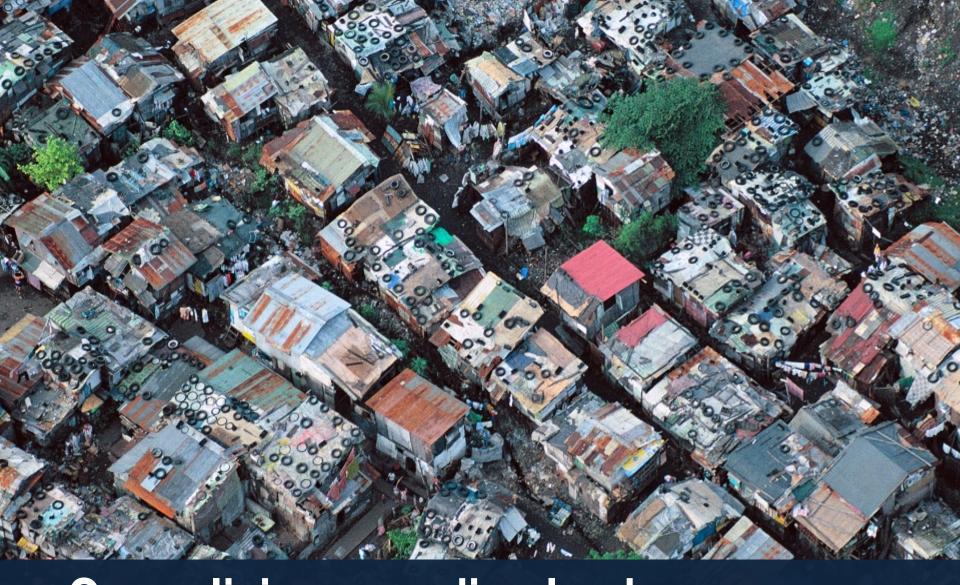
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Our policies regarding land governance are in urgent need of updating

The National Land Use Plan has been sitting in the legislative mill with little indication that it will be passed into law any time soon



Coherence to the conflicting provisions between remedial pieces of legislation

#### We need a clear policy regarding habitation in danger zones

We need to rethink agrarian reform in the light of the continuing backwardness of our agriculture



DOF moved to reduce estate taxes



### The Philippines has less arable land per unit of population than:



Vietnam

Laos



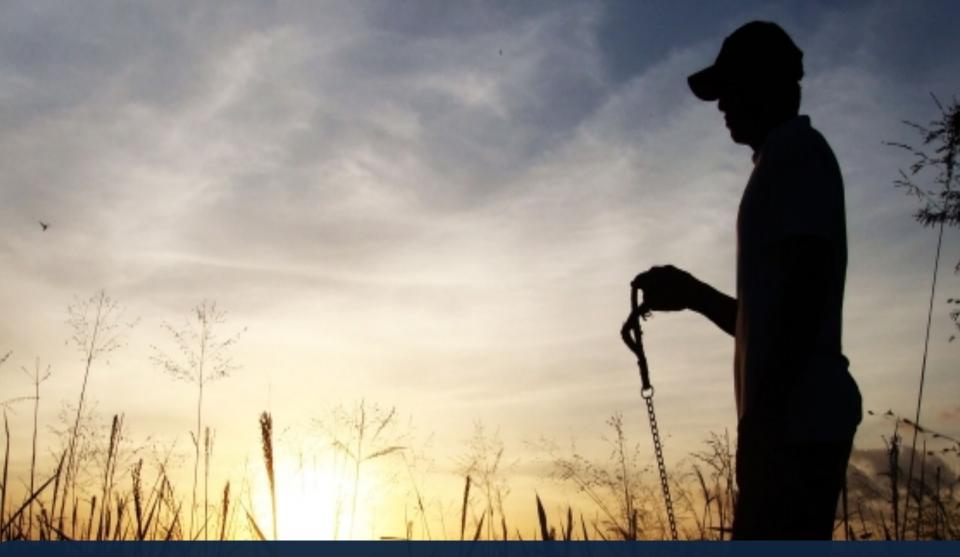
Thailand



Myanmar



Cambodia



The phenomenon of landlessness became more severe



Settlements are pushed to the most perilous places

## We need to plan for our settlements, addressing a housing backlog estimated at well over 3 million units

## Commercial developers Agricultural estates

Industrial and export-processing zones

**Extractive industries** 



Metro Manila presents us with the most severe case of poor land governance

### Unless we are able to rapidly upgrade our land governance

The fate that befell this choked metropolitan area will befall other areas of our archipelago

# We are truly facing a land governance crisis and we must respond decisively to this

Be assured our government is fully aware of the problems and we are ready to build up planning capacity to address it

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