



# Sarvodaya

## Monthly Progress Report From 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 to 13<sup>th</sup> December 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**

As parts of the work to be completed under development of CB- EWS, GPS locations were taken of the places where submerge by flood during the rainy season. Technical support was provided by the NBRO for the task and detailed report was received from Mr.Dharmasena of NBRO along with the completed map of the potential locations to be used to install the flood gauges and also same was handed over to Dr.Nandalal to use in further customizations in developed Flood Model.



Obtaining the GPS Locations



Taking maximum flood level

## Component2

### Neighborhood network to support EOCs

CBDRM Course was designed as a Capacity development program for the volunteer base working for Kalutara. These volunteers will have to work with Government DMC – Kalutara assisting their field work and also to run the 24/7 operation under EOC.

PROMISE is in a process of getting nationally accepted SOPs for DMC – Kalutara. Government maintains uniqueness in all the SOPs implementing under all the district level DMCs in Sri Lanka , so we have linked our effort with national level DMC and Ms. Geethi Karunaratne of the National level DMC is involve in this with this project. Further to the information received from them we are the first NGO sharing this type of task with them. So they also pay higher interest to share with us.

### ii. Community based Small Scale Projects



PROMISE Sri Lanka conducted a Capacity Building/Training program for craftsmen and contractors on construction rules in disaster prone areas on 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2007 as the first mitigation project. The program for construction contractors was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Ocean Villa Hotel, Wadduwa. Contractors who commence their work in Kalutara District including disaster prone areas were participated to the training program and the total was 25. The Training program mainly focused on introducing guide lines for construction in flood prone areas and introduces the new technology on safety construction. Technical input was provided by NBRO and fullest support was received from the Chamber of Constructors' in selecting the target group for these trainings.

Another program was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November at Handwerk centre, Payagla for the craftsmen who are working in Kalutara. All those who participated for the both programs grasped the

social value of the programs and in their evaluation sheets they have stated them. Also they emphasis the above programs as good demonstration for inclusiveness of the responsibility of all categories of the society in disaster mitigation.



Practically applying things they learnt

- As our second mitigation project, we have selected the preparation of proper drainage at Daham Road based on proper construction guide lines to reduce the inundation impact during the rainy days. As a first step we took the level measurements along the road with the support of Technical officer, and calculated cost breakup.

### **Micro-credit Scheme for Vulnerable Personnel for Disasters**

A discussion held with Sarvodaya Economic Enterprise Development Services (SEEDS) to design a procedure to initiate Micro-Credit Scheme under PROMIS-SL. Noted their conditions and shared the similar type of experiences they possess.

Further discussion required to finalize the event on this issue will be discussed during the meeting with Mr.Arambepola on 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Component 3**

### **Planned activities for the next month**

- CBDRM training for 50 volunteers of Kalutara
- Complete the task of development of SOP s to Kalutara EOC
- To work on initiating mitigation projects.
- Installation of flood gauges along the Kalu river.
- Start activities on Land Use Planning.
- Initiate Micro-credit program.