



# **PROMISE PROJECT VIETNAM**

## **NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

**Implemented By:**

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**ADPC**

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## **A. Activity Summary**

For the month of November 2007 the activities of the PROMISE Vietnam team were:

- i) Finalization of the set of guidelines on safer construction techniques resistant to typhoons and floods among CEI team and sending to ADPC for comments;
- ii) Revise two proposals on small scale community based mitigation projects;
- iii) Checking design and cost estimates of structural projects submitted by wards;
- iv) Provision a part of the emergency facilities and conduct training on how to use emergency correctly to emergency teams;
- v) Finalization the drawing competition with Educational Department of Cam Le district and primary schools.
- vi) Develop website for PROMISE Vietnam
- vii) Receiving visit of USAID representatives

## **B. Activities and performance:**

### **▪ Activity 2.5 Risked based urban land use planning training**

*Activity 2.5.2 Develop guidelines on safe construction techniques*

Guidelines were finalized among CEI team and sent to ADPC for their comments.

### **▪ Activity 2.4: Community Based Disaster Preparedness Plan**

*Activity 2.4.2 – 2.4.3 Sub project selection review and implementation*

ADPC granted their approval for the proposed structural small scale disaster migration projects. These projects included upgrading inter-field dykes (two sections) for agriculture production, improvement of flood drains and evacuation routes. The project teams requested the ward to develop detailed designs and cost estimates of these sub projects and submit to PROMISE Vietnam for our checking and comments.

For support of emergency facilities under the City level Emergency Response Plans, PROMISE Vietnam provided some of emergency facilities such as 90 life jackets, 40 life buoys, 260 helmets, 98 hand loudspeakers and 300 m of ropes emergency rescue team of wards and sections as proposed in their disaster preparedness plans. The equipment was delivered before the historic flood on 12 November 2007. The in time support has helped the community be better prepared to the second biggest flood ever happened in the Central of Vietnam.

After delivering of emergency facilities, a training on how to use these facilities were conducted to thirty members of emergency response teams of three wards. The training was done in collaboration with the city Red Cross.

### **Activity 3.1 Campaign for raising public awareness**

#### **Activity 3.1.2 School programs:**

Preparations continue for the drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and Living Environment Protection for 4th and 5th grade pupils of school in the three project wards. A meeting was held with Educational Department of Cam Le district and five primary

schools of the three wards participating in the training to finalise the plan. The competition was to do at two levels, school and district level. It was expected that around 400 pupils will participate in the competition. The competition was to begin in early December 2007.

### **Other Activity**

#### **Regional networking and information dissemination**

Website for Promise Vietnam was developed and being updated (<http://www.ceciasia.org/countryprograms/Vietnam/promise>)

#### **Informal visit to PROMISE Vietnam by USAID representatives**

PROMISE Vietnam was welcome the visit of Mr. Olivier C. Carduner, Mission Director of USAID, Asia and Ms. Bret Jones, USAID Vietnam. The project team made a presentation on the progress of PROMISE projects, then took the delegates to visit to the most vulnerable ward and most affected areas by the historic flood on 12 November 2007, have a meeting with local partners, and attend the training class on how to use emergency facilities and demonstration of emergency rescue.

### **C. Next month activities Plan:**

- Getting comments from ADPC on guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Finalization of proposals community based small scale sub projects;
- Implementation of drawing competition on Disaster Mitigation and Environment Protection;
- Finalization designs and cost estimates of structural small scale projects
- TOT refresher training.

### **D. Issues encountered and solutions:**

Another historic flood happened in Danang city on 12 November 2007. Many places in Danang city were deeply under water. The water level was approximately that of the historic 1999 flood, in some areas water level reached 1.55 to 2.5 m. As Cam Le district was in the low lying location, it suffered the most in Danang city. 3,600 houses with more than 17,000 persons were flooded, 1,564 household were evacuated out of dangerous areas. Thanks to the emergency facilities provided right before the flood, it was made used efficiently for emergency rescue works.

After the historic flood, most of the work focused on recovery work so some delays were encountered to the progress of the project.