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# JF & YP Exchange

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Theme For This Issue:

Poverty Housing:  
Privatized/Governmental  
vs. Self-Help

## YP Housing Design Challenge



**J**FLFI is pursuing social housing program in conjunction and partnership with the Young Professionals Association for Sustainable Habitat (YP-Philippines). One specific program that is pursued is the YP design Challenge whereby Young Professionals are challenged to design a social housing on a US\$1,000 budget with 54 square meter area utilizing the IHUD design framework. The Challenge with a theme: **"Incremental Housing Design & Development For The Slum Dwellers: The YP-VISMIN MDG Challenge"** invites submissions from young professionals covering the Visayas and Mindanao regions in the field of architecture and engineering, as well as other interested parties, to apply their creative abilities and design skills to incremental housing projects addressing real community needs particularly the urban-poor sectors.

The YP Design Challenge is pursued to provide a venue for social housing programs assistance to the marginalized sectors by calling for ideas that deal with the shelter needs of slum dwellers and with the wider issues and challenges of social housing and sustainable human settlements development for cost-effective housing technology for the poor in the light of the MDG targets. The goal of the YP Design Challenge is to generate ideas and design solutions for sustainable community development in urban poor settlements. The competition provides an opportunity for young design professionals to put forward innovative, environmentally-sound, appropriate and affordable design solutions that can benefit poor and informal communities and improve the livability of social housing sites.

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The competition will be judged by national and international experts who are also supportive and are involved with the Philippine Alliance priorities and the CATCH-UP plan for Asia-Pacific involving 300 urban-based territories where 10% will be coming from the Philippines. The process of choosing the three best entries is set on August 30 as a deadline for submission and with the awarding to be done on December 4-5 during the YP Camp. 🌟

**YP Design Challenge Objective:**  
The YP Design Challenge is intended to provide a venue for social housing programs accessible to the marginalized sectors by setting the stage that deal with the shelter needs of these dwellers and with the wider issues and challenges of social housing and sustainable human settlements development for cost-effective housing technologies for the poor in the light of the MDG targets.

**Time Schedule:**  
July 20, 2008 - Official competition announcement  
August 26, 2008 - Deadline for submission of entries  
December 04, 2008 - Announcement of Winners  
December 04-5, 2008 - YP Regional Camp

**Technical Requirements:**  
This competition challenges participants to design a housing unit for an urban poor household that applies the... (Design - Sustainability - cost) Construction demonstrating the use of sustainable design features and appropriate building technologies such as energy efficiency, rainwater harvesting and waste management, showing measurements, grid or cost-effective and environment-friendly.

**Prize:**  
Three monetary prizes will be awarded:  
First prize - P 2,000.00  
Second prize - P 1,000.00  
Third prize - P 500.00

## News Feature:

### Urban Poor Federative Network Formation of the Young Professionals Association

A central program of the YP Network is the formation and strengthening of the Urban Poor association through the networking of their respective HomeOwners Associations. For this purpose, a significant component in the Forum conducted last June 19-20 that established a strategic plan for the Negros Urban Poor Federative Association identified specific projects and interventions that would address the identified concerns in the field of housing, incremental housing development, and issues on water and sanitation.

To realize these projects and link these with the CLIFF program of the Philippine Alliance, JFLFI, in coordination with the YP Network, provided a “spark-plug” and convergence fund to leverage LGU financial resources for CMP Incremental Housing and Urban Development (IHUD) with an amount of forty-eight thousand pesos (P48,000.00) per HOA. The HOAs that received the sparkplug money are:

- KAPISAN Homeowners Association, Inc. Bacolod City, Negros Occidental
- Bais City Resettlement Project Homeowners Association, Inc. (BACIREPHA) Bais City, Negros Oriental
- Gawad Kalinga – Batch 11 Bayawan City, Negros Oriental
- Isidro Village Homeowners Association Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental
- Purok Paraiso B Core Shelter Project Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental
- San Juan Purok Tunga Homeowners Association, Inc. San Carlos City, Negros Occidental
- HOPE Gawad Kalinga Village Talsay City, Negros Occidental

The Incremental Housing and Urban Development (IHUD) includes initiatives that seek to improve areas of housing concerns and living conditions of the urban poor. Thus, activities that are pursued in this regard include land development, sanitation, water distribution, urban utilities, and other similar interventions. 🌟



## ICEB Nation-wide Application Program

The Young Professionals Association is pursuing efforts for technology transfer to promote the Interlocking Compressed Earth Blocks as a viable mechanism for social housing and other construction initiatives in support of climate change mitigation measures. To attain such technology transfer and promotion, a collaboration with the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) was established for the utilization of the ICEB technology on its different building and structural requirements.

Substantive activities were conducted in this regard. In March of 2009, four personnel from the Development Office of the ECP came to JFLFI Office for preliminary visit and ocular check of the ICEB production and application. During the visit, a decision was made to make an environmental scanning of the sources of earth materials in the Mountain Province to see if these materials are feasible for ICEB production.

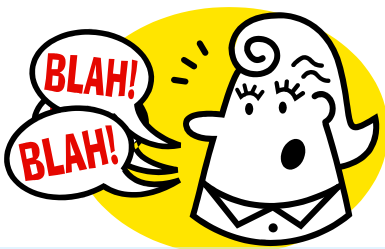
The Environmental scanning was conducted on March 29-31, 2009. Three Officers of JFLFI went on the said date to Bontoc, Mountain Province where several soil samples were brought from the different areas of the province. With the environmental scanning successfully conducted wherein five soil samples were found as possible materials, a full training of selected individuals from the ECP were scheduled on April 23-27 in San Carlos City.

A similar effort was established through collaboration with the ArchDiocese of Cagayan de Oro to utilize the ICEB for its different urban communities for Incremental Housing and Urban Development (IHUD) programs and initiatives. A meeting and presentation was made last May 4-5, 2009 in CDO that led to the appreciation of the technology by participants who were representatives of the different covered communities and churches of the ArchDiocese. ✪

Quote for this issue:

*“Poverty is no disgrace to a man, but it is confoundedly inconvenient.*

*~Sydney Smith, His Wit and Wisdom, 1900*



### Got Something To Say?

We're always searching for passionate and dedicated writers to contribute news of events, resources, articles and stories relevant to Young Professionals who are creating a better world for current and future generations.

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**Meeting with the  
Philippines UN-Habitat  
Program Manager for MDG  
Localization Replication**

The immediate forthcoming period sees significant pursuits from the YP Association to realize its commitment to social housing delivery and related concerns in urban development. A crucial step that is being followed is the integration of the 29 U.N.-Habitat covered LGUs in the Philippines for Shelter Plan programming. Such participation will be through the inclusion of the ICEB technology that is being promoted by JFLFI and the YP Network as a mechanism for social housing delivery. The collaboration with U.N.-Habitat will also seek for recognition of the 17 priority LGUs of YP-JFLFI in Negros Island as part of U.N.-Habitat priority areas. This would further allow further promotion of its integrated shelter delivery program on the 29 covered localities of the U.N.-Habitat, particularly advocating for the application of the ICEB to these localities for a nation-wide expansion program. An Agreement of Cooperation is currently formulated to formalize the collaboration and partnership.

JFLFI and the YP Association are also integrating its program with the Philippine Alliance programs so as to promote the ISDP and ICEB technology to 30 LGUs nationwide. This will be an avenue by which the ISDP and ICEB course framework will be made as a vehicle to promote social housing and urban development. The promotion of the ISDP and ICEB is also being worked out with other groups such as universities, colleges and other higher academic institutions for nation-wide adoption of the technology. The integration with the Philippine Alliance will be a mechanism to integrate the community savings program to be initiated in the HOAs under the Negros Island Urban Poor Federative Network with the CLIFF mechanism and ultimately with that of the Global City Alliance. It is thereby appropriate to highlight the participation of the Board of Director of YP Philippines and Chief Operating Officer of JFLFI, Dr. Billy Tusalem, to the international housing forum in Nairobi, Kenya as the National Representative of the Philippine Alliance wherein he was able to present the Community-led strategy for resource mobilization. These national expansion thrust will allow the YP Association to have significant influence in national and international shelter programs that would further promote resource leveraging for the improvement of housing condition of its covered communities. ☆



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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job/Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Kindly indicate your priorities among the listed alternative construction materials by ranking them (1 – highest priority; 2 – second priority, etc.):

- compressed earth blocks                       micro-concrete roof tiles
- interlocking compressed earth blocks       ferrocement
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