

Subsidized Housing for Filipino Families and No Free Housing – NHA

Committed to housing the indigent Filipinos, the National Housing Authority (NHA) reiterates its mission to provide adequate and affordable housing to low-income and underprivileged families.

According to NHA Acting General Manager Marcelino P. Escalada, Jr., “The NHA under the Duterte Administration ensures the public that it will address the country’s housing needs as it will lead the construction and development of new communities and maximize government resources.”

NHA would like to emphasize that its housing program only caters to the lowest 30%, the poorest of the urban population. It is mandated to provide housing and related assistance to ISFs living along danger zones and areas affected by government infrastructure projects. Specifically, the National Government prioritizes housing programs within the six year Philippine Development Plan (PDP) which is the basis of NHA’s target each year. Currently, the on-going housing projects of the Authority have identified family-beneficiaries who were qualified during the planning and pre-qualification process which will be the basis for their award. Likewise, the NHA extends its service delivery to families affected by calamities, housing for indigenous peoples and local/regional housing and resettlement projects in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs) and congressional representatives.

Towards resolving the housing backlog, the programs for ISFs are made sustainable and cost recoverable in order to benefit more families. Per NHA’s policies, for housing intended for the ISFs, price subsidies are extended so that the housing package prices are affordable.

Based on the UDHA, the eligibility criteria to avail government housing are the following: 1) must be a Filipino citizen; 2) must be an underprivileged and homeless citizen; 3) must not own any real property whether in the urban or rural areas, and; 4) must not be a professional squatter or a member of squatting syndicates.

In a related story, the NHA in compliance with President Rodrigo R. Duterte’s statement on “No demolition without relocation”, shall continue to comply with the provisions of the Urban Development Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992 (RA7279), which provides for a humane relocation and resettlement strategy that includes pre-relocation, relocation and post relocation processes.