

**The Dynamics and Interactions of Organizations in  
an Interim Housing Community  
—A Case Study of Jongchan Base in Pingtung,  
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**Abstract**

Interim housing, delivered by public or private sectors, provides for temporary housing after major disasters. Due to uncertainty, temporality and lack of newsworthiness, interim housing usually gets less public attentions than emergency shelters and permanent housing.

Interim housing, however, is only a step away from the reconstruction or relocation of original communities. For both victimized communities and local governments, there are many decisions to make during this intermediate period.

This paper intends to answer these questions: How is the dynamics between the decision-making process of residents in interim housing and the power structure of the original community? Is a new power structure formed between residents in the interim period? Does the new power structure, if established, impact the choice of reconstruction or relocation of the community? How do public and private sectors' decision making impact the formation and decision making of the organization among residents of the interim housing? Through a review of literature and interviews with residents in interim housing and public/private

sectors, the authors analyze factors that affect the organization formation and decision making process during the stage of interim housing.

The authors expect that this experience-based research will be a valuable piece of information to help public and private sectors make decisions on disaster management.

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