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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.

DRR in the Education Sector Orientation

HFA monitoring

DRR Mainstreaming Meeting and Financial Reports

Tsunami Orientation

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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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

DRR in the Education Sector Orientation

Last March 3, 2009 Ms. Luneta gave an orientation on “DRR in the Education Sector in the Philippines” to the heads of the Dagupan City Dep Ed Division. The presentation was from the DEP ED National. This meeting was attended by different school principals and the TWG. They agreed to have a DRR workshop for the primary and secondary teachers in Dagupan City in May 2009. The workshop aims to:

- Orient the teachers on the basic drr concepts
- Organize and reactivate drr groups per school
- Produce drr action plans for schools.

Education Cluster Meeting

Last March 9, 2009 the Education Cluster met in the NDCC office to follow up the cluster plan and give updates on the members activities. Ms. Candy De Juan was given an update on DRR meeting and plan for the Education Sector in Dagupan.

Forum on Women and Climate Change

The Training Learning Circle sponsored a Forum last March 11, 2009 in Quezon City Hall on Women and Climate Change. Different women organizations attended the event. CDP also participated. Ms Lorna Victoria showed the experience of Barangay Mangin (Oxfam GB good practice video) in DRR. This also highlighted what women are doing in DRR.

HFA monitoring

CDP was assigned as the National Coordinating agency for Hyogo Framework for Action Monitoring by the Global Network for DRR. CDP then tapped its partners in all sectors to answer the questionnaires for HFA monitoring. Dagupan City has actively participated this March in this monitoring by letting its LGUs, communities and other CVOs to answer the monitoring tool given by CDP.

DRR Mainstreaming Meeting and Financial Reports

Ms. Emma Molina and Ms. Felita Ugaban went to CDP for a two day meeting (March 19-20, 2009) to discuss the following:

- Updates for DRR activities for PROMISE Dagupan City
- Preparation for DRR Mainstreaming Activities
- Making Outline for the Terminal Report
- Checking the requirements for Financial Reports

Ms. Luneta facilitated the meeting. Ms Francisca Doctolero attended the second day to explain the requirements of the financial reports reminded by Zay Yar. Ms. Jelyne

Gealone also attended the meeting. The meeting was a fruitful meeting for the PROMISE project for its administrative part.

Maldives DRR in the Education Sector Training

CDP conducted training on Mainstreaming DRR in the Education Sector last March 23-27, 2009 at the Sulo Hotel for Maldivian teachers. There were 15 participants. Most of them were teachers. The Department of Education thru Ms. De Juan co facilitated the training. Ms. Maria Cagay, CDP's Managing Director, was the main facilitator. International and local resource persons were there to enrich the sharing (like Dr Emmanuel Luna, Dr. Cely Binoya, Ms. Willison and Ms. Grace Molina)

Ms. Luneta was also one of the resource persons. She shared the experience of Dagupan City in Mainstreaming DRR in the Education Sector. The following experiences were the highlights of her sharing:

- DRR Academic Olympics
- Dagupan Safety Day (institutionalization and implementation)
- DRR orientation for teachers.

The Maldivian teachers appreciated the training and were hoping to have exchange visits.

Tsunami Orientation

On March 31, 2009 there will be a Tsunami Preparedness Orientation for Dagupan City. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PhiVOLCS) will be the one to give the orientation. The Region 1 Disaster Coordinating Council and the TWG helped in the coordination of this event. This will be attended by different stakeholders and high risk areas for tsunamis.

A. Next month activities Plan

Bangladesh Study Tour to Dagupan City

Preparation for DMO for Dagupan Dep Ed Division

Meeting with the RDCC for Preparation of Northern Luzon DRR net Workshop

B. Issues encountered and solutions

The TWG had prepared the modules, presentations and the tasking for DRR training roll out however they are still waiting for the budget to be released. The PROMISE team advocates the realization of the DRR Training Roll out. The team is just waiting for the right time.

The Bangladesh Study Tour to Dagupan City did not push through due to the political unrest in Bangladesh. They have re scheduled it on April.

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