



AKPBS, Pakistan

**Monthly Progress Report (June 2008) for the
Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia
(PROMISE), Hyderabad**

The monthly summary report for June, 2008 is as under:

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Demo Projects

The progress on physical implementation on demo projects is as under:

1. Reducing Physical Vulnerability through Developing Flood Mitigation Infrastructure in Ghera Sudhar Community, Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Earth filling in the streets of Ghera Hindu Basti
- Improving sanitation system through installing communal latrines

The works started in last week of January and the project has completed in the last week of May 2008. The four communal latrines and wash rooms have been constructed. The storm water drainage pipelines have been laid down.

2. Street Raising and Improving Drainage Lines in Aliabad Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Raising streets with earth filling
- Installing covered drains
- Mobilizing communities for maintenance of the schemes
- Monitoring and supervision

The earth filling and storm water drains with arch covers is complete.

3. Reducing Vulnerability of Communities through Flood Mitigation Demo Projects in Thakur Colony, Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project include:

- Mobilize communities for saving generation
- Constructing approximately 850 rft of open drain with covers

- Earth filling (15,000 cft) in the streets of Mohallah
- Construction of two communal latrines
- Health and hygiene education through interactive dialogues and demonstration
- Monitoring and supervision

All the construction works have completed. The project has constructed 1,000 rft of open drain as against target of 850 rft through efficient utilization of resources and community cooperation.

4. Installation and Rehabilitation of Drainage Line in UC # 2 Latifabad, Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Constructing approximately 850 rft of open drain with covers
- Earth filling (15,000 cft) in the streets of Mohallah
- Construction of two communal latrines
- Health and hygiene education through interactive dialogues and demonstration
- Monitoring and supervision

The physical implementation process under this demo project has started and expected to be completed in the last week of 2nd week of July 2008.

5. Mitigating Flood through Improved Drainage System in Maheshwari Colony

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Community dialogue
- Installation of sump tank with 10' dia and construction of 850 rft drainage line
- Rehabilitation of four communal latrines

The physical implementation works is in progress the rehabilitation of communal latrines is complete and the remaining will be completed by mid July 2008.

6. Improving Main Pumping Station of Hali Road Latifabad Hyderabad

At the time of preparing proposal the project was discussed in detail with the District Government and planned for execution after approval from ADPC. Under the project AKPBS, P planned renovation works of the pumping station. The government of Hyderabad decided to undertake rehabilitation of the entire drainage of the Hali road, a major artery of the city as well, which required additional funds. To address the additional requirements of funds, the district government simultaneously mobilized alternate resources through other provincial and federal channels and confirmed allocation of adequate funds for both reconstruction of pumping station and rehabilitation of entire drainage of Hali Road under a combined government funded project.

After leveraging ADPC's support for the above project, the money for the demo project was diverted to the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). District government has already announced the establishment of the EOC. AKPBS with its partners' support will set up the EOC on the government's premises which will be co-financed by the district government and ADPC. The expected timeframe for setting up of the EOC is by end of July 2008.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building

AKPBS, P in collaboration with district government of Hyderabad organized training workshop on 'Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction' from May 26-29, 2008. Mr Amit Kumar, Manager Training, ADPC and Mr Faisal Farooq Khan, National Program Manager, AKPBS, P were the resource persons. Representatives from District Government, Civil Society Organizations, NGOs, members of local disaster management committees participated in the training. The training mainly discussed the following:

- Disaster Risk and Vulnerability Context
- Mitigation and Preparedness
- Institutional Arrangements
- Planning for Future Risks
- Overview of draft Emergency Response Framework and Inter-governmental coordination for DRR

As an outcome of the workshop, hazard maps of Hyderabad city and a city action plan were developed by the participants. The results of the workshop were presented by Mr. Faisal Farooq Khan in a closing ceremony to the district government. District Naib Nazim Hyderabad Mr. Zafar Rajput was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He also distributed certificates of participation among the participants.

Meeting with Deputy District Nazim:

Component 3: Networking

Meeting with Deputy District Nazim and District Coordination Officer:

A series of meetings was held with District Government including Deputy District Nazim, the District Coordination Officer and other functionaries regarding preparations and participation in the Governance workshop and preparation and city emergency response plan. The district management took keen interest in the proceedings of the workshop and reiterated all possible support for the project.

Visit of Mr Amit Kumar of Project Sites

Mr Amit Kumar, visited demo project sites on May 26, 2008 and interacted with the communities on pre and post conditions of the project. He also discussed the situation of the low lying houses with the communities. The communities informed that they have started to raise the plinth of their houses. He advised the team to collect pre intervention health related data to be compared later on for impact assessment. He visited sites of Ali Abad and Thakur Colony. He generally appreciated the quality of works.

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