



Sarvodaya



Monthly Progress Report-From 31st of July to 22nd of August 2007

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

Project Components

Component 1 – Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
Component 2 – Mitigation and Preparedness
Component 3 – Training and Public Awareness
Component 4 – Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management in Urban Governance
Component 5 – Project Implementation Support

According to our work plan for this month we had to complete following activities

Activity Report

Activity 1

Revise the activity plan and the budget

As requested by the ADPC at Coordinators Meeting in Thailand, activity plan and the budget were revised based on the priority of the importance of implementing those activities. We hope to conduct future activities based on the revised plan.

Activity 2

Follow-up Visit to NBRO

Ms Priyanka Mudalige ,Promise project manager visited to the NBRO on 13th of August to have a discussion with Mr. Bandara and Mr.Kishan from NBRO on delaying of the preparing of Flood model and Work to be completed under developing Early Warning System. Dr.Nandalal of University of Peradeniya was joined to the discussion over the phone at the time of meeting and explained the present situation of developing flood model.

NBRO will be finished demarcating zones within two weeks after the submission of the flood model by Dr.Nandalal and Installation of flood models will be taken place during the month of September.

Trainings will be done in parallel to the installation of flood gauges and also after that in October.

Activity 3

Follow up visit to SLILG

Mr. Ajith Rathnayake from SLILG and Priyanka from Sarvodaya met for a discussion on delivery of training by SLILG. Mr. Ajith recapped the past activities that took place and reasoned out the issues related to not delivering the second training on Governance and DRR. Importance of the Extending of MOU between Sarvodaya and SLILG. Next training will be conducted in mid of October for maximum of 25 participants. SLILG will participate in the 2nd Regional Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction at ADPC in Thailand from 17th to 23rd and they want to add learning from that to Course on Local Governance here.

Within one week SLILG had sent the requesting letter to extend the MOU and Sarvodaya is taking steps to extend the MOU within this month.

Activity 1. Briefing Meeting at District Center on 16th of August 16, 2007

The meeting was held in Kalutara Sarvodaya District Centre. The objective of the meeting was to brief the Coordinators meeting achievements and to explain the steps we should immediately undertake. Mr. Menaka Wigisinghe, Director, Sarvodaya Community Disaster Management Centre, PROMISE staff, Mr. Pale Premachandra, District Coordinator, Kalutara, and Mr. Sunil Ranasingha, Divisional Coordinator were participated to the discussion.

All participants understood the importance of to make awareness of all district staff members about the changes should be done after the coordinators meeting at Thailand. The day of 21st of the August was fixed to conduct next meeting for all District staff members with the intension of briefing the current status of the project.

2 Briefing Meeting at Kalutara 21st of August 22, 2007

Promise Staff Members, 7 Divisional Coordinators, District Coordinator and 5 staff members of District Centre were participated to the meeting.

See annex 1- Participants List of the Meeting on 21st of August

A presentation was done by Ms. Priyanka Mudalige, Project Manager, on current status of the project and the roles of District Centre staff in future activities. Main objective of this meeting is to refresh the staff to assist in on going revising of PRA with village representatives as some of the staff members hesitate to meet villagers again for PRA.

Other matters discussed in the meeting

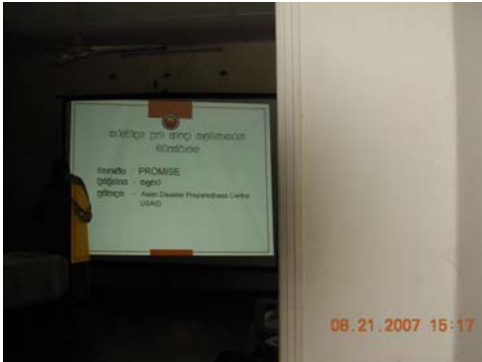
Functioning of EOC

- All staff members made aware on EOC concept and collected their innovative ideas for functioning of the EOC.
- Discussed about SOP development.
- Level of responsibility within the Kalutara district level staff.

- Role compartmentalization of Sarvodaya and the Government DMC.
- Discussed the time lines to complete the activity and have a simulation.

National Safety Day

- Aware the staff on National Safety Day activities, that we were conducted last year and requested to give creative ideas to plan this year National Safety Day activities.



Project Manager is briefing the current status



Part of the District Staff

3 Steps forward to revise HVRA

As per to the suggestion made by ADPC to revise HVRA following steps have being taken during the month of August.

- Gathered two groups of village representatives and collected data relate to vulnerable communities and problems attached to them.

Ultimate objective is to proceed revised HVRA report end of the September.

4 Communities Based Small Scale Projects

Collect more details from Planning Division of Zonal Educational office, Kalutara on vulnerability issues relate to natural hazards affecting to schools. A field visit will be done on 24th of August to selected schools to assess the situation.

Objective is to develop a disaster risk mitigation activity plan for schools as a community based disaster mitigation project.

Activity 5

Form Emergency Response Teams

As per discussion held in District Centre Kalutara on 21st of August, We have planned to conduct next 5 day Emergency Response Training at Kalutara for 25 participants starting from 1st of October 2007. After that training total of trained participants from the district will be 50 and we will sign MOU with Medical Teams International to receive their technical service to facilitate MFR trainings up to 100 participants from Kalutara and attach them to EOC.

Further steps to be taken to update the knowledge of the participants were discussed with the Medical Teams International. With the ideas of both parties monitoring plan will be developed to monitor the service of those participants.

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Annex 1

Participants List
Meeting at Sarvodaya District Centre
Molligoda, Wadduwa

Date: 21st of Aug 2007

Name (නම)	Designation (තනතුර)	Signature (අත්සන)
1 Nandasena Ciyarage	D: Coordinator	
2 A.D. Piyadasawa	P. "	
3 KUMARI MEEDAGODA	D-C	
4 Dhanawathi Withanachchi	D-C	
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6 T.M.T.H. Siriwardana	D-D-C	
7 Saduwi Nilush	Accounts Clerk	
8 Soma Udumitigoda	Divisional Co. Kalutara	
9 N.K. Champika Sri Kumar;	S.P.Co: Kalutara.	
10 K.R. Upali Premachandra	Dist-co. od.	
11 K.A.R. Kdonna	Divisional Co: Rajarathna	
12 Umitha Padmeni Jayanetti	D-C Dammulla	
13 Sivil Kemashe	D-C- Colaba.	
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