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NHA to relocate occupants of condemned housing projects



The National Housing Authority (NHA) shall proceed with the preventive evacuation of dwellers in condemned housing projects namely, the Vitas Temporary Housing in Tondo, Manila, the Fort Bonifacio Tenement in Taguig and the Punta Tenement in Sta. Ana Manila.

This is based on the order of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) who inspected both tenements and the Office of the Building Official of Manila who made the evaluation on Vitas Temporary Housing. Their discoveries

reveal that the housing projects are unsafe and susceptible to disasters such as typhoons and earthquakes. Because of these buildings' vulnerability, the Building Official of Manila has issued a demolition order for Vitas Temporary Housing to ensure the safety of the occupants, in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Building Code.

On the other hand, since the initial declaration of the tenements as being unsafe for residency in 2010, NHA has taken action to ensure the safety of the occupants by offering them options for relocation to NHA resettlement projects. Although met with resistance in Fort Bonifacio Tenement, NHA has set up a Relocation Action Center (RAC) there in May 2014 to accommodate the applications for relocation and resettlement.

Starting in 2015, a total of 57 out of 712 families from Fort Bonifacio Tenement voluntarily relocated to Southville 2 in Trese Martires, Cavite. Each family was also given financial assistance provided by the Local Government of Taguig through its City Social Welfare Office, while 97 families from Punta Tenement were relocated since 2012, to Towerville 6 in Brgy. Gaya-Gaya and San Jose del Monte Heights in Brgy. Muzon, both located in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan. Currently, 999 families are subject for relocation.

In the case of Vitas Temporary Housing occupants, the NHA shall issue a 30-day notice to all its respective residents. The second batch of General Assemblies among more or less 5,000 affected families will be conducted on March 22, 23, 26, and 27, 2018 respectively, after which voluntary relocation may commence to identified resettlement sites in Naic and Trese Martires, Cavite; Baras, Rizal; and the Camarin Low-Rise Building in Caloocan City. Regular relocation shall commence after the 30-day notice and upon compliance of all requirements for just and humane eviction.

