The project will assist the Local Government Units (LGUs) of the target cities of Metro Manila, particularly the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils (LDRRMCs) at the city and barangay levels, mainstream an integrated Mass Evacuation Plan in their contingency plans. This plan will target all informal settlements or slum areas that are prone to flooding and earthquake due to their proximity to major waterways and the West Valley Fault System.

This project, funded by the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), will look to build the resilience of the vulnerable populations constantly threatened by natural disaster, particularly the threat of a major earthquake, in Metro Manila. This project will focus on the most vulnerable urban poor communities, particularly the informal settlers and slum areas that dot the major rivers such as Pasig River, San Juan River, Tulyahan River and Marikina River and waterways all over Metro Manila. Many of these people are internal migrants and highly vulnerable to the impact of disasters due to their lack of information and resilient networks (i.e. family, links to government, etc). In order to build resilience, the project will emphasize disaster mitigation and preparedness by improving disaster risk reduction capacity of the existing local actors and communities through technical assistance for mapping of urban poor communities and safe evacuation areas that are most accessible to them and displacement management in urban settings. This will be achieved through a combination of urban displacement and MEND training initiatives with the International Organization for Migration’s (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) information gathering and management tools.

Key result areas and activities

Result 1: Three Cities/Municipalities in Metro Manila have integrated Mass Evacuation Plans for Urban Poor Communities in their Local Contingency Plans.

Activities:
- Conduct DTM surveys in the 3 target cities of Metro Manila
- Dissemination of the DTM report to key stakeholders for awareness campaign
- Planning workshops with City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils to integrate the DTM Preparedness profiles of Urban Poor Communities Mass Evacuation and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Operations Plan into their Local Contingency Plans

Result 2: LGUs, key stakeholders and urban poor communities have improved capacity on Urban Mass Evacuation, Displacement Management and Family and Community Disaster Preparedness

Activities:
- Conduct pre-training needs survey and analysis and localization of IOM training modules
- Conduct trainings entitled “Upscaling Resiliency of Urban Poor Communities” in the three target cities of Metro Manila
- Conduct pilot field simulation exercises on Mass Evacuation and CCCM operations for typhoon, flooding and earthquake scenarios in vulnerable cities of Quezon, Navotas and Pateros.
- Creation and dissemination of a best practices case study for urban disaster preparedness.

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972,700 Total beneficiaries
200 Participants for MEND, CCCM & Disaster Preparedness trainings
3 Displacement Tracking Matrix surveys
3 Evacuation plans for each city council
3 LGUs for MEND & CCCM simulation exercises
3 LGUs with improved MEND performance