



MAYOR FRANCIS ZAMORA, TOGETHER WITH DPWH SECRETARY VINCE DIZON, INSPECT VOLUNTARY CLEARING OF ISFS TO HELP MITIGATE FLOODING IN SAN VENANCIO STREET

San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora, together with Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon, led a joint inspection on December 3, 2025, to assess the voluntary clearing of eight (8) residential structures built directly on top of a major drainage line in San Venancio Street, Barangay San Perfecto—one of the city's most flood-prone areas.

The eight families occupying these structures voluntarily agreed to vacate the site after it was determined that their houses obstructed rainwater flow, significantly contributing to flooding during heavy rains.

Under Mayor Zamora's directive to provide humane and dignified relocation, all affected families have been transferred to prefabricated housing units at the staging area in Barangay Batis. These units—constructed by the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)—were formally opened and inaugurated last November 18, 2025. The families will occupy these units rent-free, paying for just electricity and water.

Residents have expressed gratitude for the alternative housing provided by the city government, noting that the clearing of structures above the drainage system is a crucial step toward easing the persistent flooding in San Venancio Street. As one of the lowest-lying catchment areas in San Juan City, San Venancio Street is highly susceptible to flooding; with the removal of obstructions, the community is hopeful that floodwaters will now recede more quickly during heavy rainfall.