

Monthly Status Report for February 2009

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

1. Setting-up the emergency response system

To prepare a multi-hazard map necessary base map already prepared. To purchase satellite images approval given by the DG and already ordered to by it from Geo Informatics (Pvt) Ltd.

2. Training and capacity building

Meeting was held with the Ministry of Health, Disaster Management Unit officials on 11th Feb 2009 along with the ADPC at NBRO to discuss the sub project two – Training and Capacity Building of Health and Sanitation Sector Workers'. Drs Eshara, Thushara and Uma participated. It was discuss that content of the current curricular developed for the health sector workers on DM. NBRO mentioned that we will extract the areas that are relevant to DM and will give our comments to the next meeting. Main of the review will be to understand the current curricular in the context of disaster mitigation and to fill the gaps if any.

Another meeting was held with the above officials on the 25th Feb 2009 to discuss the modality strategy that we have to adopt in mainstreaming the DM curricular in health and sanitation sector workers. Dr A Balasuriya also was called in for the meeting along with the usual team of MoH. Dr Bala with his 15 years experience in the NIH will coordinate the issue with NIH. IT was decided to call another meeting along with NIH officials on the 4th March 2009. This meeting was postponed to 16th due to the current IDP issue faced by the limited staff of DM cell of MoH to 16th March 2009.

3. Preparation of niche of drainage projects for Kalutara UC area

Preparation of niche of drainage meeting held for Grama Niladharies (GNs) to explain project activities on 06th February 2009. Already we had cluster meeting with GN, CBOs and Community for nine GN Divisions from sixteenth GN Divisions in UC area to identify problems, solutions from community.

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 already get the approval for payments.

5. School sector disaster management cells for selected schools

Already established disaster cells for following schools.

- Kalutara Muslim Central College
- Gnanodaya Maha Vidyalaya
- Kalutara Balika Maha Vidyalaya
- Kalutara Muslim Balika Maha Vidyalaya
- Sugatha Vidyalaya