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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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Activity Summary

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.

- **Activity 1 Passing of the Ordinance 367 The Emergency Operation Center of Dagupan City**
- **Activity 3 Mainstreaming Activity of DILG**

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

- **Activity 1 Passing of the Ordinance 367 The Emergency Operation Center of Dagupan City**
- **Activity 2 Training Learning Circle Philippines Launching**
- **Activity 3 Mainstreaming Activity of DILG**
- **Activity 4 Logo Making Contest for the Mobilization to Offset Vulnerabilities for Empowerment**

3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.

- **Activity 2 Training Learning Circle Philippines Launching**
- **Activity 3 Mainstreaming Activity of DILG**

4. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

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Activity 1 Passing of the Ordinance 367 The Emergency Operation Center of Dagupan City

The Ordinance 367 The Emergency Operation Center of Dagupan City was approved last December 10, 2007. Before the passing of the said ordinance CDP and the TWG consulted and suggested to have the following:

- to have a more proactive name like disaster preparedness center
- to have preparedness component with regards to the duties and responsibilities for the regular staff that will be assigned to the Center.
- There should be consultations with the TWG with regards to the design of the structure of the center
- there should be close coordination with the CDCC regarding the functions and roles

The PROMISE team even tried to get some suggestions from ADPC, however the efile of the ordinance were not available.

After all the suggestions, Councilor Farah Decano initiated the passing of the ordinance. Though not all suggestions were taken, at least the existence of the ordinance of the Emergency Operations Center is a good move for Dagupan City for the sustainability and mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Management.

The budget is around 10 million pesos, with two million for operational expenses including the salary of three full time staff, and 8 million for the building of the Emergency Operation Center and buying of equipments needed. The PROMISE team still advocated for the EOC not only to be part of the emergency scenario but be a part of the preparedness aspect like the monitoring of the impending hazards, and public awareness on hazards and preparedness for upcoming disasters.

Activity 2 Training Learning Circle Philippines Launching

The Center for Disaster Preparedness, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Provention and UNDP- South South Cooperation, and CADRI formed the Training and Learning Circle. The TLC aimed to help trainers and learners enhance their knowledge, skills and proper attitude in CBDRM. The TLC initiated the Training on Network Analysis conducted by PACT last Dec 10-13, 2007. CDP actively participated on the said event. The participants are around 19 participants from different countries practicing CBDM. They learned the benefits of Network Analysis in the DRM field.

The participants of the said training helped in the launching of the TLC Philippines last December 14, 2007. The participants for the launching were from different local NGO's, different international donors; LGU's including Dagupan (represented by Ms. Emma Molina); Camuiguin, and Makati. There were 69 participants from the different parts of the Philippines and from other countries. Philippine PROMISE team being the trainers and learners as well laid down their commitment in enhancing the CBDRM training in the Philippines. Ms. Lorna Victoria, Ms. Fe Andaya and Ms. Luneta facilitated the launching.

Activity 3 Mainstreaming Activity of DILG

Ms. Thelma Abdulrahman coordinated with CDP regarding their one day Consultation and Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR in CDP or CLUP. Representatives from the DILG and other LGU's were invited to attend the said workshop. This is to help LGU's make a comprehensive plan that includes DRR for the City/ Municipalities (instead of submitting 20 + different plans, they will just submit a comprehensive plan that will include other concerns). Ms. Lorna Victoria was asked to present the different concepts of DRR, while Ms. Molina presented the Dagupan Experience highlighting their CDDC Plan. Ms. Luneta of CDP and Mr. Rhoderick Dawis of Dagupan DILG attended the event last December 20, 2007 at the Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City.

Activity 4 Logo Making Contest for the Mobilization to Offset Vulnerabilities for Empowerment

Ms. Luneta and Ms Grace Molina attended the Logo making Contest for the MOVE project for children in Barangay Banaba, San Mateo Rizal last December 21, 2007. This project is sponsored by ADPC and Provention. This is a project implemented by CDP and Buklod Tao.

The activities done by children both in Dagupan and in San Mateo Rizal will be shared to other partners of CDP and the Philippine Promise project.

A. Next month activities Plan

Community Landslide Risk Reduction Seminar for RECLAIM Project
Study Tour of Different Oxfam Organizations in Dagupan City
Study Tour of the TWG and CDCC in Pampanga and Manila

B. Issues encountered and solutions

The Small Scale Mitigation Projects were not yet implemented due to the month long festivities in Dagupan City. Furthermore, the newly elected officials needed to be oriented in the project and the proposals needed to be reviewed and checked whether the newly elected officials will support their predecessors' proposals.

After the meeting of Ms. Luneta and the TWG, it was agreed upon that the assigned TWG's will have a community visit and check on the status of the proposals.

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