



PROMISE PROJECT

Philippines

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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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.
 - Technical Working Group Meeting and Courtesy Call for Mayor Alipio Fernandez
 - Community Based Emergency Response Course for the City Staff
 - Dagupan Disaster Safety Day and Disaster Consciousness Month
 - Disaster Management Orientation for the Media and for the Schools

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
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3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.
 - Dagupan Disaster Safety Day and Disaster Consciousness Month

4. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.
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 - Disaster Management Orientation for the Media and for the Schools
 - Sharing of Dagupan Experience for Child Fund Japan
 - Coordinators' Meeting in ADPC, Thailand

Activity 1: Technical Working Group Meeting and Courtesy Call for Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr.

On July 10, 2007 Ms. Mayfourth Luneta of CDP with Ms. Emma Molina and Mr. Reggie Ubando had a courtesy call with Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr for the project PROMISE. There was an orientation on what the Project PROMISE has been doing for the past 1 and a half year. The Mayor was given a copy of the ISDR Publication on good practices on Disaster Risk Management and Local Governance highlighting the success of the project. He was later given the letter of congratulation and support from Asian Disaster Preparedness Center represented by Mr. Arambe. Mayor Fernandez along with City Administrator Alvin Fernandez were very happy with the Project and expressed their continued support for the project. A series of TWG meeting were held during the month of July to prepare for the Disaster Safety Month activities

Activity 2: Community Based Emergency Response Course for the City Staff

On July 17- 19, 2007, there was the Community Based Emergency Response Course for the Dagupan City Staff conducted by ADPC headed by Mr. John Abo, along with Mr. Muhibuddin Usama (UDRM) and co – facilitated by the Pangasinan Red Cross team represented by Mr. Benjo Bacani and the others. There were 29 participants representing different offices composing the City Disaster Coordinating Council like the City Health Office, City Engineering, City Social Work Department, Public Order and Safety Office,

Bureau of Fire, and Waste Management Department. The City Agriculture helped in the logistics for the said training. The training included Basic Life Support and First Aid as well as Mass Casualty Scenarios.

Activity 3: Sharing of Dagupan Experience for Child Fund Japan

During the Disaster Management Orientation for Child Fund Japan last July 23-25, Ms. Mayfourth Luneta shared the PROMISE Dagupan Experience which was one of the highlights of Orientation for CFJ's mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management in CFJ Offices and partners. Ms. Grace Molina of CDP co facilitated the orientation. CFJ Director Ms. Rina Masunyac invited Ms. Emma J. Molina the PROMISE focal person, upon the suggestion of Ms. Luneta for the next CFJ training to be held in Baguio City.

Activity 4: Dagupan Disaster Safety Day and Disaster Consciousness Month

The Dagupan disaster Safety Day last July 16, 2007 was highlighted by the awarding of certificates of appreciation for the stakeholders, partners and communities who actively participated in the City wide Drill last May 31, 2007. Mayor Fernandez was the one to give the certificates along with the other important city officials. The Speaker of the occasion was Director Armando Duque of the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council who commended the City's Preparedness Activities and even announced that the City of Dagupan and Barangay Mangin (one of the PROMISE pilot communities) are Kalasag Awardees (Disaster Risk Management Award) for the Regional Level in the Philippines. There was also the Tableau and slogan competition for the Different Schools during the same day. The disaster Safety Day only started the different Disaster Consciousness Activities for the whole month. This was also in coordination with the National Disaster Consciousness Month. The PROMISE project sponsored the Media and two School Disaster Management Orientations. The Academic Olympics which happened last July 26, 2007 was also one of the most awaited part for the students not only in Dagupan but in invited schools in the province of Pangasinan. Different activities (participated by mostly students) like the oratorical contest, essay writing, extemporaneous speech contests, art contests, and the quizbee with the theme "Are you Safe?" were part of the Academic Olympics these were organized by the TWG headed by Ms. Dea Que. Reforestation and Mangrove Revegetation were also the other activities for the month headed by Ms. Emma Molina. Dagupan Jaycees and Dagupan City Co sponsored with Promise the said activities.

Activity 5: Disaster Management Orientation for the Media and for the Schools

There were Disaster Management Orientations for the following as part of the public awareness campaign:

- 1.) There were two DMO's for the school teachers and administrator (for elementary, high school, college for both public and private. The first orientation had 90 participants was last July 19, 2007 while the second batch of DMO had 60 participants which was held last July 20, 2007. The orientation included basic knowledge in Disaster Risk Management and different DRM activities for schools and children. These DMO's enhanced the knowledge of the teachers which was manifested in the previous academic Olympics. The results of the contests showed higher level of awareness on DRM of students which we assume that the teachers imparted after the DMO. This was done thru the coordination with DEP Ed. The TWG – Mr. Reggie Ubando, Ms. Emma Molina, Ms Dea Que and Ms Luneta were the resource speakers and facilitators.

- 2.) There was also the DMO for the Media coordinated by Mr. Ryan Ravanzo, the new CIO head with PATRIMA and other media people. Ms. Luneta invited Ms. Adelina Alvarez to be the main speaker for DM and Media, as for the basic concepts and disaster Situation Mr. Dereck Dawis, and Ms. Dea Que were the ones who facilitated the topics. They had 30 participants from various TV and radio networks, and papers.

The TWG were already the ones facilitating the basic topics in DRM, this is part of the capability Building for the CITY.

Activity 6: Coordinators' Meeting in ADPC, Thailand

The coordinators' meeting started last July 31, 2007. MS. Luneta along with the other four coordinators attended the meeting and gave updates on their different areas. The UDRM team facilitated and supported the coordinators.

Next month activities Plan

Preparation for Urban Governance Disaster Risk Management Training National
Preparation for Newly Elected City Councilors
Sharing of Dagupan Experience for CFJ Partners
TWG meeting and Planning
Preparation for ADPC / Care Study tour

Issues encountered and solutions

Due to simultaneous activities for Disaster Safety Week it was hard to manage all the activities at the same time. The main person for the activity Ms. Dea Que (City Tourism Officer) has temporarily out of staff due to the transition period of regularization of staff. The solution was to support Ms. Dea Qea in all her preparation and actual conduct of the activities, and the other departments

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