

# **FLOODS**

**We have had major devastation wrought by torrential rains & flooding.**

**Hundreds of lives have been lost, thousands of families displaced.**

**Why has this happened and what is the meaning of these disasters?**

# CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

- **Act of God? – rather a reminder of relation with God & Creation – our responsibilities.**
- **Reminder of our mortality & imperfections in a world that is always changing, shifting & remaking itself**
- **so too we should in the light of what we learn - act as one in society – not just during crisis**

# HISTORY OF LOGGING

- Logging is our history - sad & wasteful
- but whipping illegal logging avoiding critical action. Sure logging has contributed
- Natural forests cant contain 20-50 year events
- NPA log, but so does the military
- So too corruption
- Reforestation is NOT the answer
- Fault lines are part of the problem
- Lack of needed spending, investment in quality of knowledge
- Land allocation, basic services, livelihood, town planning

- Lessons of ORMOC
- The primary problem: land allocation, barangay and town planning.
- No housing flood plains - agriculture, between meanders, sand banks of river nor on alluvial fans
- risky lands of occupation - poor, landless, un-accommodated in our society.
- If no houses in these areas then deaths reduced 50-80%?
- Are floods so unmanageable? inadequate management, planning, resource allocation















