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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.
 - Workshop for reviewing and completing the CDCC Manual
 - Sharing with Baguio City Disaster Coordinating Council, 911 and Philippine Military Academy
 - Orientation for the City-Wide Drill with the Eight Pilot Barangays, Bantay-Dagupan, and PATRIMA
 - Avian Influenza Network Meeting and Forum
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
 - Sharing with Baguio City Disaster Coordinating Council, 911 and Philippine Military Academy
 - Orientation for the City-Wide Drill with the Eight Pilot Barangays, Bantay-Dagupan, and PATRIMA
3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.
 - Avian Influenza Network Meeting and Forum
4. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.
 - Sharing with Baguio City Disaster Coordinating Council, 911 and Philippine Military Academy
 - Orientation for the City-Wide Drill with the Eight Pilot Barangays, Bantay-Dagupan, and PATRIMA
 - Avian Influenza Network Meeting and Forum

Activity 1: Workshop for reviewing and completing the CDCC Manual

On April 10, 2007 in Baguio, the TWG along with Project Coordinator reviewed the CDCC Manual, which was made last year. The important parts like the structure of the CDCC and the early warning and monitoring system was scrutinized and agreed upon. Lacking information was assigned to be researched by members of the TWG. Then there was an orientation of the upcoming drill. Then on April 18, 2007, the TWG met again with Ms. Luneta and Ms. Maris Palencia the Drill consultant. There was a follow up on the information that was researched and as well as the reminder on the setting up of the Flood markers. Then the consultant showed the initial drill plan and consulted on the scope and area of the drill. It was agreed upon to make a table top exercise along with the use of two way radios to see the communication flow within the 8 barangays as well as in the city, then the actual drill for the Dagupan City.

Activity 2: Sharing with Baguio City Disaster Coordinating Council, 911 and Philippine Military Academy

The Sharing of DRM Experiences pushed through last April 11, 2007. The TWG headed by Mr. Robert – Erfe Mejia the Deputized CDCC Officer and Mrs. Emma Molina the Focal person of Dagupan PROMISE Project along with Ms. Mayfourth Luneta the Project Coordinator met with the City Mayor Rey Bautista and discussed about the prevalent DRM practice in Baguio, after which the actual sharing of CDCC's followed. Baguio CDCC and the Emergency Medical

Services explained their structure and usual work for DRM especially on Emergency Services. Then Dagupan also shared their experience on Disaster Risk Management highlighting the Disaster Preparedness through Capability Building of the communities and the City.

Then the TWG went to the 911 service of Baguio where this Civic Organization offers Emergency Response in times of Disaster. The TWG saw the various skills the 911 had as well as the different gadgets and equipment for rescue operations. The visit to Philippine Military Academy also proved fruitful seeing they were also equipped for emergency services and their communication services showed wide coverage which helps them to transmit vital information easily.

The sharing showed the strength of the Baguio CDCC, 911 and the PMA was more of the Emergency Preparedness while Dagupan CDCC (TWG) showed that they have tried to strengthen the Preparedness aspect of the high risk barangays as well as the City through the Community Based Disaster Risk Management Approach.

Activity 3: Orientation for the City-Wide Drill with the Eight Pilot Barangays, Bantay-Dagupan, and PATRIMA

On April 12, 2007 in the morning the TWG and the representatives of the Eight pilot barangays reviewed their own early warning and evacuation plan for the coming drill. The TWG members were assigned to the eight barangays to facilitate the small group discussions to look into the plans and see what is lacking and what needs to be improved. The areas where to install the flood markers were also reviewed and noted. Then Ms. Mayfourth Luneta facilitated the whole after the small group discussions and gave the orientation for the coming Drill.

In the afternoon there was an orientation for Bantay Dagupan (network of civic volunteer organizations) and for PATRIMA (tri-media network of Dagupan City) on what the PROMISE Project is all about on the Drill on last week of May.

The project Coordinator facilitated the meeting and asked the commitment of the group not only for the drill but for disaster preparedness for the city. There was an inventory on what the organizations can offer (like vehicles, manpower, skills).

Activity 4: Avian Influenza Network Meeting and Forum

There was a meeting of the Avian Influenza Network of Civil Society in Philippine Business for Social Progress where Center for Disaster Preparedness (Ms. Luneta and Ms. Hiyas Cagay) attended and other NGO's with the Department of Health on April 19, 2007. Various strategies of member organizations on Disaster Preparedness specifically on Avian Influenza were discussed and promoted. Opportunities also for proposals were also given during the meeting. The AI Preparedness proposals for Aus AID and the Business Plan for Social Progress thru PBSP were the two proposals that the Project Coordinator shared to the Dagupan City PROMISE Project for discussion.

B. Next month activities Plan

Continuous Preparation and Actual Drill

TWG Meeting

Preparation for Disaster Preparedness Day

Preparation for Public Awareness and Sharing of DRM experiences

Preparation for MFR Part 2

C. Issues encountered and solutions

The TWG and the Coordinator had a hard time in setting the schedules due to the availability of the key persons involved and due to the Bangus Festival; however this was solved through compromise.

There will also be a transition period for the finance, since there will be a new finance officer but CDP tried to facilitate the easy and better turn over of finance materials from Ms. Benily Dimabuyo to Mrs. Francisca Doctolero.

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