



PROMISE PROJECT VIETNAM

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

In June the project team: i) finalized poster on construction principles resistant to typhoon and floods ii) continued with development of a set of guidelines on safer construction techniques resistant to typhoons and floods iii) reviewed Disaster Preparedness Plans of the section clusters and summarization of subprojects proposed by section clusters iv) collected information on the city emergency rescue system v) conducted the three-day CBDRM training class at ward level vi) attended the three - day advocacy skills training funded by DIPECHO.

Activities and performance:

- **Activity 1.3 Documentation of best practices for community-based small-scale mitigation projects to reduce vulnerability: development of poster on house construction principles.**

The project team has finalized the poster on nine construction principles resistant to typhoon and floods in consultation with ADPC team's opinions. The poster has been sent to city authority, and is awaiting their approval. The poster will then be printed in a hundred copies and sent to ward and district people's committee district, beneficiaries of the house programme, head of sections for their dissemination of these principles in community meetings.

- **Activity 2.5 Risked based urban land use planning training**
Activity 2.5.2 Develop guidelines on safe construction techniques

This month Promise Vietnam continued with development of a set of guidelines to raise the community awareness on safer construction techniques. The content of the guidelines were drafted, including information on typhoons/floods and climate change, historical profiles of damages to houses caused by typhoons and floods, analysis of reasons why many houses were damaged and destroyed. Based on this analysis, the document then proposes safer construction principles and techniques in reinforcing as well as building houses. The guidelines were developed in collaboration with the Construction department of Danang city and the Construction Consulting Company of Architect Union. The guidelines would be disseminated in the community.

Activity 2.3.1: CBDRM training at community level

- + Review of Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP) of the section cluster and summarization of subprojects proposed by section clusters

Five DPPs of the section cluster were submitted and are being reviewed by the project team. A sheet of proposed subproject summary was being done to serve as a basic for development of DPP and proposed subprojects at ward level.

- + CBDRM training at ward level:

The first three - day CBDRM training at ward level was to be conducted at meeting hall of PC of Hoa Thoa Tay ward from 26th to 28th June 2007. Thirty persons including members of the ward CSFC and representative of the most vulnerable sections (head of sections) were to be invited to the training. An MOU

was signed with Cam Le district Red Cross association (with particular help from a city red cross trainer) to conduct the training. The remaining two CBDRM training classes in the other two most vulnerable wards was planned for implementation in August.

▪ **Activity 2.6 Emergency Rescue team at city and ward level/development of " Standard Operating Procedures":**

Information on the emergency rescue system of the city was being gathered to decide on project possible interventions.

▪ **Other Activity:**

Attendance of the Advocacy Skills Training

This month the Project Coordinator attended the training class on Advocacy skills funded by DIPECHO and facilitated by ADPC team including Ms Gabrielle Isglesias, Project networking coordinator. It was a three - day training starting on 7th to 9th June in Hanoi. Promise Vietnam coordinator made a presentation on Promise Vietnam activities of Component 4 "Advocacy for mainstreaming risk management in urban governance".

Development of Case Study for Promise Vietnam

In the middle of June 2007, Ms Gabrielle Iglesias, PROMISE's networking and information coordinator from ADPC has come to Vietnam to develop a case study on the above-mentioned safer housing programme with the theme of mainstreaming safer construction into regulation and private practice. Some interviews/meetings were arranged with city and district urban planner, officials of the city construction department to learn about the planning, zoning and building permit process in Danang, get their assessment of the impact that Typhoon Xangsane had on planning, zoning and building permit. Photos of repaired and rebuilt houses were taken and interviews done to beneficiaries of the programme.

B. Next month activities Plan:

- Training on CBDRM at ward level : continue with the two other wards;
- Printing and delivering of poster on construction principles;
- Finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Development of guidelines for using DPP fund
- Subproject selection
- TOT for Change Agents

C. Issues encountered and solutions:

No issue was encountered this month.