

## **President Duterte, NHA lead turnover of another 250 temporary shelters to Marawi IDPs**



GM Marcelino P. Escalada Jr. distributes the certificate of acceptance and occupancy to a Marawi beneficiary while President Duterte looks on.

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the National Housing Authority (NHA), headed by General Manager Marcelino P. Escalada Jr., led the distribution of certificates of acceptance and occupancy as they turned over another 250 temporary shelters to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) of Marawi on January 30, 2018.

The event, which was graced by Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) Chairperson Eduardo D. del Rosario, also

head of Task Force Bangon Marawi, was witnessed by Marawi Mayor Majul U. Gandamra and other government officials.

Architect Ma. Alma T. Valenciano, NHA Mindanao Management Office Manager; Engr. Alfonso Borlagdan, Regional Manager; and NHA Region IX and ARMM personnel facilitated the distribution of transitory shelter keys to the IDPs.

Located in Bgy. Sagonsongan, Marawi City, the shelters are each built on a 54-square-meter lot with 22-sq-m floor area. These are single-attached, pre-fabricated units with individual power and water installations. NHA also made its Marawi projects fully developed with concrete roads, drainage system and community facilities in accordance with the instruction of President Duterte to make temporary shelter sites livable and comfortable to its dwellers.

The Marawi siege survivors can stay in their temporary shelters for two to three years while the permanent shelters are being constructed and their homes, which they personally own in the city, are being rebuilt.

NHA is expecting to finish the 1,149 temporary shelters in Bgy. Sagonsongan by March 2018, GM Escalada stressed, adding: *“Our mission is to construct 6,400 temporary shelters and 2,700 permanent shelters for Marawi IDPs.”*

With Site One’s 70 percent completion, NHA is now preparing to start the Site 2 construction. *“For Site 2 we will be hosting another 1,000 (IDPs). Once we are 50% complete with Site 2, my instruction is to proceed with Site 3, 4 and 5, so that we shall be able to complete the 6,400 units,”* he said.

The GM also emphasized, *“One thing that I appreciate from today’s administration is keeping open dialogues between stakeholders. This brings forth new developments and improvements in our sites and projects. For our Marawi sites, the local government unit of Marawi along with the Ulama, the Sultan and the beneficiaries requested for much bigger space (lot area) for Site 2. We are seriously considering this and we continue to converse with them. Hopefully, after several dialogues, we shall be able to perfectly provide what is best for the people of Marawi.”*

As for the permanent shelters, GM Escalada said that NHA is starting to explore for sites that could accommodate 2,700 units. *“While we are*

*constructing the temporary shelters, I am also trying to explore the possibilities of developing the permanent shelter (sites). Something that is very secure, something that is stable.”*

The NHA is also looking into constructing low-rise buildings in the city that will serve as permanent shelters for public school teachers, uniformed personnel (AFP/PNP) and local government employees. *“I am now coming up with our developmental proposal to construct more or less five low-rise buildings of 60 units per building within our NHA property in Marawi. I have presented that and it was positively accepted by the people of Marawi,”* the GM said. ###

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