

Monthly Progress Report 1st -25th of April 2006

Program for Hydro Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia (PROMISE) implementing in Kalutara District in Sri Lanka.

1. Introduction:

After 1990, records demonstrate that floods have occurred every year in certain locations of the Kalu river basin. Kalutara district is one of those flood prone areas. The most recent major flood event that affected Kalutara was in 2003 May and included seven administrative districts in southern, Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces.

1.1 Program goal:

Reduced vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in the city of Kalutara , Sri Lanka.

1.2 Program Objectives:

- Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in target cities.
- Increase stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disaster in urban communities.
- Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions / organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

2. Partner Organizations:

- Urban council, Kautara
- Department of Meteorological
- Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Sramadana Movement
- Water Management Authority, western province.
- Water resources board
- Asian Disaster Preparedness center (ADPC)
- Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG)
- National Building Research organization (NBRO)

3. Activities in Summary:

1. Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
2. Mitigation and Preparedness

3. Training and Public Awareness
4. Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management in Urban Governance
5. Project Implementation Support

4. Results Achieved:

- Site Selection done by Kalutara staff in metropolitan area in Sri Lanka selected as a project site.
- Awareness program conducted for the district staff relevant to disaster, flood, as capacity building & disaster preparedness.
- Site observation & visited with project officers and District officers.
- Community Based Disaster Risk Management workshop reviewed through Sarvodaya officers, NGOs, Government officers and community participated.
- Training was given to the community relevant to Community Based Disaster Risk Management through trainers.
- Community Based Disaster Risk Management hand book translated to local language.
- Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) handed over to NBRO & SLITG

5. Work in Progress:

- Preparedness and mitigation action planning workshop will conduct on Month of May 2006.
- The Government disaster management center district staff (Kalutara) will be contributes the project development activities.



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