



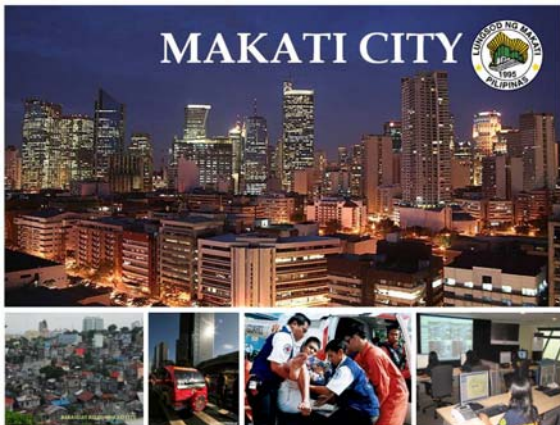
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## Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready!

World Disaster Reduction Campaign 2010-2011

# Makati City is getting ready!

## Makati City, National Capital Region (Metro-Manila), Philippines



Population: 510,383

Type of Hazard(s): Typhoons, Earthquakes, Floods

For the past years, Makati is among the cities in NCR affected by several hydrometeorological disasters such as Typhoon Milenyo (Xangsane) in 2006, Typhoon Egay (Sepat) in 2007, Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) in 2009, and Typhoon Pepeng (Parma) also in 2009.

There are two physical characteristics of the City that pose danger to its present and future development. A part of the Valley Fault System, a potential generator of a large magnitude of earthquake in NCR is located at the eastern part of Makati. Six (6) barangays (communities) were identified as high risk areas. Second, the western portion of the City is composed of former tidal flats where seven (7) barangays are flood-prone.

### Disaster Risk Reduction activities

#### Essential 1: Put in place Organisation and coordination

The City Government established and institutionalised the Makati City Disaster Coordinating Council (MCDCC) as a specialised task group for the coordination of disaster reduction policies and strategies between the national, regional levels and the city level. MCDCC also serves as a policy decision-making body for DRR-related activities.

#### Essential 2: Assign a budget for DRR

As mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) the City Government allots 5% of its total annual fund for calamity. From 2010 onwards, the City Government optimises the said fund to be used for disaster preparedness and risk reduction in addition to disaster response and post recovery initiatives.

*Essential 4: Invest in and maintain critical infrastructure that reduces risks*

Land improvement projects such as concreting of roads and drainage improvement are 100% completed. Relatively, regular maintenance and improvements of roads including clearing of sagging and entangled telecommunication cables in major roads as well as regular cleaning of the drainage system through dredging and de-clogging are being undertaken by the City's Department of Engineering and Public Works in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Services and the barangays (communities). Schools, hospitals, flood control facilities and other critical infrastructure are also assessed in terms of safety and efficiency.

*Essential 6: Apply and enforce realistic, risk-compliant building regulations and land use planning principles*

As part of its mandates, the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW) through its Office of Building Official (OBO) conducts annual inspections of buildings and facilities within the City to ensure strict compliance with the National Building Code. The Zoning Division of the Urban Development Department (UDD), on the other hand, handles the implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance of new and existing establishments before issuance of new clearances.

*Essential 7: Educational programmes and training on DRR are in place in schools and local communities*

Climate change and disaster risk reduction have been integrated in the school curricula at the elementary and secondary levels. Intensive awareness drive on disaster risk reduction and preparedness were also being undertaken at the community level especially for those who are staying at home and out-of-school youth through various IEC (Information Education Campaign) activities using existing media such as television, radio, newspapers, and brochures.

*"We in Makati have long been taking steps towards disaster risk reduction. We know that advance planning and preparation is the best way to minimize, if not totally eliminate, the impact of disaster on members of our communities, our properties and our economies. We realize that our ability to mitigate the effects of disasters on our City will impact positively not only on the safety of both our resident community and our private sector, but on the national economy as well."*



*- Makati Mayor Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr.*