

Housing Microfinance Forum Expanding Affordable Housing and Sustainable Settlements in the Philippines

August 11, 2026 | Century Park Hotel Manila

Affordable housing remains one of the most pressing development challenges in the Philippines. According to the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, the country faces a housing backlog of more than 6.5 million units. These shortages are particularly evident in urban centers, areas with high concentration of informal settlements, and communities with inadequate living conditions. Furthermore, limited access to housing finance poses a major barrier to addressing housing shortages. Many poor and low-income households, particularly those working in the informal economy struggle to qualify for formal housing loans due to unstable incomes, limited credit histories, and insufficient documentation required by banks and other commercial financial institutions.

As a pre-conference event, the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. (MCPI), in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International, is organizing a housing microfinance forum on **Expanding Affordable Housing and Sustainable Settlements in the Philippines on August 11, 2026, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Badjao Room, Century Park Hotel, Manila**. The forum aims to advance dialogue, strengthen capacity, and build partnerships in housing microfinance and related financial protection services. It will serve as a platform for government agencies, private sector, development organizations, and financial service providers to exchange insights, share innovative practices, and explore collaborative approaches to expand access to affordable housing for poor and low-income households.

Who Should Attend

The forum is open to heads, operations and finance staff of MFIs. Each institution can register **a maximum of two (2) participants**. Slots are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If your institution would like to send more than two participants, please contact the MCPI Secretariat.

Participation fee

The participation fee for the forum is as follows:

- **MCPI Member: PhP1,000.00 per participant**
- **Non-MCPI Member: PhP1,500.00 per participant**

The subsidized fee will cover meals (morning and afternoon snacks and lunch) and materials for the one-day forum.

How to Participate

To confirm your participation, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/MCPI-HousingMFForum2026> on or before July 31, 2026.

After registration, deposit or transfer the payment to the following bank account:

Account Name: Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc.

Account Number: 9821-0011-26

Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)

Ortigas Emerald Branch, Unit 101 G/F Jollibee Plaza Condominium

F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Send a scanned copy of the validated deposit slip or a screenshot of your online transaction to MCPI's email at secretariat@microfinancecouncil.org.

If you have questions and/or inquiries about the forum, please contact MCPI's Anna Manahan at anna.manahan@microfinancecouncil.org.

Draft Program

** Speakers to be invited*

Time	Activity	Speakers *
8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration	
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome Remarks Introduction to the Forum	
9:15 – 10:30 am	Session 1 – Scaling Up Sustainable and Inclusive Housing Microfinance in the Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development • Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee / tea break	
10:45 – 12:00 pm	Session 2 – Affordable and Sustainable Housing Microfinance: Practices from the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASA Philippines Foundation • Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation • RAFI Micro-Finance, Inc.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch break	
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Session 3 – Improving Human Settlements through Inclusive and Technology-Abled Housing Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Housing Finance Corporation • Pag-IBIG Fund • Lhoopa • National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Presentation of HFHI's Regional Work and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat for Humanity International
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Synthesis and Next Steps	