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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

The activities for this month were: setting up the Early Warning System and the continuity of the creation of the Disaster Information Management System, Institutionalization of the Dagupan Disaster Safety Day and Planning of the Technical Working Group (TWG).

The project objectives that the activities fall under are:

Objective 1: Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.

Activity 1 Setting up of a City Level DIMS

Activity 2 Planning of the Technical Working Group

Objective 2: Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of Hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities.

Activity 2 Technical Working Group Planning

Activity 3 Setting up of Early Warning System,

Activity 4 Institutionalization of Dagupan Disaster Safety Day

B. Activity Reports

- **Activity 1: Setting up of a City Level DIMS**
 - Setting up of the Disaster Information Management System started with consultation with Engr. Athena Arenas who was in-charge with the Dagupan GIS. Then during the TWG meeting last June 13, 2006. The inventory of existing information was discussed. Each Department represented in the TWG would have to submit additional information or data that would prove to be relevant in their respective fields at the same time essential for the DIMS. Discussions also on the suggestion of Prof Nicanor Melecio of having Mike 11 and 12 for the DIMS was raised. During one of the consultation with PAG-ASA in the past months it was said that procurement of the program would be expensive. It was agreed upon to seek ADPC's advice on this matter. Consultation with Ms. Gaby Iglesias via email proved to be useful, (since she had a project in Dagupan related to GIS, she was familiar with Dagupan City). She recommended to ask help from University of the Philippines Professor Dan Saguil who had research interest with Disaster Risk Management.
- **Activity 2: Technical Working Group Planning**
 - The meeting was on June 13, 2006. The main agenda was to discuss on Schedules of the Promise Project. CDP consulted the TWG on when the activities will be implemented. It was attended by the TWG (including representatives of Department heads who were not able to come) as well as by Prof Melecio one of the City Consultant. During this meeting the head of the TWG Mr. Robert Erfe Mejia (CDCC Officer) announced that Madam Emma Molina (head of the Department of Agriculture) will be the focal person for the project PROMISE to take care of arrangements for the project for the City's counterpart. However there will still be different people in charge for specific activities for the project (like the head of Health will be the main person for the search and rescue). Planning for the first meeting for the setting of the Early Warning System was also discussed during this meeting.
- **Activity 3: Setting up of Early Warning System**
 - On June 16, 2006, Ms. Mayfourth Luneta along with the TWG, the City Training Team for Disaster Preparedness as well as representatives of the eight pilot

Barangay had an initial workshop on setting up of indigenous flood markers. The participants of this event were mostly those who attended the disaster preparedness community training. During the workshop there was a review of their PRA through their hazard maps facilitated by Mr. Butch Velasco the PIO officer of the City. Followed by assigning members of the TWG and the Disaster Preparedness Training Team to the eight Pilot Barangays namely Salisay, Mangin, Tebeng, Pogo Grande, Bacayao Norte, Bacayao Sur and Lasip Chico. Then there was the discussion of the relevance of the Early Warning System which was also reflected in their community plans. Then the participants were divided into three groups (according to the three training teams) which discussed the setting up of indigenous flood markers in each community to monitor the flood during this coming rainy season. It was agreed that the city will provide calibrated markers (by feet) to be installed in chosen areas of the Barangay Disaster Coordinating Council (BDCC). The BDCC and the assigned community members will monitor the flood level during typhoon and when water level rises. This is to know how fast the flood rises and for how long it stays at the same time to mark the acceptable level as basis for the warning system (alert level, preparation to evacuate, when to evacuate, critical level. This will be replicated to other barangays.

- There was also a setting of Meeting with Mr. Ladislao of Agno River Flood Control of PAGASA for coordinating and consulting to set up the City wide Early Warning System.
- **Activity 4: Institutionalization of Dagupan Disaster Safety Day**
 - Through the advice of CDP the TWG agreed to pursue on the institutionalization of Dagupan Disaster Safety Day as part of Public Awareness of Disaster Preparedness. The original suggested day of the TWG to the City Council was June 20, 2006. However, the City Council instituted July 16, 2006 as the Dagupan Disaster Safety Day because it was also the commemoration of the Earthquake which made Dagupan more vulnerable to floods. The proclamation of July 16, 2006 as the Dagupan Disaster Safety Day was on June 20, 2006 during the Araw ng Dagupan (Day of Dagupan).

C. Next month activities Plan

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| - | Meeting with PAGASA | June 27, 2006 |
| - | Preparation for Disaster Safety Day | July 1-15, 2006 |
| - | Dagupan Disaster Safety Day | July 16, 2006 |
| - | Preparation for the Early warning system workshops | July |
| - | Meeting with the 8 Barangays for the small scale mitigation | July 7, 2006 |

D. Issues encountered and solutions

- Persistence of the City Consultant with his suggestion for the DIMS to procure MIKE 11 and 12.- CDP consulted ADPC and PAGASA whether it is feasible. Both said that the technology is expensive and not suitable for the project. The TWG on the other hand researched and found out the same thing.