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**Monthly Progress Report (October 2007) for the
Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia
(PROMISE), Hyderabad**

The monthly summary report for October, 2007 is as under:

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Demo Projects

- The terms of partnership with all the community members are signed. The demo projects are to be started soon the funds are transferred. As well the due to *Ramadhan* it was not possible to start the physical works
- The report on 'Participatory Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment' is under process.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building

- An orientation program for the school children was organized in Government High School, Qasimabad. Thirty five (35) boys participated in the event. At the end of session the children were able to understand basic causes of the disasters and their effects of human lives and livelihoods.
- PROMISE team in collaboration with SAFWCO, local NGO partner celebrated International Disaster Day at a local hotel in Hyderabad. District Government representatives, civil society organizations, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh Province, Ms Nuzhat Pathan and members of Provincial Disaster Management Authority alongwith 250 community members participated in the event. On the occasion Mr Suleman G Abro, CEO, SAFWCO, Dr Bakhshal Khan Lashari, Professor Mehran University of Engineering and Technology and Masood A Mahesar, Country Coordinator, PROMISE eulogized importance of the event and growing number of disasters occurring in the world.

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

Two meetings were held with Taluka Municipal Administration Latifabad to discuss city action plan. The plan was updated with local Government perspective. The city action plan is expected to be finalized through a consultative workshop in December 2007.

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