



**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.

- PROMISE Coordinators' Meeting
- TWG Meeting

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

- PROMISE Coordinators' Meeting
- Sharing of Dagupan PROMISE Experiences in Baguio and Cebu with Child Fund Japan Partners
- TWG Meetings and Preparations for the Study Tour

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

- PROMISE Coordinators' Meeting

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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### **Activity 1 PROMISE Coordinators' Meeting**

On August 1- 2, 2007 was the PROMISE Coordinators' meeting highlighting the different project components including the small scale mitigation projects, networking and other equally relevant administrative issues like making and submitting financial reports and all other reports. The networking among coordinators and ADPC were enhanced thru the said meeting. The sharing of relevant experiences by the different coordinators and ADPC helped equip the coordinators in their respective areas. During this meeting, ADPC was also able to give technical guidance to the coordinators.

It was attended by the five different coordinators from the different countries of PROMISE. The meeting was facilitated by the dynamic team from ADPC headed by Mr. Arambepola (Mr. Muhibuddin, Mr. Anupkar, and Ms. Gabrielle Iglesias).

Ms. Luneta the coordinator from the Philippines, aside from being able to attend and benefit from the Coordinators' Meeting, was also able to coordinate with ADPC with the Provention project for the publication of the Child Oriented Participatory Risk Assessment Tool kit which was also used in the Project PROMISE in the Philippines.

### **Activity 2 Sharing of Dagupan PROMISE Experiences in Baguio and Cebu with Child Fund Japan Partners**

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta of CDP and Ms. Rina Munsayac of Child Fund Japan (CFJ) agreed to have CBDRM training for their Partners in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao highlighting the Dagupan Promise Experience. The training will help them in their

mainstreaming CBDRM in their institution and partners. The members of the training team are the following: Ms. Luneta (PROMISE Coordinator) - Facilitator; Ms. Emma Molina (PROMISE focal person) – Resource Person and Ms. Jesus Grace Molina (CDP information officer) – Documenter. The training was attended by the different CFJ centers and Partners all over the Philippines. There were two batch of training. The first Training was in Baguio having 26 participants from Aug 6-10, 2007 and the second training was in Cebu having 22 participants from August 27-31, 2007. The training was mainly sponsored by CFJ.

CDP and the Project Promise were able to share their experience in local governance and CBDRM. The events also opened possibilities of partnership between the project PROMISE partners and CFJ partners.

### **Activity 3 TWG Meetings and Preparation for Study Tour**

#### **PROMISE Updates**

Ms. Luneta gave updates on what transpired in the Coordinators' Meeting. The small scale mitigation project was a priority in the discussion. The initial submissions from the communities were already reviewed. Those who submitted asking for materials were mostly denied. The projects that were considered are the following:

1. Environmental Sanitation Project
2. Improved Evacuation Centers
3. Sustainable Livelihood Option City level
4. Capability Building for the other 23 Barangays

But this will still undergo scrutiny and validation. On September 19, and 20 there will be a consultative and planning meeting for the sustainability of CBDRM in Dagupan. The projects will be reviewed here.

Choosing the representative for the next DM and Governance in Thailand was also discussed. The first nominee was the City Administrator Alvin Fernandez, which was later changed to Mr. Ryan Rabanzo, the City Information Officer.

Case Study of the CBDRM in Dagupan was also discussed that it should be done for the benefit of other communities. Production of AVP materials for the Simulation was also discussed.

#### **Coordination with Engineer Renan**

During the Coordinators' Meeting, ADPC highly recommend Engr. Renan to help in the land use planning of Dagupan City. Ms. Luneta communicated with Engr. Renan to have a meeting. However, their schedules were not able to meet yet.

#### **Study Tour**

TWG meetings were conducted for the preparation of the Study Tour. After many consultations the TWG and Ms. Luneta decided to have three clusters of the pilot communities having the following themes per cluster:

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| Cluster I  | Community Risk Assessment on Hazards<br>Disaster Risk Reduction Measures<br>Early Warning and Evacuation Plan<br>Flood Response Simulation |
| Cluster II | Risk assessment on Vulnerability and Capacity<br>Disaster reduction measures<br>Economic mitigation<br>Strengthening BDCC                  |

Cluster III    Capability Building  
                  Communication System  
                  Water Search and Rescue  
                  First Aid

The TWG divided themselves into three groups to supervise the three clusters. The BDCC's and the community people prepared for the presentations.

Ms. Jelyne Gealone, the Admin Officer of CDP, was the point person in CDP for the preparation for the CBDRM Study Tour for Care Bangladesh while Ms. Grace Molina and Ms. Luneta were the support team. Ms. Luneta being the coordinator of the PROMISE project in the Philippines was the one who coordinated the Study Tour in Dagupan. Consultations with ADPC (Ms. Nirmala Fernando and Ms Gaby Iglesias) were also done, especially the flow of the programs of the study tour.

#### **A. Next month activities Plan**

Study Tour

Planning Workshop for Sustainability of CBDRM in Dagupan

Making of Oxfam Good Practices Case Study: PROMISE Project

#### **B. Issues encountered and solutions**

The submission of the small scale mitigation projects took a long time, because of other activities of the communities) and the city (PROMISE and non PROMISE activities. PROMISE activities have taken a lot of time of the TWG and the communities, that's why CDP and the TWG understood the situation. Follow up and a series of meeting helped in reminding.

Orientation about CBDM and the project PROMISE of newly elected and appointed officials was a necessity for the sustainability. After the courtesy call last month for Mayor Fernandez, an orientation for the City Vice Mayor and Councilors was planned. The new CIO Ryan Rabanzo already attended the Disaster Risk Management Orientation for Media and will be attending the DM Governance Course next month.

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