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PROMISE PROJECT

Philippines

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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I. ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

Objective	Activities
1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.	
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.	⇒ Presentation of PROMISE Project to the City Council
3. Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools, and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities	⇒ Asia Pacific Regional Workshop in School Education and Disaster Risk Reduction
4. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ National Training Course on Landslide Risk Management
5. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Financial Review of Zay Yar
6. Strengthened networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.	

II. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Presentation of PROMISE Project to the City Council

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta presented the achievements and success of the project PROMISE to the Dagupan City Council on 2 October 2007. She also highlighted the key role played by the City Council when it passed the City Ordinance on Disaster Safety Day in 2006. Moreover, she sought additional support from the Council in passing local laws that would ensure the sustainability of disaster risk reduction measures in the City. Such laws include the establishment of a 24-hour Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and official adoption of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and City Disaster Coordinating Council Manual drafted by the Technical Working Group (TWG).

City Council members expressed their continued support for the PROMISE Project.

Asia Pacific Regional Workshop in School Education and Disaster Risk Reduction

Ms. Luneta attended the Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on October 8-10, 2007. The Workshop promoted the participation of children in DRR. During the parallel sessions, Ms. Luneta highlighted the PROMISE project experience in DRM and local governance. Likewise, a tarpaulin showing pictures of schools and children involved in the PROMISE Project was exhibited.

The participants from Bhutan and Germany expressed interest to collaborate with the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) in the future.

National Training Course on Landslide Risk Management

The RECLAIM project invited Ms. Luneta to share the process of CBDRM in Landslide Management on 17 October 2007. She underscored the key processes adopted by Dagupan City. As a result, some participants from the local government sector recognized their need to implement disaster risk reduction measures in their areas. The participation of CDP in the CBDM component of the RECLAIM project was also sought.

Financial Review of Zay Yar

Mr. Zay Yar reviewed the finances of CDP on October 25-26, 2007. His review identified ways to improve the financial documentation of the Center. The financial officers of the project PROMISE likewise discussed financial documentation and procedures with Mr. Yar.

III. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2007

The following are the planned activities for November 2007:

- ⇒ Meetings and consultations of the technical Working Group (TWG)
- ⇒ Writing of the Case Study of Barangay Mangin's CBDRM Experience
- ⇒ Writing of the Case Study on Setting Up the Early Warning System and Evacuation Plan of Dagupan City
- ⇒ Planning for the CBDRM Orientation for the RECLAIM Project
- ⇒ Sharing of Experience with Plan-East Timor

IV. ISSUES ENCOUNTERED AND SOLUTIONS UNDERTAKEN

- ⇒ The Barangay elections hampered some of the scheduled activities for the month, specifically the implementation of small scale mitigation projects (SSMPs). These activities were rescheduled in November and December 2007.

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