

# CBA20 Field Visits Guide

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## The CBA20 Field Visits

The **CBA20 field visits** will take place on **Wednesday 13 May**, the third day of the CBA20 Conference.

The field visits offer participants the opportunity to join half-day trips showcasing locally led adaptation initiatives, primarily in urban settings. Visits will explore a range of climate solutions, including flood mitigation, climate justice and literacy, urban agriculture, and adaptation in dry areas.

Please review the **CBA20 Field Visit Guide** below which outlines the field visits available to choose from as well as essential information on travel, logistics, health and safety, dietary requirements, and photography.

Once you have reviewed the field visits guide, please [complete this form](#) to select your field visit choices in order of preference before **30 April**.

Please note that attending a field visit is optional, and trip allocation is based on a **first-come, first-served basis**. If your first-choice trip is full, we will do our best to allocate you to your second or third choice.

As spaces on the field visits are limited, please be aware that **not everyone will be guaranteed a spot**. If you wish to attend a field visit, please submit your preferences promptly, as places may fill up quickly.

Details of your allocated field visit will be shared by **Wednesday 6 May**.

If you have any questions or concerns ahead of your visit, please contact us at [cbaconference@iied.org](mailto:cbaconference@iied.org).

## Trip Schedule and transport

Field Visits day schedule (pickup times are subject to minor changes)

06:00 - 08:00 AM	Morning field visit buses depart from Novotel Manila Arenata City <b>(see trip details below for exact departure times per trip)</b>
12:30 - 13:00	Half day field visit buses return
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch at Novotel Manila Arenata City
13:30 - 17:00	Afternoon sessions at the CBA20 venue (Novotel Manila Arenata City)
18:00 - 20:00	Visual Narratives Exhibit

All field trip buses depart in the morning but departure time may vary depending on the trip (see details per trip below).

ALL field trip buses will depart from the Novotel Manila Arenata City at the Secondary Lobby (this is the lobby outside the Food Exchange restaurant on the ground floor - where breakfast is served). To help us stay on time and beat the traffic, please be in this lobby and **ready to board 20 minutes before the departure time.**

Please see details per trip below and note that driving durations may increase due to traffic and weather conditions.

### Field trip boarding process

Depart	Trip number + name	Colour	Pax	Vehicles	CBA20 rep onboard
DEPARTURE BLOCK A					
06:00	#4 Munting Nayon	●	24	3 minivans	Paula Sevilla-Nunez (IIED), Jomar Revilla (MO volunteer)
DEPARTURE BLOCK B					
06:30	#1 Baseco	●	27	1 coaster	Ericka Nava (PACSII), Marcelle Mardon (IIED), Teresa Sarroca (IED)
06:30	#2 Legarda	●	27	1 coaster	Ruby Haddad (PACSII), Rice Mendoza (MO volunteer), Eco Tana (MO volunteer)
06:30	#11 Red Cross Sitio Sumilang	●	27	1 coaster	May Aung (IIED), Dea Ayson (PACSII), Judith Parades (MO volunteer)
DEPARTURE BLOCK C					
07:00	#6 DRCHOA - Coolong Valenzuela	●	24	1 coaster	Aaron Acuda (IIED), Mary Megumi Aithea Aguila (MO volunteer)
07:00	#7 SEED Philippines	●	27	1 coaster	Shreesha Thapa (ARA), Erica Falcon (MO volunteer)
07:00	#8 New Greenland Farm	●	27	1 coaster	Aiah Santos (PACSII), Jamber Idulsa (MO volunteer)
07:00	#10 Red Cross Quezon City	●	27	1 coaster	Rojoy Joshi (IIED), Nathan Mendoza (MO volunteer)
DEPARTURE BLOCK D					
07:30	#5 ULHOA	●	27	1 coaster	Theresa Carampatana (PACSII), Larissa Setaro (IIED)
07:30	#9 APOAMF	●	27	1 coaster	Kiko San Juan (MO volunteer), Tom Mitchell (IIED)
DEPARTURE BLOCK E					
08:30	#3 Sunnyville	●	27	1 coaster	Gabriel De Vera (ARA), Katherine Shepherd (IIED)

## Meals and Snacks

Breakfast will not be provided on the buses or in the communities. Please eat at your hotel before departure (breakfast at Novotel will open early at 05:30) or bring your own snacks. Water and light snacks will be available on the buses.

Lunch will be served at Novotel between 12:30–13:30. All trips are scheduled to return in time for lunch. Water will be available on the buses, and you are welcome to bring additional snacks, which can be purchased at Gateway Mall next to the hotel.

**Food safety and dietary requirements:** The local communities may provide snacks and drinking water. CBA20 is not responsible for arranging these meals so please see our guide to safe eating and drinking in the [conference information pack](#) and use discretion regarding your own food safety and dietary requirements when in the field.

## Health and Safety

- **Clothing and Footwear:** Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes for walking.
- **Sun Protection:** Bring sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses to protect yourself from the sun.
- **Weather preparedness:** Please be aware of the possibility of sudden weather changes (such as rain) and bring a light raincoat or umbrella. It's always good to be prepared for varying conditions.
- **Physical readiness:** Please assess your own physical readiness for walking tours or activities that may involve physical exertion. Please also let us know about any pre-existing medical conditions, accessibility or personal health needs before the trip.
- **Valuables:** Please keep your valuables secure and avoid carrying large sums of cash or important items on trips.

Risk assessments have been carried out by all field hosts and have been approved by the local producers. At least one CBA20 representative will be on each field visit. You can speak to them if you have any concerns or need assistance.

# Field Visit Details

## 1. Kabalikat sa Kaunlaran ng Baseco, Inc. (KABALIKAT)

<b>Host organisation</b>	Kabalikat sa Kaunlaran ng Baseco, Inc. (KABALIKAT)
<b>Description</b>	<p>Since 2002, Baseco has evolved from an informal settlement along Manila Bay into a more organized, community-led neighborhood. With support from Urban Poor Associates, residents formed KABALIKAT and advanced participatory housing, livelihood, and environmental programs. Through sustained advocacy and partnerships, the community secured in-place development and now serves as a model of grassroots-driven urban transformation.</p> <p>Despite the these gains, the Baseco community currently faces key challenges related to land and housing, including delays in implementing the Presidential Proclamation, issues with land distribution under R.A. 730, potential displacement of 1,290 families due to the North–South Harbor Bridge project, and the reclaiming of land allocated for socialized housing.</p> <p>In response, the people’s organization KABALIKAT actively coordinates with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Department of Public Works and Highways, and other policymakers to implement the proclamation and protect residents from displacement, while advocating for the community’s development plans.</p> <p>Participants can expect to learn about community organizing, the struggle for land security, the community-managed material recovery facility (MRF), and community livelihood enterprises.</p> <p>The following engagements are possible: community sharing/dialogue, site walk, and short presentation.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day</u> trip to Barangay 649, Baseco, Port Area, Manila</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 06:30 Return to Novote: 13:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 30 people.
<b>Important information</b>	A trained first aider will be present, and in case of illness or injury, the nearby Barangay Clinic or Baseco Hospital can be reached within 10–15 minutes.

## 2. Nagkakaisang Mamamayan ng Legarda (NML) & Jesse M. Robredo Village Homeowners Association (JMRV HOA)

<b>Host organisation</b>	Nagkakaisang Mamamayan ng Legarda (NML) & Jesse M. Robredo Village Homeowners Association (JMRV HOA)
<b>Description</b>	<p>The Legarda community began organizing in 2009 when Urban Poor Associates engaged informal settlers along Estero de San Miguel to support their goal of staying in place and securing decent, affordable housing. In 2010, residents formalized as Nagkakaisang Mamamayan ng Legarda (NML) and, through years of advocacy and collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, successfully established micro medium-rise housing for 21 families in 2016, though many families remained without housing.</p> <p>To address the remaining housing needs, the broader Estero Coalition PASE partnered with the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC), creating the Jesse M. Robredo Village Homeowners Association (JMRV HOA). SHFC acquired land in Barangay San Miguel, Manila, and the in-city housing project is ongoing, with 172 families targeted for relocation by April 2026.</p> <p>The community faces ongoing risks from flooding and fire incidents, which threaten housing and safety. To address these challenges, NML has developed onsite resilient housing with good ventilation, natural light, rainwater harvesting, and dedicated livelihood spaces, while JMRV HOA provides in-city housing located near schools, markets, places of worship, transportation, and livelihood opportunities to ensure safer and more sustainable living conditions.</p> <p>Participants can expect to learn community organizing, People’s plan, onsite/in-city housing, and community-managed livelihood/savings. The following engagements are possible: community sharing/dialogue, site walk, and short presentation.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Barangay 412, Legarda, Manila (original housing site) and Barangay 646, Nepomuceno, Manila (new in-city housing site). Travel time is around 35-45 minutes each way</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 06:30 Return to Novotel: 13:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 30 people
<b>Important information</b>	A trained first aider will be present, and in case of illness or injury, the nearby Barangay Clinic or Baseco Hospital can be reached within 10–15 minutes.

### 3. Sunnyville Community Model Farm

<b>Host organisation</b>	Sunnyville Community Model Farm
<b>Description</b>	<p>Sunnyville Farm was established in 2021, taking advantage of city incentives that encouraged private landowners to put idle land to use for food production. It is an urban agriculture project strategically located within the metro to enhance community engagement and sustain livelihood for generating produce. The project engages the community, promotes sustainable farming, supports local livelihoods, and teaches people how to grow their own food.</p> <p>Participants at Sunnyville Farm can learn sustainable urban farming and how to cultivate endemic Philippine plants. The community supports senior volunteers by assigning safe, suitable tasks and allowing extra rest periods. The farm practices sustainability through organic composting and water conservation.</p> <p>Current challenges include an aging volunteer base, the risk of land being reclaimed by private owners, and broader environmental concerns like climate change. Participants can expect community sharing and dialogue, a site tour, and a brief presentation on the project. They will learn about community support, livelihood partnerships, urban food production, sustainable farming practices, and environmental sustainability. Parking for vans is also available.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, Manila. The drive will take around 30 minutes each way.</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 08:30 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 50 people.
<b>Important information</b>	This field visit takes place outside. Participants may face risks from unpredictable weather, such as heat, and from traffic. The community provides shaded areas and water dispensers on the farm, and participants are advised to bring umbrellas or caps. A trained first-aid responder is on site, emergency contact numbers are readily available, and participants can access the Metro Ave Medical Clinic or the NRMF within 8–9 minutes in case of injury or illness.

#### 4. Samahang Magkakapit Bahay ng Munting Nayon, Inc.

<b>Host organisation</b>	Samahang Magkakapit Bahay ng Munting Nayon, Inc.
<b>Description</b>	<p>The Munting Nayong community was formed in 1984 and presents a compelling case of community-led housing realities within a dynamic urban governance environment. Through sustained organizing efforts and savings mobilization, the community was able to secure access to government funding for land acquisition and housing development. Despite social tensions, bureaucratic delays, and shifting political conditions, the community successfully managed relocation negotiations and cleared the site by April 2025.</p> <p>Participants can expect an immersive learning experience that highlights the complexity and potential of community-led housing development, providing practical insights into key dimensions of the housing process. The site showcases how organized communities use evidence, partnerships, and collective action to influence citywide housing policy and reform. Participants will learn how community-led mapping generated data on risks and housing conditions, strengthening negotiating power with local government and informing participatory Barangay Shelter Plans aligned with the city's 2026 Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Participants will gain exposure to a multi-sector housing cooperation model and a firsthand understanding of how housing development unfolds through collaboration among community organizations, local governments, national agencies, federations, technical professionals, and financing institutions. A key feature is the integration of climate-adaptive design in housing and site development, enhancing resilience. The community and NGO partners co-designed homes to maximize natural ventilation &amp; improve thermal comfort in hot climates, while permeable pathways were incorporated to absorb rainwater &amp; reduce flooding risk.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Summit Ville Subdivision, Barangay Putatan, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila. The drive will take about 1 hour and 30 minutes each way</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 06:00 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 25 people.
<b>Important information</b>	The community is currently a construction site where participants may face risks from unpredictable weather, exposure to construction materials, and dust. Facemasks will be provided but you are also welcome to carry additional protective equipment such as hard hats and reflector vests (though not necessary at the construction stage), as well as cold potable water and wet wipes. First aid kits are available at the construction site, as mandated by government regulations, and barangay health workers will be requested to join the visit to provide first aid. In case of injury or illness, the Ospital Ng Muntinlupa is also 10 minutes away from the site.

## 5. United Libis Homeowners Association Phase I and Phase II, Inc. (ULHOA Phase I & II)

Host organisation	United Libis Homeowners Association Phase I and Phase II, Inc. (ULHOA Phase I & II)
<b>Description</b>	<p>ULHOA Phase I &amp; II is an organized urban poor homeowners association composed of low-income families collectively working toward secure land tenure, improved housing conditions, and strengthened community governance. It operates under the framework of the Magna Carta for Homeowners and Homeowners' Associations (RA 9904) and maintains structured systems for financial management, leadership development, and participatory decision-making. The community represents a people-led model of negotiation and institutional strengthening within an urban informal settlement context. It was formed by informal settler families facing insecurity of tenure and vulnerability to eviction. Organizing began through savings mobilization, leadership formation, and community profiling to establish credible data for negotiation. ULHOA was able to purchase its land through community savings. Despite this progress, ULHOA still faces key challenges, including land and housing security issues linked to "illegal occupancy" status for some residents; climate risks exacerbated by natural slopes and surrounding industrial land use; economic vulnerability due to unstable incomes; and delays in regulatory and documentation processes caused by limited administrative capacity and technical support. In response, the community has pursued housing initiatives to improve resilience and living conditions. One approach focuses on onsite resilient housing and upgrading designs that are well-lit and ventilated, include rainwater harvesting systems, and provide space for livelihoods. Another strategy involves developing in-city housing near schools, markets, places of worship, transportation, and livelihood opportunities, ensuring that upgrading or relocation remains socially and economically sustainable.</p> <p>Participants can expect to engage in dialogue and community sharing on people-led negotiation for tenure security, practical experience in collective bargaining with local government and land stakeholders, and the value of mobilizing community savings as a strategic tool. The visit will also highlight governance systems under RA 9904, institutional strengthening in informal settlements, leadership development from within the community, and urban community-based adaptation practices that integrate tenure security with climate resilience. Participants can also tour and witness a case study on incremental housing and retrofitting in the Philippines.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>Half day trip to Barangay Canumay East, Valenzuela City, Metro Manila. The drive will take about 45-55 mins each way.</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 07:30 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
Participants	This trip accommodates 30-50 people.
<b>Important information</b>	Venue - Multi-purpose Hall, tents will be provided. Ambulance and emergency responders will be assigned

## 6. Del Rosario Compound Homeowners Association (DRCHOA)

Host organisation	Del Rosario Compound Homeowners Association (DRCHOA)
<b>Description</b>	<p>DRCHOA is an organized community of low-income families in Palomares Compound, Barangay Coloong. While the site was dry and used for agriculture in the 1960s, rising flood levels in the 1980s left the community directly above water. Del Rosario Compound was later established as a residential settlement, where residents organized to address tenure insecurity and limited access to formal services, leading to the formation of the Homeowners Association. With support from FDUP, the HOA purchased the land for Php 1 million.</p> <p>Despite land ownership, the city government classifies the settlement as a flood-prone danger zone, limiting access to government loans. While filling the area could lift this classification and allow access to the Community Mortgage Program (CMP), the required costs exceed the community's current savings. DRCHOA also faces economic vulnerability, climate risks from flooding and extreme weather affecting light-material housing, and infrastructure gaps in drainage, roads, and waste management. In response, DRCHOA strengthened savings and dues collection, consolidated household data, held regular meetings, coordinated with barangay and city housing activities, and initiated clean-up and risk-reduction efforts aimed at long-term planning. The association also established a Community-based Emergency Response Team, with sub-teams responsible for actions before, during, and after hazard events.</p> <p>Participants can expect community sharing and dialogue on grassroots organizing in an informal settlement context, HOA institutional development, negotiation with local government units, and community resilience practices. The site offers a realistic view of an urban informal community strengthening its institutional base toward eventual tenure security.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Palomares Compound, Barangay Coloong, Valenzuela City, Metro Manila, a low-lying area adjacent to fish ponds that extend from the Malanday River where drainage and storm water from developed areas passes through.</p> <p>Departure from Novotel:: 07:00 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates 25 people.
<b>Important information</b>	<p>The community is built on top of water &amp; the houses in DRCNAI are built on stilts and made of light materials, with concrete pathways serving as the way through which residents move around the community. Possible risks include exposure to heat during the walking tour, narrow pathways (1.2 m wide) in the community, the risk of falling into the water (participants will need to walk in single file), and a singular point of entry and exit into the site. To reduce these risks, community presentations and dialogues will be held at the community multipurpose hall, participants will be guided by community members during the site walk, a trained first-aider is on-site, and in case of more serious injury or illness, the Allied Care Experts Medical Center - Valenzuela is 12 minutes away.</p>

## 7. Urban Agri-Farm – GK Headquarters — SEED Philippines Main Campus

<b>Host organisation</b>	SEED Philippines/Gawad Kalinga Community Development Foundation (GKCDFI)
<b>Description</b>	<p>The GK Headquarters in Mandaluyong City hosts the SEED Philippines Urban Agri-Farm, a pioneering initiative that brings sustainable urban agriculture to a dense metropolitan setting. The farm serves as the first Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)-Accredited Learning Site in Mandaluyong and was established in partnership with the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI). The site envisions a network of Urban Agri-Zones, also called NUPAP Zones, composed of clustered community food farms that make healthy food ingredients accessible within urban areas. Community members and families are empowered to take ownership of this food production journey, building food security from the ground up.</p> <p>Participants will visit the SEED Philippines Urban Agri-Farm and learn how urban agriculture operates in dense cities as a strategy to address food insecurity and climate challenges. The site demonstrates how community food farms can produce locally grown fresh food while strengthening community participation and environmental awareness. It also highlights the concept of NUPAP Zones, where multiple community food farms are linked across urban areas to build resilient local food systems. The community also integrates disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) into its programs through emergency preparedness activities such as earthquake and fire drills. Current challenges include limited urban green space and land scarcity, climate-related hazards such as increasing heat and erratic rainfall, and gaps in awareness of climate change adaptation among urban residents. Participants can expect a site tour, community sharing, and a short presentation. They will also learn about community participation in food systems, and the integration of traditional knowledge with modern agricultural practices, as well as how communities can strengthen food security, climate adaptation, and disaster preparedness in urban settings.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a half day trip to SEED Philippines Urban Agri-Farm. Travel time from Novotel Cubao to GK HQ Urban Agri-Farm: approximately 24 minutes.</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 07:00 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates 25-30 people.
<b>Important information</b>	<p>This field trip takes place outside. Possible risks include exposure to heat during the farm tour, uneven pathways within the farm area, urban traffic when traveling to and from the site, and minor allergens such as plants or soil.</p> <p>To ensure safety, shaded rest areas, drinking water, and designated walking paths will be provided, participants will receive a safety briefing upon arrival, and GK staff will accompany the group throughout the visit. In case of illness or injury, basic first aid will be provided on site, and transportation can be arranged to the Mandaluyong City Medical Center, located approximately 5–10 minutes away by vehicle.</p>

Visitor guidelines include wearing comfortable, modest clothing and closed-toed shoes; asking permission before photographing admin staff; noting that Filipino (Tagalog) is the primary language with English-speaking staff available for translation; staying within designated tour areas and not entering administrative offices without invitation; informing facilitators in advance of any food allergies if produce is offered for sampling; and not picking plants or disturbing crops without permission from farm staff.

## 8. New Greenland Urban Farm (New Greenland Farmers Agriculture Cooperative)

<b>Host organisation(s)</b>	New Greenland Urban Farm (New Greenland Farmers Agriculture Cooperative)
<b>Description</b>	<p>New Greenland Urban Farm was established in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic by residents of New Greenland, Tumana, and Tagumpay in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. Many community members were already engaged in small-scale farming and vegetable vending prior to the project. The initiative began with 60 farmers and has grown to about 100 cooperative members, including youth, mothers, and fathers. It promotes the principle “Tanim, Pitas, Kita” (Plant, Harvest, Earn), supporting food production, livelihood, and healthier community practices. The project is supported through partnerships with the Quezon City Government (Joy of Urban Farming Office, Grow QC, Food Security Task Force) and national agencies, including the Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Training Institute, Bureau of Plant Industry, TESDA, and the Cooperative Development Authority. Current challenges include land tenure insecurity, climate risks, and limited livelihood opportunities. Participants can expect community sharing and dialogue, a guided site walk, and a short presentation on the New Greenland Farmers Agriculture Cooperative. They will learn about urban farming practices, cooperative organizing, neighborhood savings initiatives, and community resilience strategies developed by farmers living in flood-prone urban areas.</p> <p>Participants will visit an urban farming cooperative within an informal settlement community and learn how residents organize to sustain food production and income. The site demonstrates how farmers respond to climate and environmental risks such as flooding and drought, including preparing evacuation plans, maintaining ready-to-go bags during the rainy season, planting climate-resilient crops, and organizing community savings groups.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a half day trip to New Greenland Urban Farm. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes each way</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 07:00 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 30 people.
<b>Important information</b>	<p>Possible risks include hot weather, uneven ground within the farm area, and urban traffic.</p> <p>To reduce risks, tents and shaded areas from trees will be available, and participants will be guided during the site walk. A trained first-aid responder is on site, and the nearest hospital is Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, approximately 30 minutes away by vehicle.</p>

### 9. Alliance of People's Organization Along Manggahan Floodway Pasig (APOAMF)

<b>Host organisation(s)</b>	Alliance of People's Organization Along Manggahan Floodway Pasig (APOAMF)
<b>Description</b>	<p>The APOAMF community in Barangay Sta. Lucia, Pasig, emerged from the devastation of Typhoon Ondoy (Typhoon Ketsana) in 2009. Faced with relocation to Calauan, Laguna, through the threat of forced eviction under Executive Order 854, affected families united with the support of the NGO Community Organizers Multiversity (COM), formed the Alliance of People's Organizations Along Manggahan Floodway (APOAMF), and drafted an onsite/near-site People's Plan. Through continued dialogue with government agencies, APOAMF resisted demolitions, leading to construction beginning in 2013. Resettlement occurred in phases: 120 families in 2015, 360 between 2017–2018, and 120 after the pandemic. Today, the community consists of 10 occupied five-story Low-Rise Buildings housing 600 families (600 units), with two additional buildings set to accommodate 108 more members this year. The community of about 680 households manages the estate through a structured body of 73 leaders. Residents engage in diverse livelihoods, ranging from formal employment to informal work as vendors and drivers. Community initiatives include regular clean-ups, building gardening, materials recovery, livelihood programs, and peacekeeping mechanisms. The community celebrates its People's Plan victory, with youth and children's groups keeping the history alive through performance.</p> <p>APOAMF maintains strong partnerships and advocacy efforts with the barangay, the National Housing Authority, academic institutions such as Ateneo and La Salle Universities, and the ULAP Confederation. The community continues to face several issues, including substandard construction that complicates the management of a vertical community; an unfinished Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) despite five years of lobbying and a P49 million allocation, resulting in frequent blockages and financial burden; two poorly constructed buildings affecting 120 families; and the withdrawal of a P80 million rehabilitation commitment by the NHA in 2025 following negotiations with Congress and the Senate.</p> <p>Participants will gain insights into community organizing and the People's Planning approach, community-based estate management of a vertical housing project, and critical engagement and collaboration with government. The program may include a short presentation, community sharing and dialogue, a site walk of the community-managed vertical housing project, and a possible youth short play.</p>
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to LRB-Manggahan Residences, Barangay Sta Lucia, Pasig. Field trip duration: 4-5 hours (half day) including travel time. Travel time may take approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour (traffic considered).</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 07:30 Return to Novotel: 12:30</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 30 people.

**Important  
information**

- Participants should be aware of the risks of hot weather and traffic congestion.
- Travel to and from Barangay Sta. Lucia, Pasig may be affected by heavy traffic, especially during peak hours.
- To mitigate the risks, the community hosts will set up tents in key gathering areas, while large electric fans will be available. Drinking water will be provided throughout the visit to keep participants hydrated.
- If a participant experiences a health concern, community-based workers will be on standby. The site is located near the Manggahan Super Health Center, which can be reached in about 5-10 minutes by vehicle.

## 10. Philippine Red Cross - Barangay Bagong Silangan

<b>Host organisation(s)</b>	Philippine Red Cross
<b>Description</b>	<p>Barangay Bagong Silangan, originally part of San Mateo in Rizal Province, was annexed to Quezon City in the 1960s and gradually transformed from an agricultural community into a residential area. As the number of households increased, the community came to include a mix of tenure arrangements, with a significant presence of informal settler families. Over time, residents organized through homeowners' associations, cooperatives, and the barangay government unit to address concerns related to housing, livelihood, and access to services. These efforts are supported by partnerships with organizations and participation in programs such as urban farming initiatives, livelihood skills training, and local governance councils. Despite ongoing housing and community development initiatives, many residents remain in informal and mixed tenure arrangements, affecting access to secure housing and participation in formal housing programs, particularly in high-risk and densely populated areas.</p> <p>Barangay Bagong Silangan is located in Quezon City's 2nd District, near Commonwealth and Batasan Hills. It lies along the Marikina River Basin and near the San Mateo fault line, placing it within a geographically sensitive area. The Philippine Red Cross operates in the community as part of its broader disaster response and resilience efforts, in coordination with networks such as the Climate Resilience Network and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The barangay faces several interconnected challenges, including limited livelihood opportunities; flooding and environmental risks due to its location along the Marikina River Basin; extreme heat during summer and drought periods, exacerbated by housing built with light materials and limited ventilation; landslide vulnerability linked to steep terrain and informal housing; and infrastructure strain resulting from high population density. In response, the community participates in in-city housing and relocation programs to improve living conditions, while engaging in livelihood training and urban farming initiatives to support income and food security. Coordination is strengthened through the barangay government and partner organizations, with the Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (BDRRM) Committee conducting monitoring and preparedness efforts in high-risk areas.</p> <p>Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by residents, including flooding, proximity to the Valley Fault System, and occasional fire incidents in densely populated and low-lying areas, as well as how vulnerability varies across households. The visit will also showcase proactive measures such as disaster preparedness activities led by the BDRRM Committee, innovative data collection through QR code systems, and adaptive livelihood strategies including urban farming, small businesses, and cooperative work. Participants will observe the diversity of the barangay's environment—from dense residential zones to urban farms and riverbank areas with beach-like characteristics—and witness one of the community's resilience-building initiatives: the Resilience Caravan, a Philippine Red Cross initiative that</p>

	delivers essential services directly to residents while highlighting both strengthened adaptive capacity and remaining needs.
<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, Metro Manila. The field trip will be a two hour event. Travel time from Novotel to housing site: 30-40 mins.</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 07:00 Return to Novotel: 12:00</p>
<b>Participants</b>	This trip accommodates up to 100 people.
<b>Important information</b>	<p>Risk of heat stress during extreme weather, participants must bring and use personal protective equipment such as hats, umbrellas, breathable clothing, and water bottles.</p> <p>Community engagements will start in the morning to avoid peak heat, with shade and water provided, and a standby PRC first aider will be present for any activity.</p> <p>A standby ambulance and a first aid station will be available on-site, while Barangay Tanods maintain peace and order. If necessary, the individual will be transported to the Barangay Bagong Silangan Health Center for further medical care which is 5 minutes away from the Barangay Hall or the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital which is 15 minutes away from the Barangay</p>

## 11. Philippine Red Cross - Sitio Sumilang Shelter Project

<b>Host organisation(s)</b>	Philippine Red Cross - Sitio Sumilang Shelter Project
<b>Description</b>	<p>The Sitio Sumilang Shelter Project was established after Typhoon Ondoy struck in September 2009, displacing thousands of families in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, including Rizal. The initiative aimed to provide transitional shelters for families whose homes were destroyed, restoring dignity and stability to flood-affected communities.</p> <p>The project initially accommodated approximately 1,100 families and involved collaboration among residents, volunteers, barangay officials, and humanitarian organizations. Implemented by the Philippine Red Cross with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Rizal Provincial Local Government, assistance included shelter materials, kitchen sets, and livelihood support, demonstrating the role of coordinated partnerships in disaster recovery.</p> <p>Sitio Sumilang is located in Barangay San Jose, Antipolo City, Rizal, within a residential area affected by Typhoon Ondoy. The site has sloping and uneven terrain typical of Antipolo's hilly landscape. The Philippine Red Cross maintains an operational presence in coordination with the local barangay and the Rizal Provincial Government, supporting ongoing recovery and community engagement.</p> <p>The community continues to face several interconnected challenges, including prolonged displacement and reliance on transitional shelters, livelihood instability linked to small-scale retail, food vending, transportation services, and local employment, environmental risks from flooding and hilly terrain, and infrastructure limitations such as basic roads, drainage, and access routes.</p> <p>In response, the community has engaged in collective recovery efforts supported by the Philippine Red Cross, the Rizal Provincial Local Government, and barangay officials. These include maintaining transitional shelters, distributing basic household necessities, coordinating livelihood support, and strengthening community engagement through volunteer participation, site monitoring, and structured programs that emphasize solidarity, resilience, and long-term recovery.</p> <p>The field visit will be a half-day activity with an estimated two-hour program, preferably held in the morning. Participants will gain insight into the long-term recovery challenges faced by families displaced by Typhoon Ondoy and observe how residents organize collectively to sustain shelter, food security, and basic needs. Through community sharing, guided interactions, and site walks, participants will see how resilience in Sitio Sumilang is built not only through physical shelters but through solidarity, shared responsibility, and collective action.</p>

<b>Location + trip duration</b>	<p>This is a <u>half day trip</u> to Sitio Sumilang, Barangay San Jose, Antipolo City, Rizal. Travel time from Novotel to housing site: 50-60 mins</p> <p>Departure from Novotel: 06:30 Return to Novotel: 12:30</p>
<b>Participants</b>	<p>This trip accommodates up to 100 people.</p>
<b>Important information</b>	<p>Uneven Ground / Terrain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dirt paths, construction areas, or rocky surfaces may pose tripping hazards.</li> <li>● Accessibility could be limited for those with mobility challenges.</li> </ul> <p>Weather Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hot and humid climate in Rizal can cause dehydration, heat exhaustion, or sunburn.</li> <li>● Sudden rain showers may make paths slippery.</li> </ul> <p>Traffic &amp; Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Narrow roads leading to Sitio Sumilang may have local traffic and limited parking.</li> <li>● Tricycles, and motorcycles are common—participants should be cautious when crossing streets.</li> </ul> <p>Environmental Allergies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dust from construction/dry soil.</li> <li>● Pollen from vegetation in the area.</li> <li>● Possible exposure to mosquitoes (risk of dengue).</li> </ul> <p>Walking Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expect moderate walking between shelter units and community areas.</li> <li>● Some paths may not be paved, which could be difficult for wheelchairs or strollers.</li> </ul> <p>Accessibility Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Limited ramps or paved walkways.</li> <li>● Shelter sites may not have full accessibility features for persons with disabilities.</li> <li>● Restroom facilities may be basic and not universally accessible.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the PRC Safety and Security Protocol, there will be a standby ambulance and first aid station in the area.</p> <p>PRC will implement its preparedness measure and communication protocol.</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness for Field Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primary Referral: Clinica Antipolo Hospital &amp; Wellness Center (closest to Sitio Sumilang).</li> <li>● Secondary Option: Antipolo Doctors Hospital, also within a short driving distance.</li> <li>● Barangay/ LGU Coordination: Inform Barangay San Jose/ LGU Antipolo officials of the visit for assistance if emergencies arise.</li> </ul> <p>How long will it take to get there: less than 20-30 minutes</p>

## Disclaimers

- Please note that some trips may be cancelled or adjusted in case of weather challenges, lack of interest, or unforeseen circumstances.
- You are responsible for bringing suitable clothing, and sun and rain protection.
- You are responsible for obtaining your own travel insurance for your time in the Philippines.

### **Photo sharing**

If you take photos on your field visit, we'd love to see them and share them with other participants! Please save any photos you're happy to share [in the Google Drive folder](#) for each trip.

### **Contact**

Further transport information will be shared once field visits have been allocated.

If you have any questions, please get in touch at [cbaconference@iied.org](mailto:cbaconference@iied.org).