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Reduced Vulnerability of the Myanmar population living in coastal areas most affected by recurrent hazards

Myanmar

- Rakhine State: Townships of Rathidaung, Sittwe and Maungdaw
- Ayeyarwaddy Division: Township of Labutta

08/2010 - 10/2011

Components: CBDRR, capacity building, Good practices and assessment

Result1- Best disaster risk reduction practices and models in Myanmar are identified, documented, accessible and promoted to key stakeholders.

- 1.1. Stakeholder workshop to develop selection criteria for Best Practices in Disaster Risk Reduction in Myanmar
- 1.2. Call for papers, selection and validation of cases to be documented
- 1.3. Establish national DRR Best practices database for national and regional integration and adaptation to link with AADMER and the ASEAN AHA Centre
- 1.4. Development and documentation of four gender-sensitive Disaster Risk Reduction good practices/models
- 1.5. One National level seminar at the end of the project to share lessons learned, good practices and assessment of progress towards HFA Priorities for Action
- 1.6. Conduct dissemination forums in key townships to share and increase awareness / understanding of Disaster Risk Reduction models
- 1.7. Printing and distribution of the documented Best Practices and outputs on Disaster Risk Reduction to key agencies and partners
- 1.8. Development of standardized capacity building program on Disaster Risk Reduction
- 1.9 Contextualisation and translation of 'Step by step PVA guideline for Fellows (community mobilisers)
- 1.10 Development and translation of Training Manual on DRR for Master Trainers
- 1.11 Printing and dissemination of training manual, and step-by-step PVA guide
- 1.12 Training of DIPECHO partners on DRR at the national level
- 1.13 Observation of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction at the national level organised jointly with relevant stakeholders
- 1.14 Build capacity of key stakeholders in managing Disaster Risk Reduction programmes
- 1.15 Facilitation of quarterly coordination meeting with DIPECHO partners:
- 1.16 Participation of project staff at regional workshops/meetings organised by ECHO/DIPECHO partners and/or ASEAN/UNISDR/ActionAid Viet Nam
- 1.17 Conduct ASEAN Regional Roundtable Consultation Meeting on DRR Best Practices
- 1.18 One national level seminar to share learning of bottom-up participatory planning process with DRR working group and Civil Society Forum

Result 2: Coping capacities of target communities in Sittwe, Rathidaung, Maungdaw and Labutta Townships are enhanced and vulnerabilities reduced through the application of Disaster Risk Reduction practices

- 2.1 Four DIPECHO project inception meetings at Township level
- 2.2 25 Orientation workshops for village heads and tract leaders on disaster preparedness
- 2.3 Training of 15 community mobilisers (Fellows) in Labutta Township on Participatory Vulnerability Analysis (PVA), DRR, Right Based Approaches, children, women, people with disabilities and elderly
- 2.4 Identification and selection of 30 village volunteers in Labutta Township
- 2.5 Conduct 15 Participatory Vulnerability Analysis (PVA) in 15 villages in Labutta Township (one PVA per village)
- 2.6 Development and sharing of 15 village preparedness plan (VPP) documents based on PVA
- 2.7 Conduct five Leadership trainings for women in target communities in Rakhine State

- 2.8 Participatory hazard, capacities and vulnerabilities assessment (HVCA) and conduct of baselines studies on disaster risk reduction in 38 villages in Rakhine State
- 2.9 Establish village “disaster risk management committees” (V/DRMC), provide initial training on CBDRR; develop gender responsive disaster risk reduction plans; formulation of rules and responsibilities before, during and after a natural disaster, select evacuation centres, provide equipment (transceivers and megaphones).
- 2.10 Share the finding of HVCA with stakeholders i.e. communities, local authorities (village and tract), etc
- 2.11 Formation and training of 159 community task forces on first aid, search and rescue and early warning
- 2.12 Conduct information campaigns to schools on natural hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction plans
- 2.13 Development, printing and dissemination of simulation guidelines
- 2.14 Organising 40 simulation exercises/mock drills in target villages and schools
- 2.15 Periodic and planning meeting of DIPECHO project team

Result 3: Key stakeholders/ government authorities are better informed on vulnerabilities and disaster preparedness level of fisher folk communities

- 3.1 Compile and document community’s analysis of their resources, vulnerabilities and coping mechanisms
- 3.2 Study on the ‘existing policies and practices on DRR in Myanmar particularly in relation to coastal communities’ and progress on the achievement of HFA Priorities for Action assessed
- 3.3 Research on the ‘vulnerabilities and preparedness of small and medium scale fisher-folk’
- 3.4 Pilot of at least one recommendation from research on ‘vulnerabilities and preparedness of small and medium scale fisher-folk’ in three villages:
- 3.5 A national level workshop on the promotion of DRR with the fisheries sector through presentations of the research on ‘vulnerabilities and preparedness of small and medium scale fisher-folk’ and ‘existing DRR policies and practice relating to coastal fishing community’
- 3.6 Four workshops among relevant stakeholders and DIPECHO partners for the review and standardization of IEC materials with a focus on fisher folk communities
- 3.7 Printing and dissemination of at least four types of IEC materials and training manual, step-by-step guide and simulation guidelines
- 3.8 Exposure trip of participants from fisheries sector and project staff to relevant neighbouring countries to learn disaster preparedness measures of coastal fishing communities
- 3.9 Publication and dissemination of three research/study reports

Planned products (products, IEC materials, CCA components etc.)

- IEC materials
- Good practices
- Training modules
- Simulation exercises/mock drills guidelines
- Studies and assessment

Focal points, partner agencies and institutions:

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About the Organisation:

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- implement **livelihood measures and social programmes** to ensure the access of people to income security and reduce their vulnerability and poverty;
- establish and promote **disaster preparedness** activities, especially on a community level.

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Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Practice in Myanmar through research and enhanced inter-agency coordination

MYANMAR: Rakhine State, Delta, Yangon

15 May 2010 – 14 August 2011

Components: Disaster Preparedness & Prevention (Advocacy & Public awareness raising ; research & documentation ; facilitation & coordination)

Result1- Natural Disaster Risk profile of Rakhine State determined

- Activity 1.1 Setting-up of Advisory Group. Review and Finalization of Study Terms of Reference
- Activity 1.2 Scoping and Methodology review and improvement
- Activity 1.3a Coordinate with UN, INGO and other agencies
- Activity 1.3b Coordinate with relevant Government agencies
- Activity 1.4. Indicative Hazard Assessment and Strategic Vulnerability Assessment
- Activity 1.5. Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment
- Activity 1.6 Report highlighting and recommendations to CBDRM / DRR

Result 2- Inter-agency coordination and sharing improved

- Activity 2.1 Regular coordination meetings and inter-agency activities launched
- Activity 2.2 Compile and publish “CBDRM / DRR Good Practice” document and video
- Activity 2.3 Inter-agency cross-visits for sharing experience, dissemination of lessons learned and support for public awareness on DRR/CBDRM

Links to previous outputs on DRR & CCA

- UNDP has been co-chairing the DRR Working Group with other relevant stakeholders in the country.

Planned products

- Natural Disaster Risk Profile of Rakhine State
- 5 DRR Good Practice Documents
- 1 DRR Good Practice video
- Various donor visibility materials (project brochure, T-shirts, caps, banners, sign boards, etc)

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