Urban Development Issues and Policies in the Philippines

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Development Issues and Challenges

- Urban/Settlement Expansion and Food Security
- Land Use Conflicts
- Urban Efficiency and Capacity
- Disaster Risk and Vulnerability
Other Development Issues and Challenges

- Uneven Distribution of Economic Development
- Lack of integration between transportation and land use planning
- Absence/out-of-date CLUPs and Zoning Ordinances of Cities and Municipalities
- Unmanaged Urban Form and Design
Ambisyon Natin 2040’s: The Philippine Long-term Vision

“Cities that work as engines of economic growth and venues of poverty reduction, with infrastructure that provides quality services and affordable housing, and forming efficient and connected networks of sustainable communities.”
Chapter 3: Overlay of Economic Growth, Demographic Trends and Physical Characteristics (National Spatial Strategy)

- Shows the direction of growth based on economic and population trends
- Recognizes comparative advantages of cities and municipalities and the benefits of agglomeration economies
- Does not advocate the uniform dispersal of development which can create diseconomies and inefficiencies
Components of the National Spatial Strategy

1. REGIONAL AGGLOMERATION

Build on efficiencies and maximize the benefits of scale and agglomeration economies

- Decongest Metro Manila
- Develop key regional and sub-regional centers; allow them to grow and become viable investment destinations
  - Metropolitan Centers
  - Regional Centers
  - Sub-regional centers
Components cont’d…

2. CONNECTIVITY

Connect the settlements to form an efficient network

✓ Improve linkages among settlements and key production areas by connecting rural areas to growth centers
3. MAKE VULNERABILITY REDUCTION AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT

- Reduce the risks of communities exposed to the threats of disaster
- Specific DRR strategies formulated at the local levels
Other Urban Development Policies in the Philippines

The New Urban Agenda (2016) as global policy

Philippine New Urban Agenda (2016)

National Urban Development and Housing Framework (NUDHF), 2017-2022