



Sarvodaya



Monthly Progress Report-June 2007

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

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

- **Form Emergency Response Teams**

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.

- **Neighborhood network of community base organization to support the function of EOCs**

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

- **Discussion held in District Secretarial Office**

Activity Report

Activity 1

Form Emergency Response Teams

This activity is a joint effort between the Disaster Management Centre and the Community Health Unit of Sarvodaya. The long term aim of this project is to provide all communities vulnerable to disasters in the selected district with an efficient emergency response team which will eventually include an ambulance service with trained paramedics. It also aims to provide and disseminate awareness about emergency situations to all members of the community so that minimal harm is done to victims by those who first arrive at the scene. In order to achieve this, it has been suggested that **basic first aid training** could be introduced in schools so that in the future, a large proportion of people could respond and act properly in an emergency. Once trained, children could even pass their knowledge onto parents or relatives who have never been taught.

Activity 2

Neighborhood networks of community –based organizations to support the functioning of EOC s

After training 25 youth from Kalutara district through a MFR training last May, we identified that there is a necessity for EOC for area where these skills can be put in to practice. During the 1st year of the promise project, we had already identified the infrastructure that is suitable for such an EOC. As an immediate measure after the MFR, we hope to establish an Emergency Response Team (ERT) for Kalutara attach to EOC Kalutara. The purpose of the ERT is have a trained group of individuals who will mobilize immediately at time of the disaster in the Kalutara district, working hand in hand with other NGOs and the government DMC.

- **Discussion 01** - A discussion was held at the Kalutara District Centre on Functioning of the Emergency operation centre with the District office staff. Discussed the role of PROMISE team and the role of the District office regarding EOC. After the discussion, prepared the work plan for EOC and the village comities that hope to link with EOC.
- **Discussion 02-** A discussion was held with Mr. Weerakkodi, Representative of the DMC, kalutara at the District secretariat office on 13th of June 2007. He agreed to support the activities of the EOC and he emphasized the importance of avoid the overlapping of

the activities .Because some times NGO s and Government do the similar activities to the same community .it leads the time and resource waisting.He agreed with PROMISE team to share the experiences and to provide the relevant information on trainings so far conducted to the target community.

- **Discussion 03** - A meeting with Administrative Officer of GN officers at District Secretariat office for following things.
 - Aware on the concept of establishing EOC IN THE District of Kalutara. And also the support can be obtained from GN s for that.
 - Assessed the strength of the village level “Rescue” groups formed by the government DMC to analyze the possibilities to have links with them in the formation of ERT.
 - Did aware on the trainings so far received by the above teams for their skill development and analyzed the gaps to be bridged in the future.

Activity 3

Discussion with District Secretarial office on Developing small scale community projects

Overview

Sarvodaya PROMISE team hopes to conduct a meeting with District Secretarial office on the future activities of the project specially developing small scale community projects. Earlier they have mentioned they also have proposals for kalutara municipal area.Sarvodaya PROMISE team want to avoid the overlapping of their activities and find the feasibility of doing some projects together to save the resources.

Topics Discussed - Small scale community level projects.

- Five GN divisions have suited proposals to Sarvodaya Disaster Management Centre to work on the suggested activities in the proposal under ADPC project. Those are more expensive and not meet the allocated budget. Some of the activities need to get approval from the government. These factors were brought in to the discussion at the meeting.
- Necessary clarifications were to be given in the meeting for delay in starting them/not accepting all the proposals to absorb them in to the ADPC project cost.