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AKPBS,P

Monthly Progress Report for the Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia (PROMISE) Hyderabad

The monthly progress report is submitted for the month of June 2006.

- Falak Nawaz from ADPC visited the office of AKPBS,P on 19th of June to discuss the training arrangements of GIS for AKPBS,P staff and other Partner Organizations. It was decided that the training will be held in Karachi in the first week of August for which an appropriate venue would be selected. The five day training would be intensive, enabling the participants to effectively understand GIS and ensure its optimum utility. Mr. Falak Nawaz would prepare the contents of the training and further details would be finalized with mutual consultation.
- It was proposed by Mr. Falak Nawaz that the cost effective solution to GIS mapping of Hyderabad would be to avoid out-sourcing. It was agreed that the AKPBS,P staff would be sufficiently enabled after the GIS training to carry out the digitization work and thus GIS mapping of Hyderabad should start after the training.
- The arrangements for Disaster Based Risk Management Training in Hyderabad have been finalized. Although it was decided to hold the training in the last week of June, but due to non-availability of the Training Hall and resource persons, and also keeping in view the holidays of Saturday and Sunday, the two-day training would be held on 1st and 2nd of July at SAWFCO's training facility in Hyderabad. Some of the participants attending the training belong to adjoining districts of Hyderabad like Thatta and Badin and boarding arrangement has also been made for them during the course of training.
- Mr. Ehsan Leghari, the program manager for PROMISE Hyderabad would join the organization on 27th of June. He has, however, been assisting AKPBS,P in the training arrangements at Hyderabad.
- Coordination with the stake-holders has been intensified through identification and selection of Partner Organizations (POs) like the Sindh Agriculture and Forestry Workers Coordination Organization (SAFWCO), Red Crescent Society and other potential POs with proven track record of public service, in and around Hyderabad.
- The search for appropriate premises for the PROMISE project's office continues and would be finalized shortly.

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