Other matters.

3.b. Manila

The downloading of funds to LGU Manila for the sending LGU PPEs and sanitation kit during relocation amounting to Php 20,000.00 has been forwarded to the City of Manila for the City Mayor's signature.

4. Social Preparation

On August 11, 2022, the final briefing of the 19 ISFs to be relocated was conducted (please see Annex 2 – Minutes of Meeting with Photos of the Final

Briefing).

On September 09, 2022, a consultation meeting with the 41 identified ISFs will be conducted.

5. Site Tripping

On August 06, 2022, the site tripping of the fourth batch of ISFs was conducted. They were oriented with the NHA, LGU, and Barangay rules and regulations. The developer discussed the complete units with them. They were also asked to pre-select their individual units, especially those who have relatives within their batch (please see Annex 3 – Photos of the Site Tripping).

6. BSAAC Deliberations

The Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) meeting was conducted for the finalization of the Code of Policy. Once signed, the BSAAC deliberation will follow (please see Annex 4 – LIAC Meeting Photos, Attendance Sheet, and the Final Draft of the Code of Policy).

There are 41 ISFs identified by NHA who will be subjected for the deliberation; however, during the conduct of the case study, only 30 ISFs completed their requirements.

7. Relocation and Resettlement

On August 12, 2022, 19 ISFs (fourth batch) were relocated. The LIAC members – NHA, Manila Urban Settlements Office (USO), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Caritas, and Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW) – witnessed the said activity. The demolition team was provided by the City of Manila through their DEPW (please see Annex 5 – Photos During the Relocation).

III. Updates on the Transfer to the NHA Site of the 141 PAFs

There are already 54 ISFs that have been relocated.

Batch	Number of ISFs
1 st	16
2 nd	9

3 rd	11
4 th	18
Total	54

IV. Updates of 88 ISFs under the SHFC

There are already 23 ISFs that have been relocated.

Batch	Number of ISFs
1 st	4
2 nd	10
3 rd	8
4 th	1
Total	23

V. Livelihood Programs

There is continuous dissemination of information for job opportunities through the social media posts of different private partner companies, such as San Miguel Corporation Neuventures, SM Supermalls, Motor Central, House Technology Industries PTE, Chowking, GCW, MMA Competent Manpower and General Services for factory workers, and Starkson for factory workers, among others, in coordination with and support of PESO Trece Martires. Job fair events are being held in Waltermart and Towermall every Friday, which starts at 9:00 A.M. onwards. On August 20, 2022, the Team conducted a pre-employment orientation to relocatees as preparation for job fair activities (please see Annex 6 – Minutes of Meeting, Photo Documentation, and Attendance Sheet of the Pre-Employment Orientation).

On August 06, 2022, during the site tripping of the fourth batch ISFs, the Team conducted a socio-profiling of the nineteen (19) ISFs, including inventory of skills, desired training, and business, for both the household heads and its members. The result was submitted to NHA, DPWH, and LGU Trece Martires.

Moreover, a coordination meeting with LGU Housing Office through Ms. Isabelita Ayos was conducted to discuss the downloaded funds for post-relocation activities,

particularly on livelihood (please see Annex 7 – Letter of Invitation to LGU Trece Martires).

VI. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

FUNDS FOR RAP IMPLEMENTATION

Funds for the implementation of the RAP is at Sixty-Seven Million Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One and 93/100 Pesos only (**Php 67,669,251.93**), including 10% Project Administration Cost and 15% Contingency.

During the LIAC Meeting, NHA mentioned that there would be no replenishment of units for this pumping station, given that the relocation site is intended for the ISFs along the waterways.

VII. PROCEDURES FOR FLOW OF FUNDS

1. Funds to be Downloaded to LGU

A MOA has been signed between the implementing agency and the LGU Trece Martires, Cavite for the downloading of funds, specifically the budget for the Community-based Livelihood Restoration and Development Program (CLRDP) amounting to Php 30,000,000.00. The fund amounting to Php 40,192,480.00 was already received by the LGU Trece Martires in full.

2. Funds as Financial Assistance to the ISFs

For the succeeding batches, opening of a Peso account will be applied in order to transfer the assistance to the ISFs through their LBP accounts.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAP

(Please see attached list of communications as Annex 8.)

IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

On August 29, 2022, the Team visited the fourth batch of relocatees to know the issues and concerns they are facing after the relocation. Of the 19 ISFs, six (6) were randomly selected as samples for data gathering (please see Annex 9 – Monitoring of 4th Batch of Vitas Relocatees). The result of the monitoring are as

follows:

1. Quality of units

The two (2) main concerns of the relocatees were no provision of water for two (2) weeks and no installation of front doors for one (1) week after their relocation. Their common concerns with regard to the units were the leaks from sinks and ceilings during heavy rainfall, broken jalousies, and no constructed bedroom, compared to what have been presented to them. Despite these raised issues and concerns, they still feel blessed to have their own house and lot. They also feel grateful that they were able to secure a house for their family, comparing with their situation before in Vitas Pumping Station.

RAP Team Actions Taken:

- Coordinated the issues and concerns with NHA Cavite and were informed that they will raise those to their technical team who handles the direct supervision to the developer. The NHA assured the Team that the concerns would be given full attention.
- The DPWH sent a letter to NHA to resolve the issue with the developer regarding the installation of water connection to each houses (please see Annex 10 – Letter to NHA regarding Water Connection for 4th Batch of Vitas ISFs).

2. Changes Compared to Their Former Situation in Vitas Pumping Station:

a. Social Acceptance and Inclusion to the Community

They felt accepted by the community, where they were able to mingle with them. The environment was far different from that of Vitas Pumping Station, which is more peaceful, safe, and they were able to breathe fresh air.

b. Current Economic Condition

Majority of the relocatees expressed that they find it more challenging to secure economic opportunities or a source of income in the resettlement site. Some of them put up a small store (sari-sari store), even though there are only few relocatees and they do not have enough capital.

For the wage earners, most of them are working in Manila and must travel from Cavite for work. It burdens them due to the

expensive fare to and from work.

c. Food and Security

A “talipapa” market located nearby the relocation site and a rolling store are accessible and available. The Public Market is considered far from site, which gives them additional expenses, making them prefer what is available in the area.

The vacant space/area at the front is wide and can be used to plant a variety of vegetables for food consumption.

d. Access to Health facilities

Some of them have not visited the barangay health facility since no one in their family got sick, while some have no idea on the location of health facilities nearby.

e. Safety

There was no provision of street lighting at the site, especially during night time. However, barangay polices are visible every night, unlike in Vitas Pumping Station.

The families observed that the area is free from chaos and noise, and their children are safe to roam around the area during the day. Some of them go to bed as early as 7:00 P.M.

f. Peace and Order

Barangay police visibility in the area can be felt every night – hence, no crimes witnessed since the families arrived at the relocation site.

- Very peaceful
- No theft, crime, or burglary incident
- Neighbors within the vicinity are accommodating
- Children are safer in the area and can roam freely
- Rounds by barangay police conducted every other night
- The Philippine National Police (PNP) are roving occasionally between 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
- Families are indoors at around 7:00 P.M.

Compared to their previous situation at Vitas Pumping Station, their present situation at Trece Martires, Cavite is better, because it is peaceful. There are no addicts or bystanders. The relocatees are very happy, because they finally have a house that they can call their own, compared to when they used to live under the bridge in Vitas Pumping Station.

g. Environment

The relocation site is peaceful and quiet, unlike when they were living along the technical footprints of Vitas Pumping Station where the heavy traffic, sirens, and noisy neighbors disturb them when they were resting.

The air quality is quite better than that of the Estero de Vitas. It is also windy from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., keeping them cool from warm and humid climate at the relocation site.

The service water rationing is scheduled at 7:00 to 8:00 in the morning and 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon – hence, the drinking water per gallon is available in the neighborhood.

Garbage collection is conducted every Thursday, but there are children from the neighboring relocation site collecting garbage, specially the non-biodegradable ones for them to sell.

X. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

1. There are 152 ISFs who are yet to be relocated, while 27 of them cannot be located.
2. The attempt to sell the unawarded house and lot.
3. The ISFs who submitted the requirements do not know the person whom he/she received the waiver of rights.
4. Delays in the approval of the Code of Policy.

XI. NEXT STEPS

1. Follow up the approval of the MOA between DPWH and City of Manila for the Php 20,000.00 sending LGU PPEs and sanitation kit during relocation
2. Provide assistance for the opening of LBP accounts of ISFs
3. Conduct meeting with Trece Martires, Cavite for their proposal of the downloaded funds

4. Technical Needs Assessment (TNA)
5. Conduct social preparation meetings/final briefing for the fifth batch ISFs
6. Finalization of the Code of Policy
7. Conduct BSAAC deliberations
8. Local help desk to assist ISFs to their requirements
9. Conduct social preparation meeting for the 41 ISFs who will be subject for BSAAC deliberation

XII. ANNEXES

Annex 1 – Photo Documentation of the Local Help Desk

Annex 2 – Minutes of Meeting with Photos of the Final Briefing

Annex 3 – Photos of the Site Tripping

Annex 4 – LIAC Meeting Photos, Attendance Sheet, and the Final Draft of the Code of Policy

Annex 5 – Photos During the Relocation

Annex 6 – Minutes of Meeting, Photo Documentation, and Attendance Sheet of the Pre-Employment Orientation

Annex 7 – Letter of Invitation to LGU Trece Martires

Annex 8 – List of Communication

Annex 9 – Monitoring of 4th Batch of Vitas Relocatees

Annex 10 – Letter to NHA regarding Water Connection for 4th Batch of Vitas ISFs