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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1024**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILITIZATION  
OF THE P50-BILLION INFORMAL SETTLERS' FUND OR THE BUDGET FOR  
THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION'S RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR ISF  
LIVING IN DANGER ZONES IN METRO MANILA**

**WHEREAS**, tropical storm Ondoy (international name typhoon Ketsana) that landed on September 25, 2009, was seen as one of the worst natural disasters that hit the country in terms of damage and number of affected people: near a million families or 5 million individuals, and near 500 dead, with estimated damage valued at P11 billion, P4.3 billion in infrastructure and P6.7 billion in agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, in the National Capital Region (NCR), 239 barangays from Pasig City, Quezon City, city of Manila, Caloocan City, Muntinlupa City and Marikina City, with more than 123,000 residents were affected by the massive flooding ranging from knee to neck, up to rooftop deep; more than 70,000 victims sought refuge to 244 evacuation centers;

**WHEREAS**, as claim to avoid a similar outcome brought about by typhoon Ondoy, the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), signed the "Estero Declaration" on September 17, 2010, to clear the floodway system or estero network in Metro Manila as prevention of massive flooding, by relocating informal settlers families (ISF); with this aim, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) identified 104,000 ISF dwelling on danger or hazard zones for

relocation, among them, the National Housing Authority (NHA) estimated those living along floodway to reach 60,130 ISF;

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Aquino government approved the 5-year (2011 – 2015) P50-billion Resettlement Program for ISF living in danger zones in Metro Manila, with P10 billion to be released annually, with the NHA at Social Housing Finance Corp. (SHFC) as main implementers;

**WHEREAS**, as of 2014, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) on its accomplishment report stated that as of October 2014, the NHA has completed 52,391 housing units and SHFC acquired lands for the High Density Housing Program for 12,914 ISF;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2015 Commission on Audit (COA) report on NHA, that the said program was allocated with at least P10.1 billion, while a Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) paper dated September 2015 stated that the SHFC was allocated with P20 billion, combining these would amount to P30.1 billion;

**WHEREAS**, on the HUDCC 2015 accomplishment report, the 104,219 ISF target beneficiaries was revised to 120,472 ISF, and said that 103,448 ISF have been relocated and with security of tenure, with breakdown as, NHA with 86,187 ISF, and SHFC with 17,261;

**WHEREAS**, as early as September 2014, while violent demolitions were being carried out against urban poor communities, the Kadamay group urged the COA to release the audit report on the P50 billion ISF fund;

**WHEREAS**, at present, as these representations has yet to perceive a consolidated audit report of the P50-billion budget allocated for the relocation of ISF living in danger zones in Metro Manila, for the period 2011 to 2015, while urban poor sectors continue to seek our assistance on their plight, particularly against violent demolition of their communities and access to relocation housing projects, it is of utmost urgency to identify the following concerns: projects where the P50-billion budget was used; agencies allocated with what amount of the budget; beneficiaries or recipients of the projects or whether the objectives of the



project were accomplished; accountability on the case if the budget was used inappropriately;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,**  
that the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the utilization of the P50-billion ISF fund or the budget for the Aquino administration's Resettlement Program for ISF living in danger zones in Metro Manila.

Adopted,



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