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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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I. ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

Objective	Activities
1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.	⇒ Production of the Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) on the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Experience of Barangay Mangin
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.	
3. Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools, and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities	⇒ Turnover ceremonies for the Small Scale Mitigation Project, public awareness calendars, and first aid kits.
4. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Study Tour of the Technical Working Group (TWG) members and Barangay Captains of the PROMISE pilot communities
5. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	
6. Strengthened networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.	

II. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Production of the Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) on the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Experience of Barangay Mangin

The partnership with Oxfam-Great Britain resulted in the publication of the good practices of Mangin CBDRM experience. Moreover, it produced an AVP that highlighted the Early Warning System (EWS) developed by the Barangay. The East Road Production spearheaded the AVP production. Pre-production was held on Feb 12-13. Actual production took place on February 18-22, 2008.

The members of the Barangay Disaster Coordinating Council (BDCC), Technical Working Group (TWG), Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), and community were involved in the production. Even Dagupan Mayor Alipio F. Fernandez was invited to participate. The storyline revolved around the processes undertaken by the barangay to prepare for and confront disaster. Specifically, it showed the training undertaken by key leaders and members of the community which enabled them to assess their disaster situation, plan to reduce disaster risks, conduct drills, and solicit the support of the whole community. It also showed how such efforts culminated in the awarding of the prestigious *Kalasag* Award by the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC). The barangay bagged the Best Performing BDCC for Region 1 in 2007.

Turn Ceremonies for the Small Scale Mitigation Project, Public Awareness Calendars, and First Aid Kits

The PROMISE project held a turnover ceremony for the small scale structural mitigation projects (SSMP), public awareness calendars, and first aid kits for the 8 pilot communities and the City. It was attended by the City officials and the officers of the eight pilot barangays of PROMISE. The East Road Production was again present to cover the event.

The SSMPs are projects intended to reduce the effects of disasters in the communities. During the first phase of PROMISE, the focus of the SSMPs was emergency preparedness. The current phase focuses on strengthening the capabilities of the Barangay Disaster Coordinating Councils (BDCCs) in emergency response. These projects include improvement of evacuation centers and Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs), elevation of toilets for the EOC, and construction of mini dikes. The eight pilot barangays are required to submit financial reports and give counterparts. Moreover, their tasks and responsibilities are detailed in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CDP and the City Government.

The Public Awareness Calendars will promote the City's Early Warning System (EWS) and enhance public awareness on disaster preparedness. The calendars will be distributed to the 31 barangays of Dagupan, neighboring cities and municipalities, and CDP's local and international partners.

The distribution of first aid kits is hoped to equip the Community-Based Emergency Response Course graduates with the necessary tools and supplies needed to provide emergency treatment.

Study Tour of TWG and the Barangay Captains of the Pilot Communities

Twenty five (25) members of the TWG and seven (7) Barangay Captains of the PROMISE pilot communities went to Pampanga on Feb 28, 2008 for an educational tour in disaster preparedness. They were accompanied by three CDP staff members.

The tour took off in Guagua, Pampanga where the experience of the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council (MDCC) on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) was highlighted. The PROMISE delegation was met by the Guagua Municipal Administrator, Municipal Planning Officer, and City Engineer. The Guagua officials shared how they have developed and improved their DRM measures and gave tips in handling DRM in the local government.

From Guagua, the delegation proceeded to Minalin, Pampanga to meet with the leaders of the Community-Based Disaster Response Organization or CBDRO, a peoples' organization formed by the Pampanga Disaster Response Network. The CBDRO had nine to ten years of experience in DRM. The organizational leaders shared how they coordinated and activated the BDCCs in their areas.

The study tour likewise enabled the PROMISE delegation to share their DRM experiences in Dagupan.

III. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2008

The following are the planned activities for March 2008:

- ⇒ First National Conference on Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance
- ⇒ Training of Newly-Elected Officials on DRR/M
- ⇒ Monitoring of Small-Scale Mitigation Projects

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