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Monthly Progress Report (September 2006) for the Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia (PROMISE) Hyderabad

The monthly summary report for September 2006 is as under

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Data Collection for Monsoon 2006 Rains

- Huge downpour continued in the month of September 2006 in Hyderabad city with the major reading of 130 millimeter inundating most of the low lying areas in target area. Four people died due to electrocution
- The assessment report for the recent heavy rains is being compiled and finalized. Whereas the photographs and the movie of the most rain-hit areas have been taken.

Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

- Hazard mapping and vulnerability study continued in the month of September although it could not be finished and going little longer due to torrential rains in the project area inundating entire localities submerged under water for almost two weeks
- Following tools used/are being used for the study:
 - Hazard Mapping
 - Historical Profiling and
 - Seasonal Calendar
 - Transect Walk
 - Interviews with Local Government Officials
 - Livelihood Analysis
 - Venn Diagram
 - Problem Tree

The data collection process for Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment is almost complete however compilation and analysis of the data will be completed by mid October 2006.

Development of GIS Database

- AKPBS after GIS training has constituted a team for development of GIS database of project areas
- Staff comprising Mr Mehrunnisa Hashmani and Mr Usama Anwer after participation in GIS training conducted field visit and collected coordinates at various points using GPS in the project areas Latifabad, Hyderabad

Component 2: Training

Training and Capacity Building

- Organized training on GIS from Sep 5-9, 2006 at Karachi with Mr Falak Nawaz and Mohibuddin Usama as Trainers. 13 staff of AKPBS Pakistan, Focus and Sungi participated. Topics covered:
 - Principles of Mapping

- Concept of GIS
- ILWIS Software and Data Capturing
- Map Referencing
- Attribute Data Handling
- Following nominations for the training on 'Urban Governance and Risk Management' were made:
 - Mr Muhammad Hussain Syed, District Coordination Officer, Hyderabad
 - Dr Bakhshal Khan Lashari, SAFWCO
 - Mr Masood Ahmed Mahesar, Project Coordinator, Promise, Hyderabad

However the nominees would not be able to participate in the training due to problems in seeking Visa for Philippines

- Following nominees would attend the Annual Working Group Meeting to be held at Manila, Philippines from 2-4 October 2006
 - Mr Muhammad Hussain Syed, District Coordinating Officer, Hyderabad
 - Mr Ali Nayani, CEO, Focus International
 - Mr Khizer Farooq Omer, Manager, Planning, Monitoring, AKPBS
 - Mr Masood Ahmed Mahesar, Project Coordinator, Promise Hyderabad, AKPBS, P

Mr Masood Mahesar will also participate in the Coordinators' Meeting to be held on October 1, 2006

Signing of MOU with Sindh Agricultural and Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO)

- An MOU has been signed with SAFWCO as a **Training Partner** for the PROMISE project.

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

Several networking meetings were held with different organizations and individuals to orient them about the project and future possible collaboration. This included meetings with:

- District Coordination Officer, Hyderabad
- Director Irrigation and Drainage Institute of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology
- Taluka Municipal Officer, Latifabad
- Community Groups
- Representatives of NGOs:
 - Pak Social Welfare Society
 - Special friend for special children
 - District Anti TB Association
 - Sindh Tarqee Pasand Mallah Tanzeem (STPMT)
 - All Sindh Ghera Sudhar Hindu Panchayat

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