

## Monthly Report for the month of April

- The month of April is a very busy one for the City of Dagupan because they have the Bangus Festival which is held April 21 to May 1. The TWG members are all occupied with the preparations for this activity thus no activity was set for the month. During the last day of the CBDRM and PRA Training of Community Facilitators held last March, it was decided that the community trainings will be done on the second week to the last week of May 2006. The final schedule is still to be worked out with the target eight communities. The communities will be clustered into groups of two so there will only be four trainings for the eight barangays namely: Salisay, Manguin, Tebeng, Pogo Grande, Bacayao Sur, Bacayao Norte, Lasip Chico, and Lasip Grande. As of this writing, the schedule is still not final.
- For the setting-up of Disaster Information Management System(DIMS) the following activities were done:
  1. The Project Team came up with the list of information which should be made part of the DIMS. The list however is still for discussion with the GIS person of Dagupan City and also with Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias.
  2. Initial discussion with Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias on how to set up the DIMS was done on April 23, 2006.
  3. Coordination also with the Dagupan Geographical Information System Officer Engr. Athena Arenas was done to have a list of information for the Participatory GIS. However, issues of political boundaries needed to be settled by the City Government.
- A follow-up meeting with the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) was set on the last week of this month to finalize arrangements for partnership for the development and maintenance of the Early Warning System for Dagupan City.
- As suggested during the CBDRM-PRA training, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) was contacted to help provide information regarding liquefaction which contributes to worsening the flood situation in Dagupan City. Dr. Renato Solidum Jr., the PHIVOLCS Director referred the Project to Ms. Perla Delos Reyes from the Geology Division. The input from PHIVOLCS will be integrated in the community trainings that will be conducted.
- The Project Team is still in the process of revising the Project Performance Monitoring Plan to conform to the required format. It is also in the process of preparing the plan for the next quarter.
- Reminders for the TWG to submit the local counterpart forms were given. However, the Dagupan TWG asked for extension of submission because they are busy for the Bangus Festival.