



Sarvodaya



**Monthly Progress Report From 22nd October to 22nd November
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

Component 1

EWS Establishment

- A Meeting was held at Irrigation office, Kalutara for obtaining the GPS locations of selected flood affected areas in Kalutara.

Participants

Mr Nandasena De Silva, Irrigation Engineer, Kalutara

Mr.Dharmasena,NBRO

PROMISE Staff

- GPS Locations were taken in flood affected areas of Kalutara on 21st of November ,2007 with the support of NBRO and the Irrigation office ,Kalutara.The GPS readings of rest of the locations will be taken on 28th of November ,2007 and we hope to give that data to Dr.Nandalal for further improvement of the flood model

Component 2

I. Neighborhood network to support EOCs

Establishment of EOC and introduced the standard of procedure is one of the major activity of the PROMISE project .The project team has understood the effectiveness of the strengthen the existing EOC of Kalutara rather than functioning a separate EOC in a same city. To avoid the overlapping of the same task, it is important to uplift the capacities of the existing EOC which is functioning as a branch of Government DMC.This EOC also in an initial stage and should develop human and physical resources while developing the SOP,s.

A cluster meeting was held in SCDMC,Moratuwa to discuss the future activities of EOC development of Kalutara on November 8, 2007.

Participants

- 1.Cpt. Sanjeewa Samaranayake,Assistant Coordinator ,DMC Kalutara
- 2.Mr.A.Karunanayake,Coordinator,DMC Kalutara
- 3.U.D.R Jayasoma ,DMC,Kalutara
- 4.Ms.Priyanka Mudalige,PROMISE
- 5Ms.Hansika Hemanayake,PROMISE
- 6.Mr.Menake Wijesinghe ,Project Director

The aims and objectives of the discussion was explained by Ms Priyanka Mudalige and the present status of the existing EOC is explained by Captain Sanjeewa Samaranayake.A SWOT analyze was done to analyze the gap to be bridged when working towards the well established EOC from the prevailing situation.



ii. Community based Small Scale Projects

- One of the mitigation projects under the PROMISE Sri Lanka is to conduct a training program for craftsmen and contractors on construction rules in disaster prone areas. An agreement was signed on 12th of November 2007 between National Building Research Organization and Sarvodaya Community Disaster Management centre to conduct two training programs. NBRO has initiated the work related to carry out two number training cum demonstration programmes as stipulated in the project proposal submitted to Sarvodaya by NBRO in implementation of flood Mitigatory work in Kalutara. The training programs will be held at 27th and 30th of November 2007 at Kalutara.
- We PROMISE- SL meet the community of Daham Mawatha of Nagoda Western GN Division to discuss the further steps of a structural mitigation project suggested to implement to build proper drainage system as a solution for the road inundation during the heavy rain. Appointed a monitoring committee for the task and related work will start in December.



Component 3

The 2nd program on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction was held from 12th to 16th of November, 2007 under the same agreement which was made between SLILG and Sarvodaya Community Disaster Management Centre.

20 participants who are working in Local government institutions of Kalutara were participated to the training program. In addition to that 2 from SLILG, 2 from Sarvodaya and 2 from NBRO were participated to the Program. Gabrielle Igieslas, Information Networking Coordinator, ADPC was attend to the training program as an Observer.

Planned activities for the next month

- CBDRM activities in Kalutara
- EOC establishment with introducing SOPs
- To work on initiating mitigation projects (complete 03 projects)
- Installation of flood gauges along the Kalu river for EWS establishment.