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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

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

- Meeting of the TWG regarding the criteria for the Barangay Community Level Preparedness and Mitigation Project.
- Preparing for the Early Warning and Evacuation Workshop.

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

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3. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

- Preparation for the Regional Promise meeting on October

- **Activity 1:** Meeting of the TWG regarding the criteria for the Barangay Community Level Preparedness and Mitigation Project.

The TWG meeting was on August 15, 2006 in Dagupan City Hall. The criteria set for the Community Level Preparedness and Mitigation Project are the following:

1. based on the specific disaster preparedness needs of each barangay.
2. there should be counterpart or equity from the community
3. sustainability of the small scale mitigation project should be stated
4. the project should be wholistic, i.e., in building the capacity it should not only focus on emergency preparedness, but also in other mitigation measures like livelihood options during floods.

The criteria was also based from the action plan of the 8 pilot barangays. The meeting also discussed the preparation for the Early Warning workshop scheduled on August 29-31, 2006

- **Activity 2:** Preparing for the Early Warning and Evacuation Workshop.

The preparation for the Early Warning and Evacuation Workshop was done during the month. The tasks included the following:

1. Contracting an Early Warning and Evacuation Specialist. After a series of meetings with CDP's Coordinator Maria Cagay, CDP decided to hire Ms Maris Palencia, a disaster risk reduction adviser formerly posted in Laos and E. Timor.
2. A series of consultations between the program manager and the consultant was done to finalize the training design for the community level training.

3. Coordination also with Madam Emma Molina for the logistics was done during the month.
4. Coordinating with PAGASA, PAGASA FLOOD CONTROL, and PHIVOLCS were done to facilitate discussions on Early Warning System on flood, weather disturbances, earthquake and tsunami. (please see attached design)

Activity 3: Preparation for the Regional Promise meeting on October

Looking for possible venue for the Regional Promise Meeting was another activity of CDP. Price quotations for hotel accommodation, venue and logistics were also done as part of the preparation.

B. Next month activities Plan

- Early Warning System Workshops for City level
- Meeting with Dr. Rodora Gonzalez for possible collaboration for GIS through Student Volunteers
- Giving Away the Flood Markers.
- DM and Governance Training
- Public Awareness Meeting

C. Issues encountered and solutions

The schedule for the City level was moved from August to September 2006 for the availability of the participants, facilitators and consultant.