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CRM/EWS Report of completed activities and planned activities (June-July 2008)

NEW PROJECTS

Support to UNDP-BCPR Climate Risk Management Technical Assistance Support Project

ADPC won a global bid to support UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery's (UNDP-BCPR) Climate Risk Management Technical Assistance Support Project (CRM-TASP). The CRM-TASP will be implemented in four countries in different continents, namely Armenia, Ecuador, Indonesia, and Mozambique. The project aims to increase convergence in risk management priorities amongst national and local stakeholders and the international community, and to strengthen the climate risk management capacity of key national, regional institutions, UNDP, and UN country offices. The project will be implemented from July 2008 through December 2009.

Facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems

ADPC has recently started a project entitled "Facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines" with support from the American Red Cross (ARC). The project will establish/strengthen early warning national forums in the target countries, build the capacity of National Red Cross Societies (NRCSs) to translate hazard information into response options and to communicate these options to at-risk communities, and facilitate a system audit in order to test the functionality and reliability of early warning systems through NRCSs and in collaboration with national focal points for early warning and disaster management, and relevant non-governmental organizations. The project will be implemented from July 2008 to June 2010.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

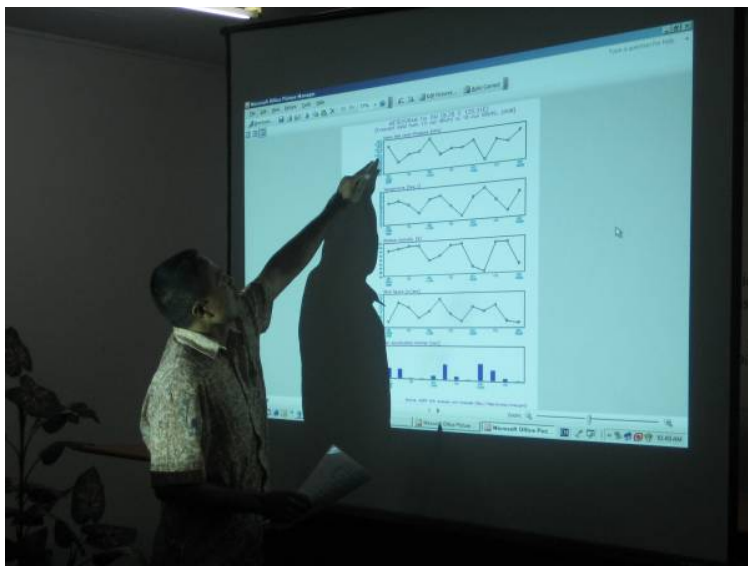
Forecast briefing, Dili, East Timor, 11 June 2008

ADPC and the National Directorate of Meteorology and Geophysics (NDMG) of Timor-Leste conducted a forecast briefing for members of the National Working Group (NWG) of the Climate Forecast Applications (CFA) for Disaster Mitigation

Program in Timor-Leste. The briefing familiarized the NWG members with the weather forecast information that will be developed and issued by NDMG and ADPC under the CFA program. Seasonal forecast products that are issued by various regional and global forecasting centers were also presented and discussed during the briefing. About 30 members representing various government agencies, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations participated in the briefing. The CFA program in Southeast Asia, which covers Philippines, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste, is supported by USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA).

Back-to-back training activities for ADPC partner organizations in Timor-Leste, Dili, East Timor, 11-14 June 2008

Under the Climate Forecast Applications (CFA) for Disaster Mitigation in Southeast Asia Program, ADPC conducted a training on location-specific weather forecasting for forecasters working with the National Directorate of Meteorology and Geophysics (NDMG) of Timor-Leste from 12 to 14 July 2008 in Dili. Eighteen forecasters successfully completed the training. A basic training on using GIS tools and satellite imageries for agro-meteorological applications was also conducted for the Ministry of Agriculture and other ADPC partner organizations in Timor-Leste, such as the NDMG, UN World Food Program, CARE and CONCERN. Ten participants completed the training, which aimed at assisting them use freeware GIS tools for mapping and maintaining agro-meteorological databases at their home organizations.



One of the participants presented the forecast he generated during the training

using global operational weather forecast products from the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP)

Community Basic Emergency Response Course (CBERC), Quang Tri, Vietnam, 05-07 July 2008

Under the DANIDA-supported Enhancing Community Resilience to Natural Disasters in Southeast Asia" project, ADPC and the Vietnam National Red Cross

(VNRC) organized a CBERC training course in Thanh Hoa and Quang Tri provinces in Vietnam from 30 June to 11 July 2008. This training is part of a larger capacity building effort to support the implementation of risk reduction activities in Vietnam. Other activities conducted during this period include the establishment of a community early warning center in Ngu Loc Commune, Thanh Hoa Province, installation/upgrading of public address system for last mile communication in Trung Giang Commune, Quang Tri, and provision of support for the implementation of priority risk reduction activities in Trung Giang and Trieu An Commune, Quang Tri.



Upgrading the ICOM equipment and operations of Ngu Loc commune early warning center in Thanh Hoa province, Vietnam

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Local-level early warning dissemination system, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10-11 July 2008

ADPC and the Disaster Management Center of Sri Lanka will organize a workshop on the development of local-level early warning dissemination system under the Tsunami Alert Rapid Notification System (TARNS) project from 10 to 11 July 2008 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The workshop aims to enhance the early warning dissemination procedures in Sri Lanka for rapid alert notification through the development of district-level warning dissemination procedures and incorporation of these procedures into the national system. TARNS is a part of a broader program on establishing a multi-hazard early warning system for tsunami and hydro-meteorological hazards for Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia, which is being facilitated by ADPC and funded by the Tsunami Regional Trust Fund through UNESCAP.

Training on flood forecast generation and application, Bangladesh, 20-30 July 2008

ADPC and the Institute of Water Modeling in Bangladesh will conduct a training program on flood forecasting computing system for Bangladesh forecasters. The training will be held in Dhaka from 20-30 July 2008. In order to enhance the application of long-lead probabilistic flood forecast for disaster preparedness and mitigation, ADPC and the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) will also conduct a training on understanding and applying long-lead probabilistic flood forecasting for representatives of farmer groups and communities from 20 to 30 July 2008 in Gaibandha, Sirajgong, Lalmonirhat, and Faridpur, Bangladesh.

Training on Weather Research Forecast Modeling, Male, Maldives, 12-25 July 2008

ADPC will conduct a training on weather research forecast modeling in Male, Maldives from 12 to 25 July 2008. The training will cover data downloading, pre-processing, model simulations, and post-processing. Twelve forecasters from the Department of Meteorology of Maldives will participate in the training. The training is funded by UNDP Maldives.

Participating staff: Potty

Workshop on climate change adaptation, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 23 July 2008

ADPC and the Mongolian National Agency for Meteorology, Hydrology, and Environmental Monitoring will conduct a multi-stakeholder workshop in order to develop climate change adaptation targets for the livestock sector in Mongolia. The workshop is a part of an ADPC project that aims to integrate adaptation into development processes through the development of specific adaptation targets for climate-sensitive sectors. The workshop will be conducted on 23-24 July 2008 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.