

Senior Housing for abandoned seniors in Manila

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Urbanization in Manila is currently happening at a very fast and with the social housing system not including seniors above 70 years, elders without children are left incredibly vulnerable. Globally, care of the elders is falling on fewer children and the impact is felt the most by those with least resources. Historically in Asia, care of elders has always fallen within the family, however now with the rapid urbanization the family structure is changing. Today Philippines is the country with the largest export of workforce resulting in even fewer of the younger population to take care of their elders.

The few options currently available for a homeless senior in Manila without children is charities run by the Catholic church. These depend on the good hearts of volunteering nurses and donations with no dependable or stable income.

There are many reasons why senior housing should be an investment for the Filipino Department of Social Welfare and Development. This thesis aims at putting a standard on a non-existing system of senior housing which is sellable to governmental parties in Manila. The project will present a solution for many homeless seniors with minimal income who are currently struggling in the streets of Manila.