

Monthly Progress Report 1st -25th of May 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, Kalutara
- 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:

- 18 GS (Cluster of Villages) sites were selected in Kalutara metropolitan area in names are given below. GPS codes will be submitted

| Number | Name of the villages | Village code | GPS code |
|--------|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Kalutara North | 717 | |
| 2 | Deshaththraya Kalutara | 717-A | |
| 3 | Thotupala | 717-B | |
| 4 | Vidyasara | 717-C | |
| 5 | Deshathra- Western | 717-D | |
| 6 | Kalutara – south | 725 | |
| 7 | Kalutara-south | 725-A | |
| 8 | Welapura | 725-B | |
| 9 | Etawila | 727-A | |
| 10 | Kuda heenatiyangala | 727-B | |
| 11 | Akaragoda | 727-E | |
| 12 | Wathkamulla | 727-F | |
| 13 | Nagoda- South | 729 | |
| 14 | Nagoda- Western | 729-A | |
| 15 | Alubogahalanda | 729-B | |
| 16 | Wettuwakada | 730 | |
| 17 | Kalapuwa | 730-A | |
| 18 | Katukurunda | 730-B | |

- Meet Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Kalutara and discussed on PROMISES project implementing in Kalutara Metropolitan.
- Conducted staff meeting in Kalutara district and briefing on project location.
- The ADPC consultant Dr. K. Iftekhar Ahmed visited the Sarvodaya Community Disaster Management Center and technical advisory assistant to finance Director and supporting staff.
- Awareness Divisional Secretary and Gramasevakas (GS) on PROMISES Project.
- Identified three key community-based project in Kalutara metropolitan area
- Three projects are drainage system development, road infrastructure development and improve the canal system

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