



PROMISE PROJECT VIETNAM

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

For the month of January 2008 the activities of the PROMISE Vietnam team included:

- i) Translation of guidelines on safe construction techniques into local language and sending to city authority for comments;
- ii) Finalization of design and cost estimates of structural community based disaster mitigation subprojects and implementation of these subprojects;
- iii) Finalization of two nonstructural community based disaster mitigation subprojects and implementation.
- iv) Conducting TOT on Emergency Response techniques for Change Agents;
- v) Development of picture books for primary school pupils based on the results of drawing competition on Disaster preparedness and environment protection.

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 translated in Vietnamese and sent to city authority for their comments. Promise Vietnam was also expecting comments from ADPC on the revised guidelines.

- **Activity 2.4: Community Based Disaster Preparedness Plan**
Activity 2.4.3 Sub project implementation

- Structural small scale community based subprojects:

After several revisions being made, the designs and cost estimates of the four approved structural subprojects were finalized and approved by the district authority. Preparation for construction was complete. Agreements were signed between PROMISE Vietnam and ward PC and the district steering committee for commitment in investment, local contribution and definition of responsibilities. Competent local builders were selected and approved. Project supervision boards were set up including participation of ward authorities, district engineers, ward engineers, Community Development Groups and engineering consultant of PROMISE Vietnam. A training programme was scheduled to these Community Development Groups on how to supervise the works. Construction already got started and was expected to finish in the middle of March 2008.

- Non-structural small scale community based subprojects:

- * Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices:

This sub-project on training was incorporated with the inbuilt activities of the Training and Public Awareness Components. These training classes on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices were expanded to six wards of Cam Le district. The Fourteen Change Agents being trained on CBDRM and dissemination skills, who were local resources created by PROMISE project for dissemination of CBDRM, took part in the delivery of these training classes. More than two hundred people, of which female accounted for 40 % (85

persons) at grass root including chief of sections and community people participated in seven training classes. The two – day training classes disseminated information on risk identification and assessment, development of disaster preparedness plan and good building practices towards a safer community.

* Improving Emergency Response of Cam Le district:

The proposal focused on improving EOC and EWS of Cam Le district through provision of equipment and training to first responders of district and wards. Having approved by ADPC on these subprojects, PROMISE Vietnam was to provide emergency facilities such as generators, electric saws, wireless loudspeakers and first aid bags by end of this month.

With an aim to create a local resource on disseminating information ofn emergency response techniques, PROMISE Vietnam in collaboration with Red Cross Association of Danang city had done capacity assessment to select trainers. A three - day TOT was held for the nine selected trainers from five wards of Cam le district with reference to the updated training manual from ADPC on Community- level Basic Emergency Response Course. These trainers would participate in delivering seven teen training classes to first responders at community level as proposed by the community.

Activity 3.1.2 School programs:

Getting results from the drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and Living Environment Protection for primary pupils, picture books were being developed and distributed to primary schools for awareness raising.

C. Next month activities Plan:

- In-house workshop for finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques and distribution;
- Continued implementation of six community based disaster mitigation subprojects;
- Implementation of awareness raising campaign;
- Finalization of picture books for primary pupils under school programme;
- Finalization of improving EOC and EWS

D. Issues encountered and solutions:

No issue was encountered this month.