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**Monthly Progress Report (June 2007) for the
Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia
(PROMISE), Hyderabad**

The monthly summary report for June, 2007 is as under:

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Demo Projects

- AKPBS, P submitted the demo projects to ADPC for approval. After the feedback from ADPC the demo projects are being submitted again by July 26, 2007

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building

- Training on 'Resource Mobilization' was delayed due to unavailability of the trainers, but now is being organized from July 22-25, 2007 at Hyderabad. Nineteen members from six (6) disaster management committees formed under the project are participating in the training. Mr Gopal Das Malhi, Senior Coordinator, Strengthening Participating Organizations (SPO) and Dr Bakhshal Khan Lashari, Professor, Mehran University, Jamshoro (Master Trainer from ADPC on Disaster Management) are the resource persons for the training. Following contents are being covered during the event:
 - Active Citizenship
 - Organization Development
 - Disaster Management Committee
 - Disaster Management
 - Hydro-Meteorological Disasters
 - Resource Acquisition
 - Why Resource Mobilization
 - Sources of Funding
 - Self Help Basis Resource Generation
 - Government Funding
 - Funding Through CCBs (what and how)
- Hyderabad is the eighth largest city of the country, in spite of that there are many areas within the city which lack basic facilities. Under the project poorest of the poor communities living in low lying areas have been selected wherein hazard and vulnerability assessment was conducted in the first phase of the project and demo projects will be executed during the current phase. During the reporting period the project team has introduced 20 cost effective energy efficient smokeless stoves in two localities.
- In view of the approaching monsoon season, the Disaster Management Committees have been convening their meetings to take stock of the situation. During the reporting period

two (2) committees have convened their meetings. The agenda of these meetings was to review the vulnerability context and make interim arrangements. Through these meetings it was urged to start the works on demo projects so as the communities could reap the benefits of the projects.

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

The project team continued field activities through meetings with communities and other stakeholders: NGOs and GOs. The focus of these meetings in the month of June was to discuss the implementation strategies for demo projects and planning for forthcoming monsoon season. Following important decisions were made during these meetings:

- All the respective DMCs will revisit the social maps, re-identify vulnerable localities and populations within their jurisdiction in couple of weeks, update the relevant information and play their respective roles
- It was also decided to speed up the registration process of DMCs as Community Citizen's Boards so as the committees could mobilize the much needed public resources to prepare themselves and the communities to face the imminent rain disaster.

The people of PROMISE project areas have limited livelihood alternatives, which inhibits conventional banking institutions from extending financial services to them. To create new livelihood options and to facilitate the requests from the communities for access to micro-credit, the project team contacted and invited First Microfinance Bank to provide financial services in the project areas. The bank official held a meeting with the Disaster Management Committee and potential beneficiaries and made rapid appraisals on June 6, 2007 in Ghera Basti. Consequently, the Bank has decided to start their services soon in the projects areas.

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