

“Moving Towards Resiliency: A case of how the local government of Marikina City in the Philippines reacted to flood in 2009”

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(Presentation and discussion will be held in English.)

Research Project

In the face of climate change and its impacts such as severe flooding from heavy precipitation occurrences, organizations like local governments are expected to adapt to these changes and be resilient in these trying times. But what does it mean to be resilient?

A lot is expected from the local government of Marikina City since it suffered the most damage when Tropical Storm Ketsana, a sudden shock, hit the country on 26 September 2009. Considered by local scientists as an extreme rainfall event, Ketsana affected 80 percent of the city population, damaged houses, and disrupted businesses. The study aims to find out how the local government of Marikina reacted after experiencing the flood event caused by Tropical Storm Ketsana three years ago.

Education

2004 Masters of Arts, Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines
2007 Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management, UNEP Course, Dresden, Germany

Work Experience

2009 to Present; *Sr. Technical and Environmental Staff*, Perk Technical Consultants Corporation, Pasig City, Philippines
2003 to 2009; *Sr. Economic Development Specialist* (last position held) National Economic and Development Authority, Pasig City, Philippines
2002 to 2003; *Technical Assistant*, United Nations Development Programme Project, Pasig City, Philippines
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Involved in selected Projects/Assignments

- National Land Use Act Bill (Executive Branch version)
- Guidelines on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management in Sub-national Development and Physical Planning in the Philippines
- Subic Bay Protected Area Management Plan Project, Philippines
- Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Kabugao, Apayao, Philippines

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