

## **UPSCALING URBAN POOR COMMUNITY RENEWAL SCHEME**

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Management of the Study Tour and Community Exchange Sub-component of the project. For the Partnership for Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) funded by the Japan Social Development Fund / World Bank. The sub-component brings together participants from NGOs, community associations, and local government units of the five participating cities to learn and observe from selected community upgrading projects in NCR and Cebu.

In late 2005, ALTERPLAN concluded its services to the Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) for the conduct of Study Tour and Community Exchange activities for PHILSSA's Upscaling Urban Poor Community Renewal Scheme project funded by the World Bank / Japan Social Development Fund.

The Study Tour activities were part of the Guidebook component of the project, which was undertaken in consortium with STRIDES Inc. and the Institute of Philippine Culture of the Ateneo de Manila University. STRIDES was the lead agency of the consortium. The Study Tour sub-component provided participating LGUs, Implementing Agencies, and community associations with the exposure and opportunity to dialogue with project stakeholders on different community mobilization approaches, cost-recovery schemes, and feasible and innovative infrastructure for community upgrading undertakings.

Project participants came from the cities of Iligan, Naga, Mactan, San Fernando, and Quezon City, and were a mix of representatives from local government, NGOs and community associations . They visited several completed and ongoing projects in Metro Manila and Metro Cebu.