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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 Climate Change Orientation

Activity 2 DILG Validation of CDP

Activity 3 Oxfam Hongkong Study Tour

Activity 5 Oxfam Case Study CBDRM Mangin Presentation during the Media Dialogue

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

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

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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 Climate Change Orientation

As part of the mainstreaming of DRR in Dagupan, the PROMISE Team Philippines decided to have a Climate Change Orientation last January 10, 2008, to make their mitigation and preparedness plans more sustainable. Mayor Fernandez attended most of the sessions. The speakers of the said orientation were the following:

1. Ms. Lourdes Tibig
Chief Climate and Data Section
Supervisor Pag Asa Weather Specialist

2. Mr. Cesar Manuel Cabansag Jr.
Chief, Planning and Mgmt. Div DENR-RI

3. Mr. Joseph Anthony Quinto
Dept Agri Regional.Office

They were able to give a comprehensive input on the risk of climate change specifically to the agricultural sectors. They also gave useful tips for preparedness and mitigation for climate adaptation. The orientation was attended by the TWG members and the newly elected Barangay Captains of the Pilot Areas of PROMISE. After the Climate Change Orientation there was the Presentation of the Project PROMISE by Ms. Luneta and Ms. Emma Molina for the Barangay Captains benefit. The Mayor was able to see the whole PROMISE update which helped him appreciate the project more. The planning for the Study Tour of Oxfam Hongkong staff in the eight pilot barangays and in the City looking into CBDM and Climate Change adaptation followed. There were also an assessment of the TWG and the Barangay leaders of their existing climate adaptation measures. It was seen that the City were active in the promotion of waste segregation; mangrove revegetation, reforestation, river clean up, promoting the early warning system, continuous monitoring of water composition for fish ponds and fish pens and other adaptive measures. Not only did the City report what they have been doing but also the barangays.

Activity 2 DILG Validation of CDP

After the DILG workshop last December 20, 2007, they had a follow up activity validating the integration of the DRM into the Comprehensive Development Plan last January 10-11, 2008. Ms. Lorna Victoria, one of the CDP directors, attended and actively participated in the said workshops. She said that it was agreed that the integration of DRM should be in all steps of the local comprehensive development planning process at the city and municipal level. Dagupan City is being used as an example in some sections of the Guide. Ongoing harmonization of planning processes of different agencies was done. DILG will be convening the First National Conference on Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance this coming March 4-6, 2008. The DILG of last December is attached as well as the updates of Ms. Lorna.

Activity 3 Oxfam Hongkong Study Tour

The Oxfam Hongkong Study Tour in Dagupan happened last January 17-18, 2008. It was attended by 16 staff of OXFAM Hong Kong staff in the region (East Timor, Vietnam, China and Hong Kong) and 4 staff from CDP, Ms. Luneta, Ms Molina, Ms. Gealone and Mr. Balgos. The purpose of the study visit was to look at the CBDRM in Dagupan and their current Climate Change Adaptation. The TWG and the eight pilot barangays as well as CDP prepared the study tour.

The following were the highlights of the Study Tour:

- Councilor Farah Decano, the Acting Vice Mayor welcomed the group to the City of Dagupan. (the proponent of the City Ordinance 1918-2007 Establishment of the EOC)
- A brief orientation of the Project PROMISE was done by Mr. Ryan Ravanzo, the City Information Officer.
- Presentation of Barangay Mangin of its Early Warning System, Plan and Drill
- Presentation of Barangay Salisay of the Environment friendly Transport," the Kalesa"
- Presentation of Barangay Tebeng of the Indigenous Early Warning Tool (Kalungkong)
- A Dialogue with Mayor Fernandez
- Presentation of Barangay Lasip Chico of the Networking Strategies

- Presentation of Barangay Bacayao Norte of the Adoptive and Mitigation Approaches of Bangus Fishponds and Land Use Plan of Dagupan City
- Presentation of Bacayao Sur of the Roles of the BDCC before, during and after a disaster thru role playing
- River Tour
- Presentation of Barangay Pogo Grande of the Water Search and Rescue and waste segregation process
- Presentation of Barangay Lasip Grande of skills in First Aid
- Open forum

The Oxfam HK Participants asked relevant and interesting questions which prompted the barangays and the TWG to answer enthusiastically on issues on community participation, monthly garbage collection fee, poverty and systems done in the communities. Please see documentation of the Study Tour.

Activity 4 Community Based Landslide Risk Management Orientation (CBLRMO) with RECLAIM

Last January 13, 2008, Ms. Luneta facilitated the CBLRMO for the RECLAIM Project with Dr. Rhodora Gonzalez. The aims of the orientation were to unite the community; to increase their awareness in CBLRM; and to have a commitment and identify and clarify their role in the project RECLAIM. Relevant stories of Community Based Disaster Risk Management including the PROMISE project were shared during the orientation. An action plan and a commitment session were done to show the true participation and commitment of the community to the project. The event was attended by the BDCC, community people, UP Engineering Students, and Ms. Jimeno (CDP volunteer facilitator).

Activity 5 Oxfam Case Study CBDRM Mangin Presentation during the Media Dialogue

On January 25, 2008, the Media Dialogue entitled “ Engaging Media in Disaster Risk Reduction” sponsored by Oxfam- GB, Christian Aid, European Commission, NDCC, OCD, and Center for Community Journalism and Development transpired. General Glenn Rabonza of OCD gave a talk on Disaster Risk Reduction being a Multi-stakeholder Engagement. This was attended by different Tri media organizations and NGO’s.

Case Studies of Good Practice in DRR were presented to encourage sharing of good news among journalists. Ms Luneta presented the Oxfam Case Study on CBDRM highlighting the experience of Barangay Mangin, one of the Pilot Barangays, which received the Kalasag Award for the Regional Level Barangay Category. Mr. Cedric Daep of APSEMO also presented their Case Study on the mainstreaming of DRR in the Provincial Government. Mr. Delfin Bondad of Unibersidad de Sta Isabel also presented his case study on Community Based Disaster Education in Bato, Camarines Sur.

During the discussions the role of the media before, during and after a disaster were scrutinized and recommendations were given.

Activity 6 Publication of Combining Indigenous and Scientific Knowledge in Dagupan City Flood Warning System

A case study entitled Combining Indigenous and Scientific Knowledge in Dagupan City Flood Warning System was prepared by Ms. Lorna P. Victoria on behalf of the Technical Working Group of PROMISE Project for the regional publication on Indigenous Practices and Lessons Learned for DRR. The said written work will be published by ISDR Asia Pacific and Kyoto University in May 2008

A. Next month activities Plan

Study Tour of the TWG and CDCC in Pampanga and Manila
Production of an AVP for Barangay Mangin by Oxfam GB
SS Mitigation Projects Part 2

B. Issues encountered and solutions

The SS Mitigation Projects implementation were postponed, orientation of the newly elected barangays were prioritized this is to prepare the leaders for the implementation.

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