

Monthly Status Report for January 2009

Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in the Urban Local Government Sector – Follow-up Activities in Kalutara Area

Stakeholder meeting was held on 16th January 2009.

1. Setting-up the emergency response system
To prepare multi-hazard map using satellite images for this quotation call from three institutions to purchase Satellite Images. They are Genesis Pvt Ltd., Geo-informatics Pvt Ltd. and Urban Development Authority.
2. Training and capacity building
Dr. Eshwara, Coordinator Preparedness and Response Unit, Ministry of Health Care Nutrition, Colombo was met on 28th January 2009 to discuss training programme for Health Sector staff in UC area.
3. Preparation of niche of drainage projects for Kalutara UC area
Date fixed for cluster meeting on 06th February 2009 to get idea from Grama Niladhari (GN), Community Base Organisation (CBOs) and community to develop proposal for maintenance of drainage system for the above project. This also discussed with Ms. Padma, Programme Manager, ADPC and got instruction from her and Mr. Arambepola, Director, Urban Disaster Risk Management, ADPC also had been e-mail his views. All the suggestion had been considered and starts to prepare format for this purpose.
4. Resource centre for DRR activities in Kalutara ULA
To develop web site for the resource centre discussion had with University of Moratuwa and agreed them to develop it. At present we are preparing necessary maps and data for this purpose and letter to get approval for advance payment. 27th January met Mayor of Kalutara UC to discuss appropriate place for resource centre. He suggested to place for one is within the UC premises and Fire brigade building closer to Urban Council.
5. School sector disaster management cells for selected schools
Major Sanjeewa Samaranayake, Disaster Management Centre District Coordinator, Kalutara was met on 27th January 2009 to establishment of disaster cells in selected school from stakeholder meeting. Name of the schools selected by stakeholders are
 1. Tissa Central College
 2. Gnanodaya Maha Vidyalaya
 3. Kalutara Muslim Balika Maha Vidyalaya
 4. Welapura Maha Vidyalaya
 5. Sugatha Vidyalaya

He said that already three schools established by Disaster Cells by Red Cross Society and suggested to add another three schools of Kalutara Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara Muslim Central College and Kalutara Maha Vidyalaya.