

## Butuan City, Philippines



Butuan City, in Mindanao, sits below sea level and is vulnerable to flooding. All the water from Davao, Compostela Valley and Agusan del Sur – major regions in Mindanao – empty into Butuan Bay. It has a history of periodic floods every 20 or so years. At present, there are still more than 5,000 households, mostly informal dwellers, along the city's river banks, that the city believes should be relocated to more secure land. 'Butuan City had zero casualties in the flooding this January 2013 that besieged Mindanao.

This was because the community acted as one to prepare, plan and execute the things that are needed to be done in response to an impending typhoon,' said Mr. Romeo A. Solis, City Director in the Department of Interior and Local Governance. Each of the 86 local government units within Butuan City responded according to the training provided by the city government. They helped to reduce the danger to lives and damage to property when Typhoon Bopha struck. The national government awarded the city the second highest prize of the Gawad Kalasag Award, for cities that have shown excellence in disaster preparedness and response.

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