The Changing City: The urban situation today and future trends

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PHILIPPINE DEMOGRAPHICS

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2.04%

64%

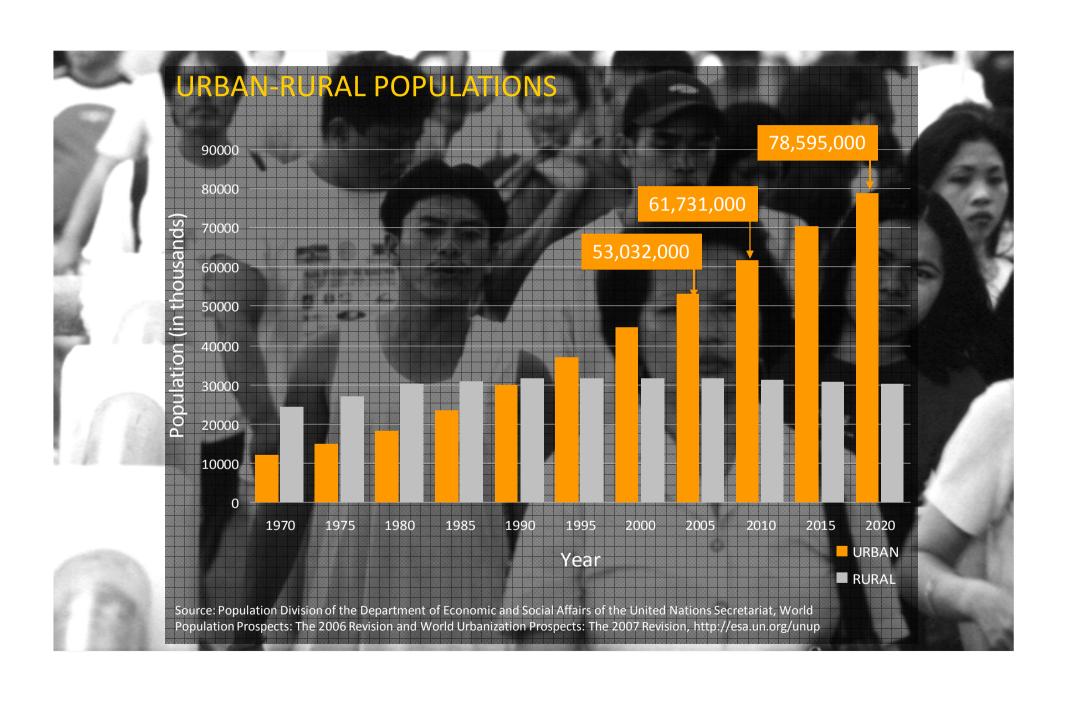
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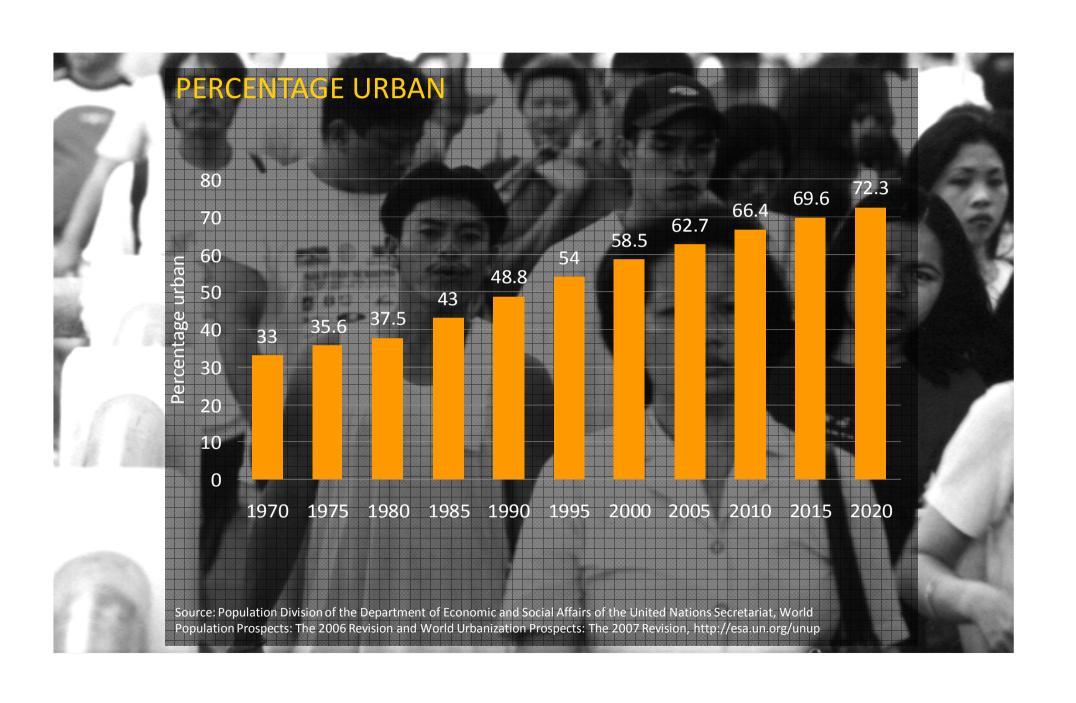
Total population of the Philippines in 2007. The number is estimated at 96 million in 2010.

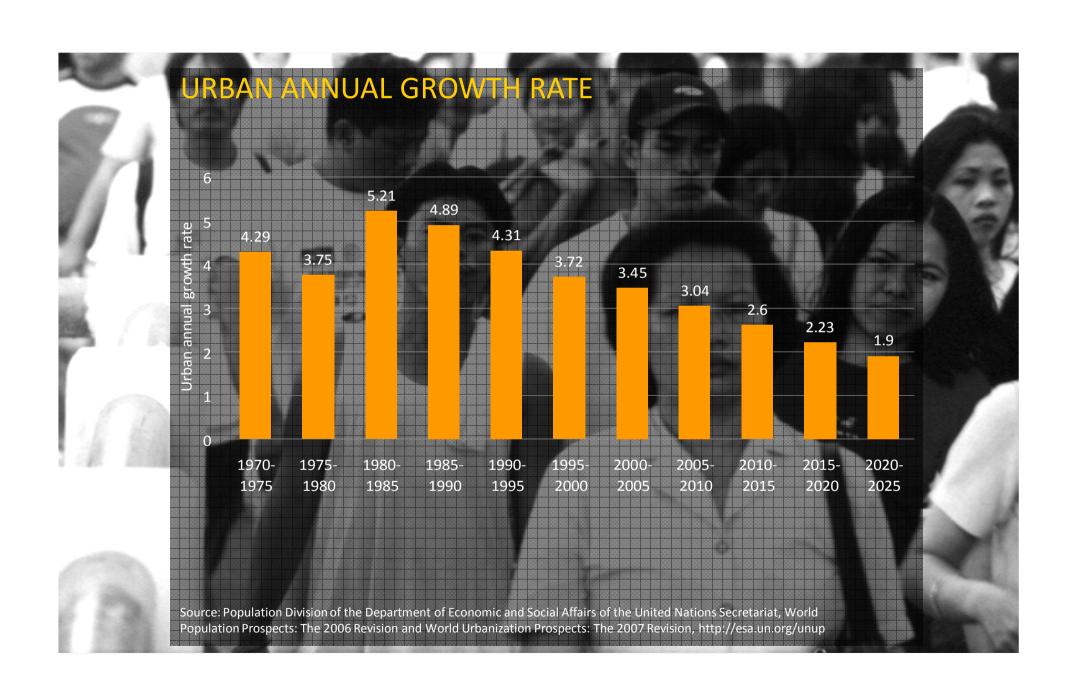
Average annual rate of growth from 2000 to 2007

Urbanization level or the proportion of total population living in areas considered as urban (equivalent to 57 million people). (UN) This is expected to reach 75% in 2030. (World Bank)

Total population of Metro Manila in 2007, increasing at an average rate of 2.11% annually. Estimated at 12M in 2010









PHILIPPINE URBANIZATION

Populations of Select Highly Urbanized Cities

Highly urbanized city	Total population			
	1995	2000	2007	2010 (est)
PHILIPPINES	68,616,536	76,506,928	88,574,614	96,787.872
National Capital Region	9,454,040	9,932,560	11,553,427	12,260,589
Manila	1,654,761	1,581,082	1,660,714	1,675,705
Quezon City	1,989,419	2,173,831	2,679,450	2,927,907
Caloocan City	1,023,159	1,177,604	1,378,856	1,506,713
Baguio City	226,883	252,386	301,926	329,923
Iloilo City	334,539	366,391	418,710	444,338
Bacolod City	402,345	429,076	499,497	530,070
Cebu City	662,299	718,821	798,809	847,703
Zamboanga City	511,139	601,794	774,407	846,215
Cagayan de Oro City	428,314	461,877	553,966	605,334
Davao City	1,006,840	1,147,116	1,363,337	1.489,755
Gen. Santos City	327,173	411,822	529,542	595,663

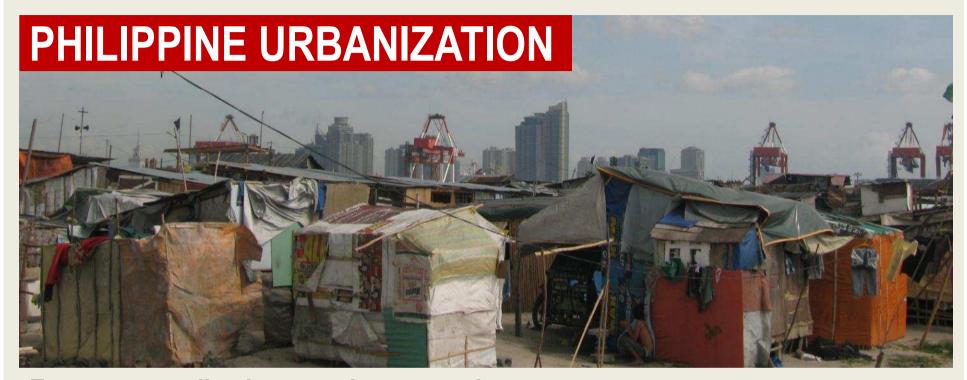
SOURCE: NSO

PHILIPPINE URBANIZATION

Annual Population Growth Rates of Select Highly Urbanized Cities

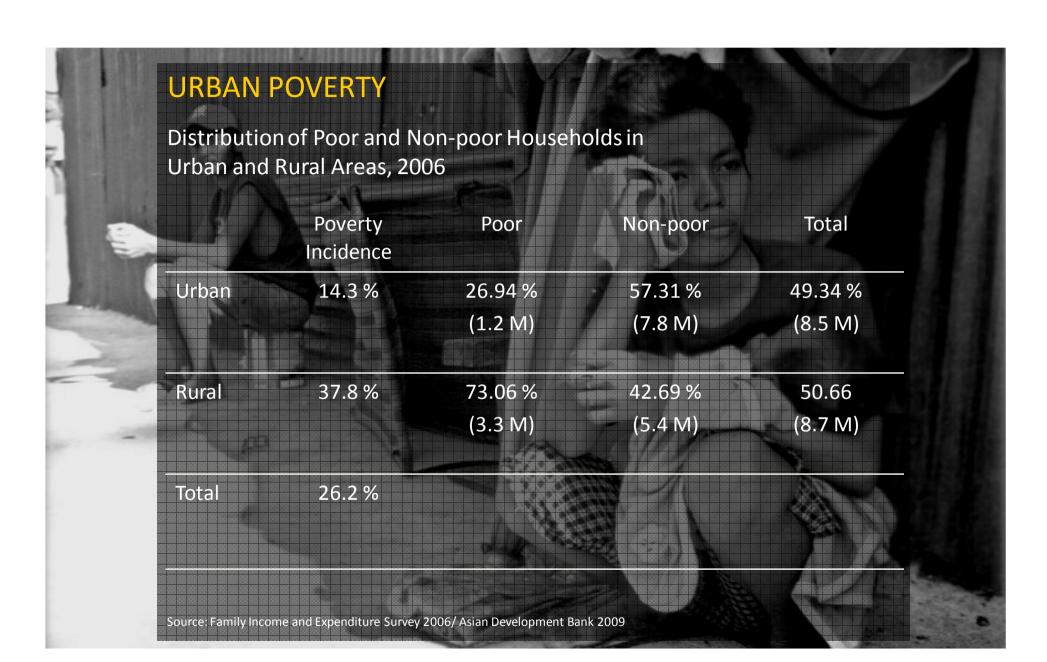
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Highly urbanized city	Growth Rate			
	1995-2000	2000-2007	1995-2007	
PHILIPPINES	2.36	2.04	2.16	
National Capital Region	1.06	2.11	1.70	
Manila	-0.97	0.68	0.03	
Quezon City	1.92	2.92	2.53	
Caloocan City	3.06	2.20	2.53	
Baguio City	2.31	2.50	2.43	
Iloilo City	1.97	1.86	1.90	
Bacolod City	1.39	2.12	1.83	
Cebu City	1.77	1.46	1.58	
Zamboanga City	3.56	3.54	3.55	
Cagayan de Oro City	1.63	2.54	2.18	
Davao City	2.83	2.41	2.57	
Gen. Santos City	5.05	3.53	4.12	

SOURCE: NSO

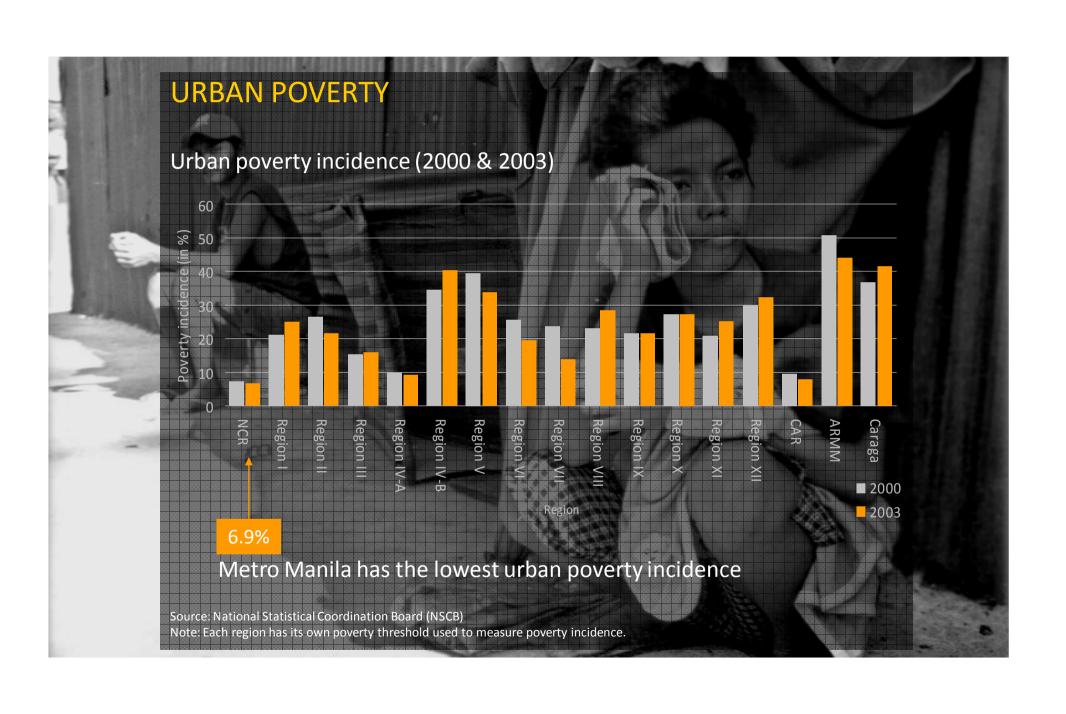


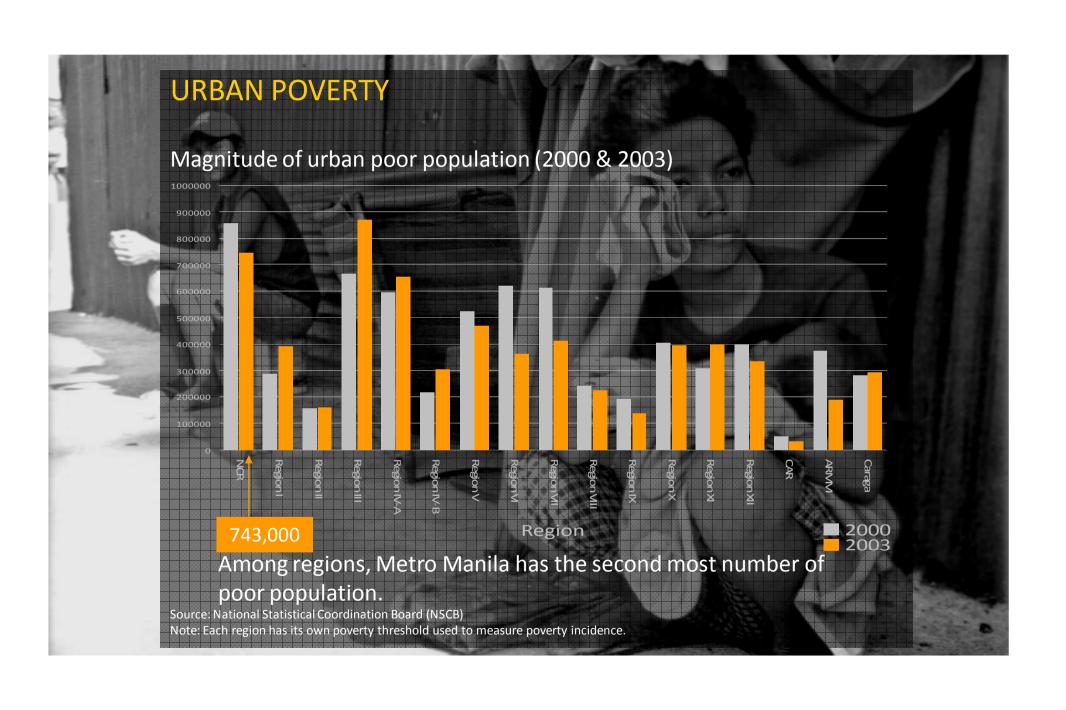
Factors contributing to urban growth:

- Natural population growth
- Rural to urban migration (due to poverty, natural calamities, unstable peace and order situation)
- Reclassification of areas from rural to urban









	September 2010	November 2010	March 2011
SELF-RATED POVERTY Percentage of families in urban areas who consider themselves <i>mahirap</i>	43 %	42%	45%
SELF-RATED POVERTY (NCR) Percentage of families who regard themselves as food-poor	49%	44 %	34 %
MEDIAN SELF-RATED POVERTY THRESHOLD (NCR)	P10,000	P15,000	P15,000
SELF-RATED FOOD POVERTY (NCR) Percentage of families who consider themselves food-poor	41 %	28 %	24 %
MEDIAN SELF-RATED FOOD POVERTY THRESHOLD (NCR)	P6,000	P9,000	P8,000

PROJECTED HOUSING NEED

3.76 M

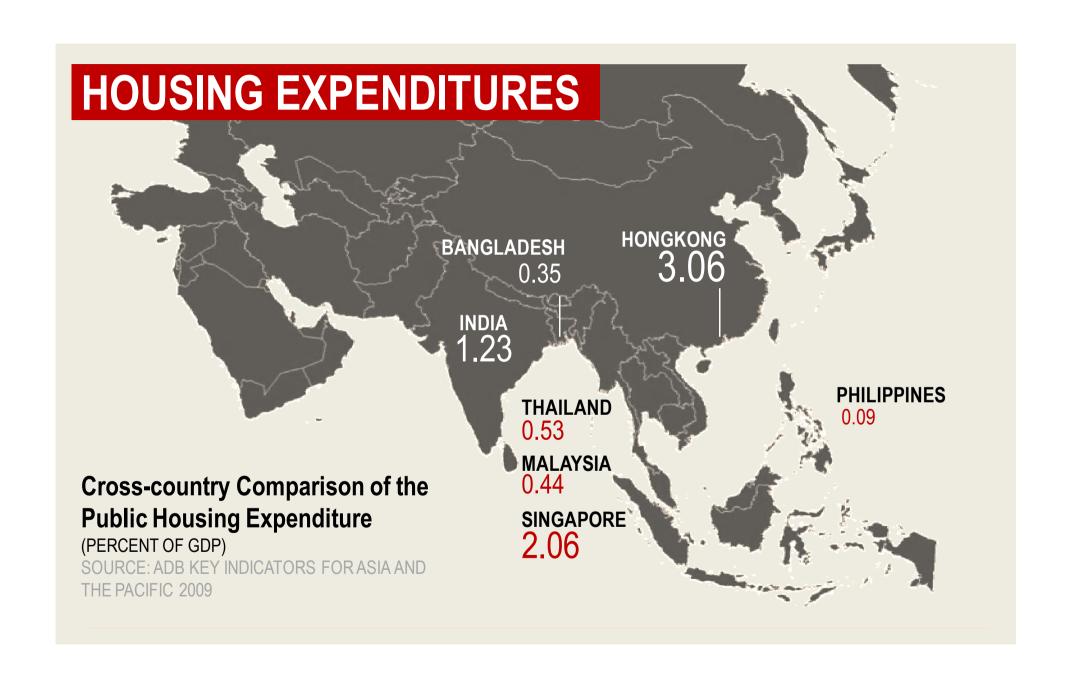
5.73 M

2005-2010 MEDIUM TERM PHILIPPINE **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

2011-2016 **NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

50%

OF THE PROJECTED HOUSING NEED IS IN NCR, CENTRAL LUZON, AND **CALABARZON**



INFORMAL SETTLERS

Proportion of Households in Informal Settlements

	2000 (%)	2006 (%)	Growth (%)	2010 (est) (%)
Philippines	3.60	3.80	▲ 5.55	4.00
Urban Areas	3.48	5.65	▲ 62.35	10.00
Metro Manila	5.30	9.60	▲ 81.13	22.70

SOURCES: FIES, NSO AS CITED IN THE DRAFT 2011-2016 NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INFORMAL SETTLERS

Number of Informal Settlers in Metro Manila, by type of area

15,801

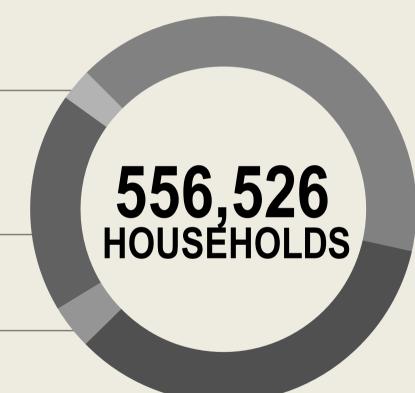
Areas affected by government infrastructure projects

102,406

Danger areas

20,521

Areas for priority development



190,376

Private-owned lands

228,142 Government-owned lands

SOURCE: MMDA

THE URBAN POOR HAVE RESTRICTED ACCESS TO LAND

Main reasons

- Private sector-led urban land conversion and development. Lands devoted to institutional use, as well as open spaces and residential use, including those for the lower income groups, are reduced and converted to serve commercial and industrial purposes
- Complicated and lengthy legal processes involved in securing tenure resulting in a dynamic informal land market, i.e., exchanging of land rights, which provides the cheapest alternative short of a title
- Government policy of off-city resettlement reinforcing the mindset that the poor have no place in the city because of their limited purchasing capacity in the face of rising land values

URBANIZATION

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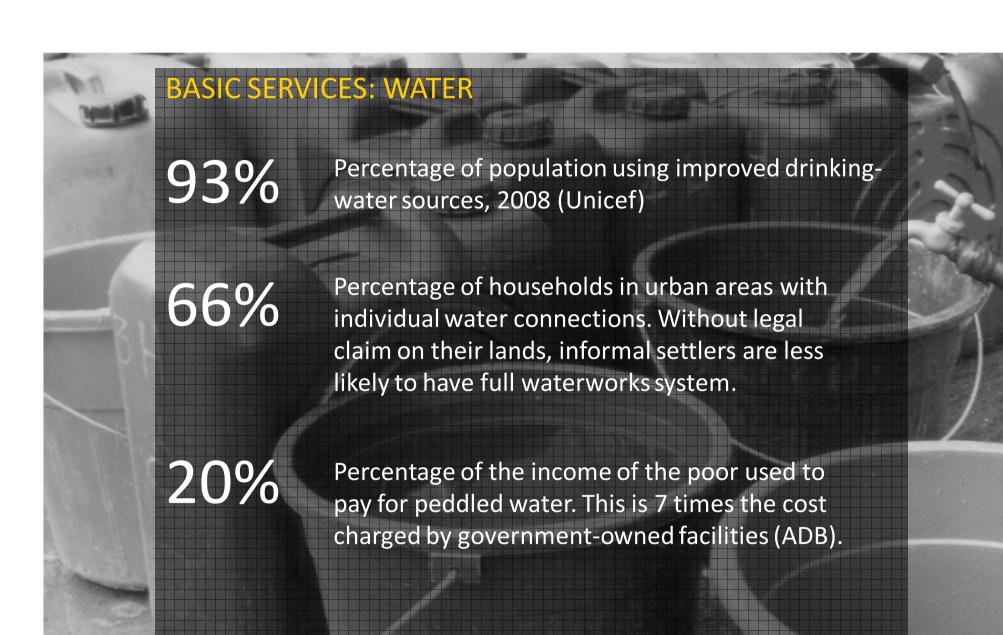
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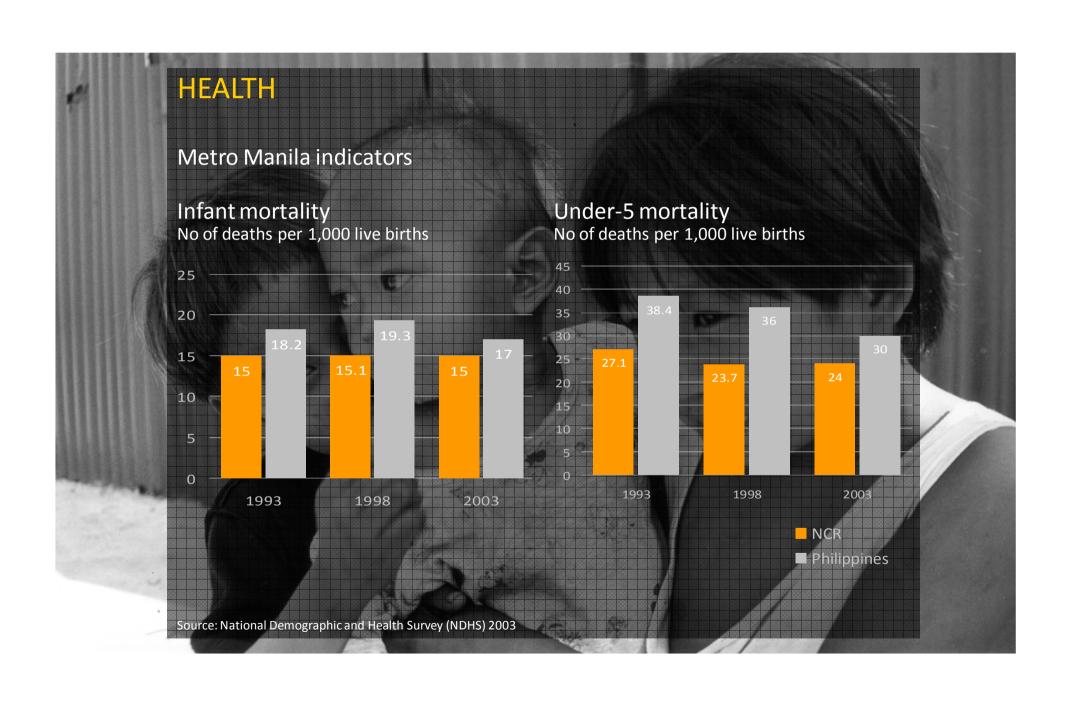


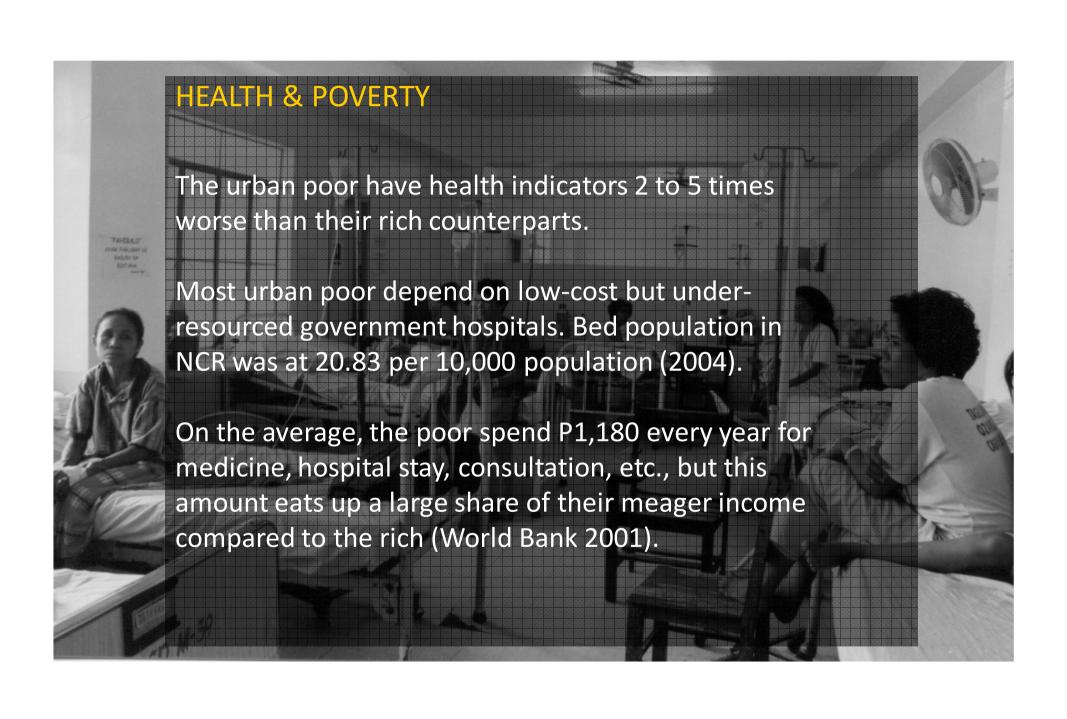














EVICTIONS

Assistance given to families included relocation in sites outside Metro Manila, grocery packs, financial assistance ranging from as low as Php500 to as high as Php100,000 per household, and balik probinsya. Families in 6 cases did not receive any aid from government.

Thirteen cases were ordered by the LGU. Six were by the Bantay Kalikasan.

Local governments have found ways to justify demolitions, e.g., setting communities ablaze (as in the case of Laperal) and therefore hazardous for occupancy. In Quezon City, communities that are considered as posing danger to health and are unsanitary are also considered danger areas that should be cleared of informatisettlers.

DISASTERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

- Climate change and sea level rise
- In the Philippines, many cities have coastal areas and settlements
- A big proportion of urban poor settlements are found along riverbanks, esteros and marginal lands prone to flooding (e.g. in Metro Manila, a fifth of the informal settler population resides in so-called "danger areas")
- Poor compliance and enforcement of environmental laws increase the risks; zoning laws and regulations are breached (establishments and subdivisions built on esteros and catchment areas); Low awareness and weak enforcement (Clean Air Act; Solid Waste Management Law)

FUTURE TRENDS: HEIGHTENING URBAN CONTRADICTIONS

- Fast growing population in cities/urban areas, fixed land resources available for competing needs (housing, commerce, public institutions, infrastructure); limited public resources for basic services; where would the public resources come from?
- Cities are engines of economic growth, unemployment is higher in urban areas
- Urban poor provide cheap labor to growing urban economy, shrinking spaces for housing the poor

HEIGHTENING URBAN CONTRADICTIONS

- Private sector-led urban development pushes land prices up and displaces the poor who provide cheap labor for private profit; development at the cost of impoverishing the economically weak
- The concentration of population in cities increases reliance on "common goods" (air, water, road networks, public transport, open spaces), weak public sector protecting the common good

SUSTAINABLE CITIES

- An economy that creates jobs in the agricultural and urban sectors
- An urban society where there is a social consensus to help its weaker members
- Effective governance capable of
 - Land management
 - Planning for and providing housing and basic services to all sectors
 - Enforcement of environmental safeguards
 - Engaging citizens participation

Thank you.