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A house of prayer caught in the crossfire of the war.

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After the battle, what now?

On October 30, 2018 the groundbreaking ceremony for Marawi's rehabilitation program was held at what was formerly Rizal Park at ground zero in Marawi. This formally launched the initiative called "The Rise Plan". The program starts with the turnover of 2,500 temporary shelters by March of 2019, the remaining 4,500 shelters scheduled to be finished by December of this year. Reconstruction and widening of current roads are also included along with the installation of underground power and communication lines. The plan also includes the construction of schools, barangay and health centers, a convention center, a grand central market, and scheduled replacement of 25 mosques destroyed during the conflict.

Marawi suffered a total damage of P11.61 billion, and incurred a total loss of P6.6 billion. The government has estimated the cost of rehabilitation at P67.9 billion and is confident that they will complete the

Left: For many Maranaos, evacuation camps like these are now home.



program by December of 2021. Funding for this will come from the government, private donors, and official development assistance. Aside from this China, Japan, Spain, the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development has pledged their contribution through grants. USAID under their Marawi Response Project has also pledged P3.2 billion to aid in the effort.

Marawi today is very slowly recovering from the effects of the war, business' outside of ground zero are ongoing but the costs of basic goods and commodities still remain prohibitive. Life is not easy for the Marawi people who have to struggle amidst the rubble of their former homes and the eradication of life as they knew it, but they are a proud group who will stand up again. Hopefully, we shall be witnesses to the rebirth of Marawi City in 2021.



This page: 1. Scrap metal and spray paint block off ground zero. 2. Emergency tents stuck together to accommodate the volume of evacuees. 3. Land converted to evacuation areas.

Opposite page: 4. An evacuation center, home to hundreds of Maranaos. 5. Cloth is used as wall for privacy by the families living in the bleachers of this basketball court. 6. Warning signs of explosives are posted all over the city. 7. A strong warning to pillagers during the war.





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This Page: 8. "Clear" A reminder that this city was once a war zone 9. Worn down emergency tents still being used as temporary housing long after the war has ended.



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