



AKPBS, Pakistan

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

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

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Demo Projects

- The demo projects have been designed by the AKPBS, P in consultation with the six participating communities. The communities will be contributing in kind for the completion of demo projects. The demo projects could not be started due to problems in funds transfer. Following project have been approved by ADPC:
 - Street Raising and Improving Drainage Lines in Aliabad Hyderabad
 - Mitigating Flood through Improved Storm Water Drainage System in Maheshwari Colony, Hyderabad
 - Reducing Vulnerability of Communities through Flood Mitigation Demo Projects in Thakur Colony, Tando Yousif, Hyderabad
 - Reducing Physical Vulnerability through Developing Flood Mitigation Infrastructure
 - Improving Main Pumping Station of Hali Road Latifabad Hyderabad
 - Installation and Rehabilitation of Draining Line in Union Council 2 Latifabad

Terms of partnership with the respective communities have already been signed in five communities. Whereas one project of 'Improving Pumping Station of Hali Road Latifabad, Hyderabad' was reviewed in a meeting held on December 10, 2007 with sub-District Government, Latifabad. The sub-District Government has agreed to fund major part of the project.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building

- The PROMISE Pakistan team organized two health and hygiene workshops in Thakur Colony and GOR Colony on 18 and 20 December 2007 respectively. In Thakur Colony workshop 34 females participated wherein the resource persons highlighted the importance of different components of hygiene including:
 - Personal Hygiene
 - Domestic Hygiene
 - Environmental Hygiene
 - Food Hygiene

The resource persons involved few women in playing roles on the causes of diseases. In the second workshop held at GOR colony 27 women participated. Similar activities and roles were played in the workshop.

- A one day orientation training on ‘Advocacy and Networking’ was organized for the activists of disaster management committees formed under PROMISE project on December 11, 2007 at Latifabad. Eighteen (18) participants from six disaster management committees participated in the training. The resource person Mr Abdul Ghaffar Sheerani and Mr Hakeem Khoso oriented the participants regarding the following:
 - Advocacy and its Importance
 - Issues, Goals, and Objectives: Building the Foundation
 - Identifying Support and Opposition
 - Informing, Persuading, and Moving to Action
 - Data Collection: Bridging the Gap between
 - Advocacy Networks and Campaigns
 - Rights based Advocacy
 - Advocacy for mainstreaming Disaster into Development Planning

The participants termed the learning a highly important and knowledge providing activity.

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