

Monthly Progress Report-April 2007

Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary Cities in Asia (PROMISE) implementing in Kalutara District in Sri Lanka.

1. Introduction:

After 1990, records demonstrate that floods have occurred every year in certain locations of the Kalu river basin. Kalutara district is one of those flood prone areas. The most recent major flood event that affected Kalutara was in 2003 May and included seven administrative districts in southern, Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces.

1.1 Program goal:

Reduced vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in the city of Kautara , Sri Lanka.

1.2 Program Objectives:

- Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in target cities.
- Increase stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disaster in urban communities.
- Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions / organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

2. Partner Organizations:

- Urban Council, Kautara
- Department of Meteorological
- Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Sramadana Movement
- National Water Supply and Drainage Board
- Asian Disaster Preparedness center (ADPC)
- Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG)
- Agriculture Department (Land Use Division)
- National Building Research organization (NBRO)

3. Project Objective & Activities in Summary:

OBJECTIVE 1:

Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in targeted cities.

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.

OBJECTIVE 3:

Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.

OBJECTIVE 4:

Institutions/organizations for improved capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned. Strengthened networks and regional linkages among relevant risk management

4. Results Achieved:

Objective 01: Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in targeted cities			
Expected Result 1.1	Performance Indicator	Achievement	Remarks
Increased resilience of selected communities to hydro- meteorological disaster	Number of community based mitigation projects implemented in the selected city	Completed the hazard mapping and vulnerable assessment of 14 villages in the Kalutara Municipal area. the locations and objectives of the Small scale community based Risk mitigation projects	Identified the locations, Project titles and objectives of the Small scale community based Risk mitigation projects based on the vulnerable assessment results.
	Number of community based early warning systems piloted and established	Fixing the dates for Workshop on Establishment of End to End Early Warning System for 5communities in upper water stream Ratnapura	Selected the students from Sarvodaya Shramadana societies as trainers of Early Warning System.
	Medical First Respondents/MFR at community level	Booked the Bandaragama Training centre for the training. Fixing the date for MFR and selected the participants.	MFR training will be held on 21st -25 th May

- Because of the long vacation for New year festival, We couldn't conduct any other activities other than the planning of above mentioned activities.
- New project manager was recruited for the ADPC PROMISE project and it will be a good opportunity to carry out future activities successfully.



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