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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 2 Local DILG Newly Elected Officials Training in Dagupan Activity 3 Small Scale Mitigation Monitoring

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

Activity 1 First National Conference on Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance

Activity 2 Local DILG Newly Elected Officials Training in Dagupan

Activity 4 TWG Preparatory Meetings for the Dagupan DRR and Local Governance

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 First National Conference on Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance

The DILG organized this First National Conference on Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance in Dusit Hotel, Makati City last March 4-6, 2008. It was attended by different LGU's (Dagupan City, Makati City, Leyte, Province of Albay) International Organizations (EMI, DKKV German Committee for Risk Reduction part of ISDR, ADPC.), Government Agencies (PHIVOLCS OCD) and Local NGO's (CDP and others).

The Dagupan PROMISE Team: Mayor Alipio F. Fernandez Jr., Emma Molina and Ryan Rabanzo and other staff from Dagupan City and Ms. Lorna Victoria and Mayfourth Luneta from CDP attended also this Conference. Mayor Fernandez presented the Promise project and how it helped in mainstreaming DRR into local governance.

Gen Rabonza of the OCD witnessed the covenant signing of mayors and participants. The covenant states that the signing parties will help each other in DRR.

Activity 2 Local DILG Newly Elected Officials Training in Dagupan

Last March 10-13, 2008 in Pinkies Restaurant, Dagupan Cit, the NEO training was conducted in two batches.

The 31 barangays were divided into 2 clusters (March 10-11 for the first batch and the second batch is from March 12 to13.) This training of the DILG aimed to equip the newly elected officials in their service for the barangays.

Through the TWG member Rhoderick Dawis the Promise team coordinated with the DILG to incorporate CBDRM by showing the Project PROMISE experience as an example to the NEO training. The CBDRM orientation was given by Ms. Emma Molina during the first batch and Ms Mayfourth Luneta for the second batch. The Barangay Captains appreciated the CBDRM orientation and hoped that the same process will be experienced by the other 23 barangays.

Activity 3 Small Scale Mitigation Monitoring

The Monitoring Team of the TWG composed of Engr. Camillo, Ms. Teresita Pascua, Ms. Felita Ugaban Ms. Remy Peralta and Ms. Mayfourth Luneta went to the eight barangays to monitor the small scale structural mitigation. All except one (Lasip Chico) had started, Lasip Chico was not able to start because they lacked funds, their expected City Gov Fund was not yet approved so they reduced their scope of work.

Activity 4 TWG Preparatory Meetings for the Dagupan DRR and Local Governance

There were several meetings for preparing the said workshop. TWG and CDP made the module for the Dagupan DRR and LG. They have also had divided the pre, during and post training work amongst themselves.

A. Next month activities Plan

Trocaire DRR Workshop

1st LGU Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction in Dagupan City

Completion of SS Mitigation Project

B. Issues encountered and solutions

The improvement of the Local day care into an Emergency Operation Center of Lasip Chico costs around Php 300,000. They were expecting to get some funding from the City Government, however, getting funds from the government will require a lot of time. This will impede the SSMP, for it has only around two months of implementation (the SSMP will not be able to wait for the City Gov fund to be released).

Barangay Captain Joseph Ramos asked to change their project from renovating or elevating the Local Day Care to Making an EOC at the second floor of the Barangay Hall (for this will be cheaper). CDP suggested BC Ramos to make a letter stating their request of changing their project.

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