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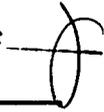


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE YOLANDA REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY ON THE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2013, Typhoon Yolanda made landfall in the Philippines, ravaging the Visayas and partly the Luzon. To date, Typhoon Yolanda is considered to be the most powerful storm to make landfall. It affected 1,473,251 families, leaving 6,300 dead;

WHEREAS, then President Benigno Aquino Jr. appointed a Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (PARR) to unify the efforts of government and other agencies involved in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2014, the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Plan (RRP or the Master Rehabilitation Plan) was submitted by PARR to then President Aquino. The RRP lays out the plan for the massive rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Yolanda corridor;

WHEREAS, the functions of PARR was subsumed under the regular functions of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum Order No. 62, Series of 2013

Council and other relevant agencies under Republic Act No. 10121, or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of 2010" as mandated by Memorandum Order No. 09 dated April 22, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, under Memorandum Order No. 09, the National Economic and Development Authority was directed to convene different clusters at the national and regional levels to assess the over-all status of the rehabilitation and recovery efforts, and address policy issues on rehabilitation and recovery for Yolanda-affected areas;

**WHEREAS**, Resettlement Cluster chaired by the Housing and Urban Development Council was convened to monitor and coordinate activities relative to the resettlement projects for the Yolanda RRP;

**WHEREAS**, in the 2016 General Appropriations Act, the government allocated Php46 billion to fund the RRP, Php25.601 billion of which was allotted for the National Housing Authority (NHA) to build housing units for the Yolanda victims. However, as of June 30, 2016, the DBM only released P4.8 billion or 18.75% of the P25.601 billion budget due to slow implementation by the NHA;

**WHEREAS**, according to the report of the NHA, as of June 30, 2016 and nearly three years after the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda, out of the 205,128 target housing units, only 25,967 were completed, 15,498 were partially completed, 130,568 are under construction and 33,095 are yet to be constructed. Unfortunately, out of the completed units, only 2,287 housing units were turned-over to the victims;

**WHEREAS**, for the entire three years, the rate of construction of the NHA for the Yolanda resettlement project is a measly 12.66%. At this pace, the NHA will need more or less fourteen (14) years in order to finish the 205,128 target housing units causing extended agony of the victims;

**WHEREAS**, it is not only the slow construction efforts that torments the Yolanda survivors, as reported, resettlement areas lack basic provisions like water and electricity as well as the proper drainage system in the areas, inadequate livelihood opportunities, and unclear information on tenurial security;

**WHEREAS**, the survivors of the Typhoon Yolanda had suffered so much, they deserve the assistance of the government in rebuilding not only the lost infrastructures and homes, but most significantly, their lives;

**WHEREAS**, despite the intensive efforts undertaken by the government, civil society and international organizations, normalcy in Yolanda-stricken areas is still beyond arms length;

**WHEREAS**, the fact that many of the victims are still living in bunk houses and haunted by the terror brought by Yolanda, it is necessary to conduct an immediate assessment and review of the actions being taken by the government in implementing the Resettlement Program under the Yolanda Rehabilitation and Recovery Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing, and Resettlement, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Yolanda Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program specifically on the Resettlement Program with the end view of crafting laws, rules and regulations for an effective and efficient housing programs for victims of disaster.

*Adopted,*



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