



PROMISE PROJECT VIETNAM

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

For the month of December 2007 the activities of the PROMISE Vietnam team included:

- i) Continued revision of the set of guidelines on safer construction techniques resistant to typhoons and floods based on comments from ADPC teams;
- ii) Revision of design and cost estimates of structural small scale community based subprojects
- iii) Conduct TOT refresher training for Change Agents;
- iv) Conduct drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and Living Environment Protection in primary schools.

B. Activities and performance:

- **Activity 2.5 Risked based urban land use planning training**
Activity 2.5.2 Develop guidelines on safe construction techniques

The guidelines were reviewed by ADPC team. Based on the comments given by ADPC team, the project team has revised the guidelines and sent back to ADPC for their final ideas and approval. Translation into Vietnamese was also being revised accordingly in preparation for the in-house workshop with the city authority in the following months.

- **Activity 2.4: Community Based Disaster Preparedness Plan**
Activity 2.4.2 Sub project selection review and implementation

- Structural small scale community based subprojects:

Development of design and cost estimates of the four approved structural subprojects, namely upgrading of flood drain, inter-field dyke sections (two sections) and evacuation bridge and road, continued to proceed. As part of the capacity building strategy, the consultant engineer of the project assisted the district and ward in revising the designs and cost estimates to ensure technicality and sustainability of these projects. Meetings were held between the project teams and ward's PC and designer to finalize the design options and agree on the local community's contribution as well as project's contribution. It was expected that design and cost estimates of the mentioned projects would be finalized and submitted to the district for their appraisal and evaluation in early January 2008, and construction would start afterwards.

- Non-structural small scale community based subprojects:

The project team has finished revision of the other two subprojects, Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices and Improving Emergency Response of Cam Le district. Proposals were sent to ADPC team for their comments and approval.

In preparation for implementation of the Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices, a refresher training was held to the Change Agents (local trainers) this month. Fourteen Change Agents (five females and nine males) of the six wards of Cam le district and Ngu Hanh Son district (previously were trained by CECL in a disaster mitigation program) participated into the three-day training

which focused on lesson planning and practicum. The purpose of combining the newly trained with the existing resources was to strengthening CBDRM delivery skills of the existing resources as well as to have experience exchange between the newly trained and experienced trainers.

These Change Agents would be in charge of delivering twenty classes on CBDRM and safe construction techniques to the community people in six wards of Cam Le district.

- **Activity 3.1 Campaign for raising public awareness**
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Being included in the disaster preparedness plan, the ward would conduct campaigns for raising Public Awareness and activities for the sections/wards and will be organized for political representatives, business leaders, community leaders, women groups, etc. Four of six wards proposed different awareness raising activities such as music performance, demonstration on emergency rescue, organizing a competition by Youth Union on disaster mitigation content knowledge, marching to raise awareness on disaster management and environment protection. These plans were planned for January and February 08.

Activity 3.1.2 School programs:

Drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and Living Environment Protection in primary schools of the three project wards was held successfully with a big number of pupils' registration. The objectives of the competition are to (i) highlight the importance of raising awareness on disaster preparedness and living environment protection for community members of all ages; (ii) collect drawings that could eventually be used by the project team to develop training and awareness material on disaster preparedness and living environment protection as well as disaster risk mitigation issues. The competition covered different themes specified as Activities that children can do to help family to prepare for coping a disaster and keeping living environment clean; Early warning systems, Communication during a disaster, Role of the community before, during and after a disaster, Safe evacuation, Clean water and hygiene and Rescue activities.

The activity was done at two levels, firstly competition at school levels, then selection of best drawings of the district. A number of four hundred and ten pupils of the 4th and 5th grade of five primary schools attended the drawing competition.

The drawings which won the prizes were exhibited to schools pupils and then was used to develop the picture books in the library and used to develop the calendar for the year 208 with the awareness raising message and “do” and “don’t” advice.

The competition was held in collaboration with the Education Department of Cam le district and involvement of different stakeholders such as teachers, people’s committee of wards, district project steering committee.

C. Next month activities Plan:

- Finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Finalization of the two remaining proposals on community based small scale projects and implementation;
- Finalization of designs and cost estimates of structural projects
- Start of construction;
- Implementation of Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices
- Conduct TOT on CBERC
- Finalization of proposal to support EOC of Danang city and EWS
- Implementation of awareness raising campaign

D. Issues encountered and solutions:

No issue was encountered this month.