Demonstration Site on "Enhancing Resilience to Disasters of Urban Water Systems of Mindanao" in the Philippines



#### **HELP Davao Network**

Davao City was chosen by UNESCO as Demonstration Site for Sustainability Science

Focus on resilience of urban water systems to disasters



## Typhoon Bopha (Pablo) 2012

Total Estimate Cost of Damage:PHP36,949,230,987.07 (agriculture, infrastructure, properties) Total Individuals Affected:711,682 families Total Casualties: 1,607 Filipinos Reported Missing: 834 Filipinos Other immediate problems: WASH, Food Security, Health and Safety, Shelter, Logistics and Communication, Education

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Education

#### Health and Safety

Livelihood



**Environmental Integrity** 

Lives

#### The impact of Typhoon Bopha (Pablo)





Total Estimate Cost of Damage: Php 11,000,000 (infrastructure, private properties) Total Individuals Affected: 14,726 families Total Casualties: 30 Individuals Reported Missing: 1 Individuals Other immediate problems: WASH, Food Security, Health and Safety, Shelter,

## Flash Flood Incident In Davao City (Matina Pangi River) - 2011



## Davao City Flooding In 2011

Thousands of families in 4 Barangays (Ma-a, Matina Pangi, Matina Crossing and Talomo Proper) were submerged in 10 feet high flash flood for several hours due to heavy rain that poured on June 28, 2011, forcing families to seek for higher and safer grounds.





## Damages of the Flash Flood Incident In Davao City (Matina Pangi River) - 2011



Infrastructure, Private Properties, and Businesses



Health and Sanitation, Safety, Households, Livelihood

## What do we want to find out?

Focus on 4 of 8 river systems in Davao City

- Davao River Basin
- Lasang Watershed
- Lipadas Watershed
- Talomo Watershed

in the event of a 100 year return flood, and determine which barangays are most vulnerable to the big flood.



# Increase in precipitation may cause rivers to overflow...



This study assessed and mapped flood vulnerabilities of the WSS vis-à-vis the vulnerabilities of the communities to 100-year return floods in 67 riverine and floodplain barangays located in 4 of 8 river systems in Davao City.

Disaster risk reduction and management plans were examined and dynamics analyzed in order to strengthen planning and coordination towards resiliency of the UWS and its management.

Initial efforts were also exerted to raise awareness on climate change adaptation among stakeholders by demonstrating resilience.





# METHODOLOGY



# Data processing and analysis involved 5 steps

- 1. Desk review of secondary data
- 2. Selection of vulnerability indicators
  - Exposure
  - Sensitivity
  - Adaptive capacity
- 3. Focus group discussions, key informant interviews
- 4. Database development & data integration using GIS
- 5. Link database with other websites





Climate change manifestations will involve alterations in the water cycle

**The Water Cycle** Condensation Precipitation voporation rom clonts Surface ruth Evaporation from oceans, lakes and streams





The urban water system (which includes water supply, wastewater and storm water) has been identified to be particularly at risk to climate change (Loftus, 2011).

## If the urban water system is at risk, then impacts on the system infrastructure are anticipated





A protected well or developed spring with an outlet but without a distribution system.

The farthest user is not more than 250 meters from the source.



- A system composed of a source, a reservoir, a piped distribution network, and communal faucets.
- The farthest user is not more than 25 meters from the source.



- Waterworks system or individual house connections
- A system with a source, a reservoir, a piped distribution network and household taps.

*Source: Presentation from the 2008 World Water Week* 



# In Davao City, Level III WSS is served by DCWD in 110 of 182 (60%) barangays

DCWD serves 62% of the City's 1.656 million population



99.9% of DCWD production comes from groundwater sources extracted through production wells







# **BASELINE ASSESSMENT**

**RESULTS:** 

48% (32 of 67) of the barangays covered in the study are prone to 100-year return floods

41% (13 of 32) of identified flood-prone barangays rely solely on DCWD's Level III water supply

17 barangays are identified as recharge areas



## Various WSS infrastructures were found located in the flood-prone barangays

#### DCWD

12 pipe bridge crossings
9 production wells
6 reservoirs
4 water treatment facilities

#### Non-DCWD

221 Levels I and II systems, regardless if private or public









# **EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT**

**RESULTS:** 

# 3 indicators for assessing exposure were selected

(1)	Area	brone	to flo	ooding	. %
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1.	1-A	91%
2.	Calinan	79%
3.	8-A	67%

#### (2) Area prone to flooding, has.

- 1. Calinan 681 has.
- 2. Tigatto 496 has.
- 3. Maa 469 has.

(3) Potentially affected population

Maa
Tigatto
Calinan

8. 8-A

27,639 23,435 18,174







# SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT

**RESULTS:** 

## 3 indicators for sensitivity of water supply system were selected

Infrastructure damage due to location in flood-prone area of barangay:

# (1) No. of DCWD WSS infrastructure

(2) No. of other built structures

(3) Potential for system dysfunction

No. of DCWD service connections/households/ population to be affected





DCWD WSS infrastructures located in flood-prone areas are concentrated in 6 barangays 221 non-DCWD infrastructures are spread in 21 of 32 flood-prone barangays



Functional disruption of DCWD pipe bridge crossing in Talomo will affect the most number of households/ population

Access to 12 hospitals can be restricted as a result of severe flooding





# **ADAPTIVE CAPACITY ASSESSMENT**

**RESULTS:** 

## **3 indicators for adaptive capacity of water supply system were selected**

#### (1) Internal Revenue Allotment

(2) Environmental sanitation

Access to safe water
Access to sanitary toilets
Satisfactory solid waste disposal
Access to complete basic sanitation facilities

(3) Flood disaster preparedness

Early warning system
Barangay DRRMC
Evacuation centers





81% (26 of 32) of the barangays have Internal Revenue Allotment of PhP10M and below

Environmental sanitation can still be improved

Disaster preparedness can still be increased

Nearly half of the identified evacuation centers are covered courts/gyms/halls



# **VULNERABILITY FINDINGS**



Assessing the vulnerability of the WSS to climate change impacts, such as flooding, is necessary to determine the system's resilience

Vulnerability = exposure + sensitivity - adaptive capacity

Final equation used:





## 5 stages of vulnerability were defined

Vulnerability index (VI)	Classification
0.0000 < VI < 0.3187	Less vulnerable
0.3187< VI < 0.3481	Moderately vulnerable
0.3481 < VI < 0.3758	Vulnerable
0.3758 < VI < 0.4113	Highly vulnerable
0.4113 < VI < 1.0000	Very highly vulnerable



## Water supply system and communities in 4 barangays are very highly vulnerable to 100-year return floods

River system	Flood-prone barangay	VI	Ranking	Classification	
DRB	Mandug	0.48252	1		
LipW	Lubogan	0.46684	2	Very	
DRB	Tigatto	0.45417	3	highly vulnerable	
ТW	Calinan	0.41768	4		
LasW	Pañalum	0.40480	5		
LipW	Crossing Bayabas	0.40431	6		
DRB	1-A	0.39672	7	Highly vulnerable	
DRB	Ma-a	0.39303	8		
DRB	2-A	0.37973	9		
DRB	8-A	0.37657	10		





# IS DAVAO CITY'S URBAN WSS RESILIENT?



Resilience relates to the ability of the system to absorb disturbances while retaining the same ways of functioning

**Resilience characteristics of DCWD WSS:** 

Functional redundancy
Flexibility
Responsiveness



### DCWD's responsiveness to flood emergencies was best demonstrated in 2012

 Vulnerability of pipelines and service lines are addressed by DCWD's conformance with materials standards  As a reactive measure, affected water lines can be isolated through valve management



How resilient are the organizations (region, city, barangay) to disasters in terms of management of Urban Water System (UWS)?

Sadly, Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plans are focused on peoples' safety ...

without regard to UWS management,

and with the agencies' involvement anchored on their respective institutional mandates.





# CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### There are 4 areas that need intervention

First. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans must address needs related to management of urban water systems

**Second.** Regular maintenance of all DCWD pipelines and timely rehabilitation or replacement of ageing pipelines

Third. Environmental sanitation must be improved

Fourth. Environmental preparedness needs to be increased





#### At the heart of planning and implementation strategies to enhance resilience of communities and urban water systems to disasters are people.

We envision resilient communities even in very highly vulnerable floodprone areas, where people are assured of water supply system to support domestic and commercial consumption for population wellness and economic development.



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