



PROMISE PROJECT

Philippines

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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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.

- **WGM in Vietnam**
- **PROMISE Extension Meeting**
- **Release of the Oxfam Good CBDRM Practice book and AVP**
- **Promise Project Assessment**

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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- **Education Cluster Relief for school**
- **Action Plan for ADRC JICA**

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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Activities

WGM in Vietnam

The WGM in Vietnam last July 15-17, 2008 proved to be a very fruitful meeting. It was attended by all the PROMISE Project countries. The meeting became a venue of rich sharing of experiences in DRR in different countries. The highlights of the meeting were the shown Case Studies of Good Practices from the different project areas.

The Philippine participants and presentations were the following:

- Mayor Alipio F. Fernandez., Jr presented on Mainstreaming DRR
- Barangay Captain Bernard Cabison of Mangin presented on Transfer of Technology for EWS
- Ms. Emma J. Molina presented on Governance and SSMP
- Dr. Leonard Carbonell presented on the Planning and Implementation of the Emergency Plan of the City and the community
- Mr. Robert Erfe Mejia presented on Networking and Partnerships
- And Ms. Mayfourth Luneta presented on the Planning and Implementation of the Project PROMISE with CBDRR as the framework.

Lessons learnt and the challenges were the most awaited parts of the presentations.

The community visit and presentations prepared by the Vietnam PROMISE also provided a rich source of learning for the visiting participants.

PROMISE Extension Meeting

On July 29, 2008 the CDP and the TWG had a meeting regarding the extension of the project for another six months (till December 2008). The City of Dagupan took on the initiative of funding the training for the 23 barangays which will be done in the extension phase; CDP on the other hand will give technical advice for the TWG in doing the training and will help in providing IEC materials from PAG- ASA and Phivolcs.

During the meeting the TWG agreed to be a part of the CBDM Training Learning Circle in the Philippines (wherein CDP is the secretariat) since they are all essentially CBDM trainers.

It was also agreed upon that the following will be the highlights of the extension phase:

- Development of Advance Capability of the TWG
 - Like conducting a Refresher Course on CBDM for trainers
 - coming up of a local module in Pangasinan

- Initiate Action Planning on Climate Change Adaptation and DRR for the North Luzon DRR Network
- Helping Schools and Universities in raising their knowledge in DRR
- Helping in the Establishment of the EOC
 - like having advance training for rescue teams
 - helping in setting up the EOC

Release of the Oxfam Good CBDRM Practice book and AVP

During the last week of July, Oxfam announced that the Oxfam Good CBDRM Practice books and AVP are already available. However, for the first batch of release only 20 copies will be given to CDP and the PROMISE partners.

Buklod ng Kabataan Training

Last July 6, 2008, CDP thru Ms. Grace Molina and Ms. Mayfourth Luneta conducted a Disaster Management Orientation for Buklod ng Kabataan. There were around 30 participants ages 7-17. This is an activity sponsored by PROVENTION. This activity was also seen relevant for the children in Dagupan City. Future collaborations were anticipated by both trainers.

UNICEF CPIE in the Philippine Context

CDP is currently involved in localization of the UNICEF Child Protection in Emergencies. CDP is using all its experiences in DRR with children for the contextualization. Whatever CDP will learn from this activity will also be shared to other CDP partners like Dagupan City.

Promise Project Assessment

July 2 and 3, 2008 there was a PROMISE Project Assessment in Philippine Tourism Authority Beach Resort in San Fabian, Pangasinan. The objectives of the assessment were the following

- To see what went well and what needs to be improved in the PROMISE Project.
- The ways forward for the sustainability of the DRR in Dagupan City and beyond.

It was attended by the 8 community heads, TWG, CDP staff. The City Administrator Alvin Fernandez also attended the event and inspired the PROMISE team to move on to sustainability. Ms. Mariser Palencia facilitated the assessment.

The outcome of the assessment will be included in the terminal report.

Education Cluster giving of educational materials for elementary schools

The Education Cluster in the Philippines composed of Civil Society/ NGO (PLAN, Save the Children, CDRC, ABS CBN, CDP and others); the government agency

DECS and UNICEF took the initiative in helping schools affected by the typhoon Cosme in Northern Luzon. CDP being included in the Educational Cluster in the Philippines helped in the collation of results of assessment of schools in Dagupan City after Cosme.

On July 21, 2008, there was a relief distribution of student and teacher packs for the affected Elementary Schools in Dagupan City. Books were also given. However, the student and teacher packs were not enough due to limited resources. The DECS Division in Dagupan City was given the task of prioritizing the giving of educational materials to schools.

Action Plan for ADRC JICA

Ms. Grace Molina, being a participant of ADRC training, was required to submit an action plan incorporating what she have learned in her training to JICA. There will be a small funding for the said plan provide by JICA if chosen. Ms. Molina consulted Ms. Luneta regarding this. So they were able to come up with an idea of having advanced training for the 8 pilot Barangays since they Dagupan City will already train the 23 barangays. The Advanced CBDRM Training will help the 8 pilot barangays to update, improve their DRR plans (with the inclusion of earthquake as hazard). This will also help newly elected officials to embrace CBDRM. Furthermore, this will also help in coming up with a module on Community Disaster Management Orientation to be given by the trained BDCC's,

A. Next month activities Plan

Refresher Course on CBDRR for the TWG for their training of 23 barangay
CBDRM Training for the 23 barangay
Forum on Opportunities and Challenges for Disaster Studies

B. Issues encountered and solutions

The issue of sustainability was the main issue during the last phase of PROMISE, but the combined efforts of the TWG, ADPC, CDP and other partners gave way to different opportunities for sustainability, (including the extension of the project).

Further coordination with DECS Dagupan is needed for smoother relationship for future emergencies. The Education Cluster's effort should be valued and additional packs should have been produced by other partners within Dagupan and in Manila to answer the needs of the schools.

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