

Urban Development Issues and Policies in the Philippines

Mercedita A. Sombilla

NEDA Assistant Secretary for Regional Development

Spatial Planning Platform Meeting

01 August 2018

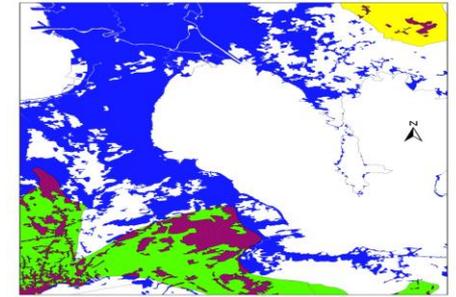


Outline of the Presentation

- Development Issues and Challenges in the Philippines
- The National Spatial Strategy
 - Regional Agglomeration
 - Connectivity
 - Vulnerability Reduction
- Other Urban Policies in the Philippines
 - New Urban Agenda
 - Philippine New Urban Agenda
 - National Urban Development and Housing Framework 2017-2022



Development Issues and Challenges



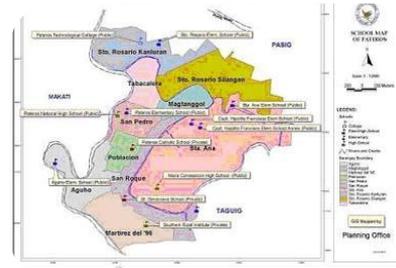
Other Development Issues and Challenges



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Absence/out-of-date CLUPs and Zoning Ordinances of Cities and Municipalities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

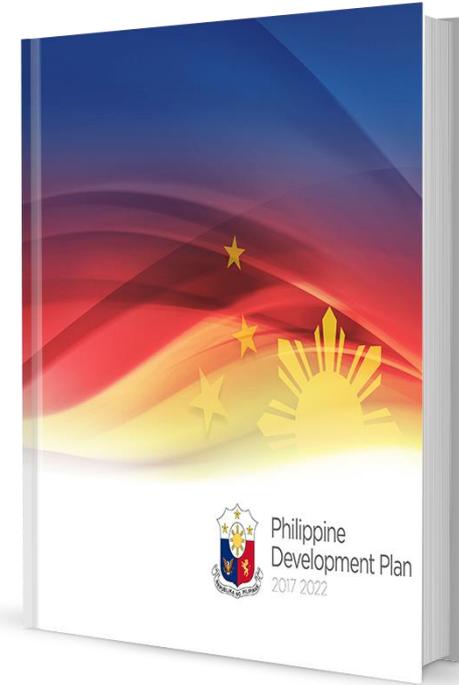
“Cities that work as engines of economic growth and venues of poverty reduction, with infrastructure that provides quality services and affordable housing, and forming efficient and connected networks of sustainable communities.”



Philippine Development Plan 2017-22

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

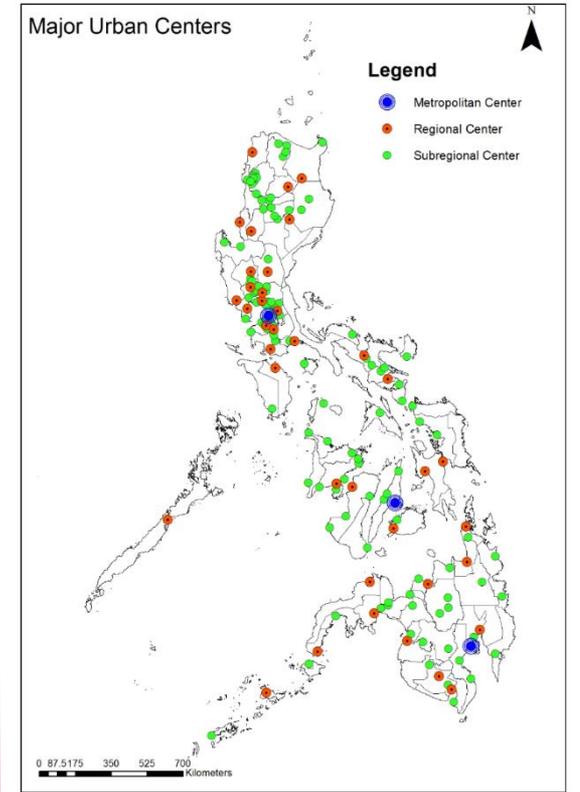


Components of the National Spatial Strategy

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

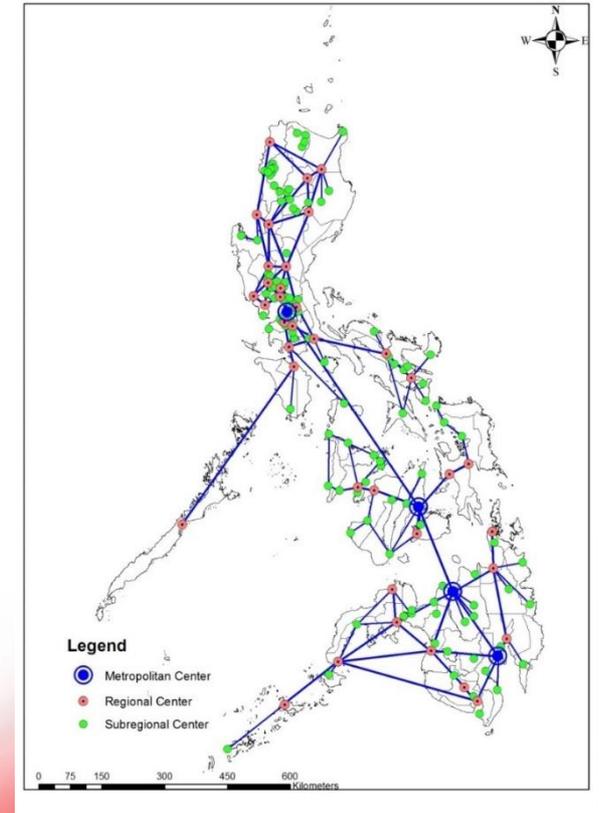


Components cont'd...

2. CONNECTIVITY

Connect the settlements to form an efficient network

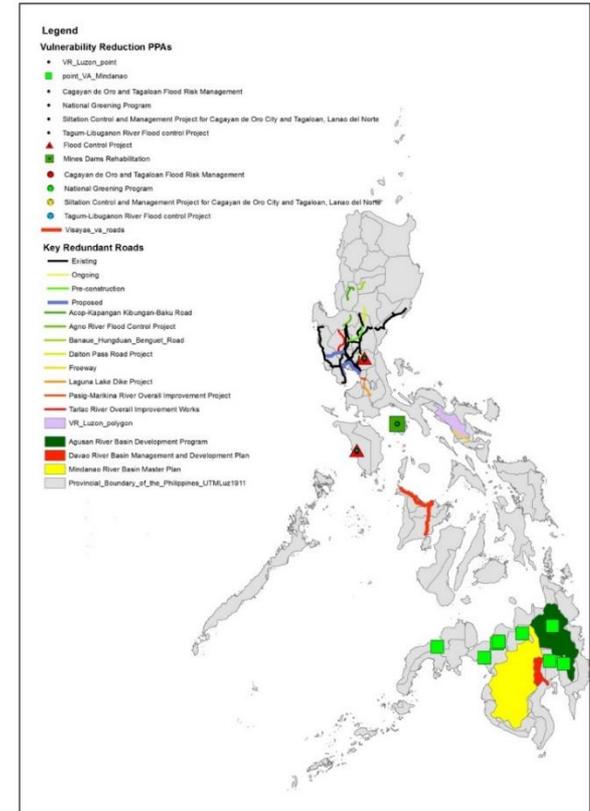
- ✓ Improve linkages among settlements and key production areas by connecting rural areas to growth centers



Components cont'd...

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



Thank you!
ありがとうございます。

National Economic and Development Authority

NEDA sa Pasig, 12 St. Josemaria Escriva Drive,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1605, The Philippines
Tel. Nos. (02) 631 0945 to 68

www.neda.gov.ph