



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.

HFA Monitoring Validation Workshop

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

Mangin Early Warning Presentation

Bangladesh Study Tour in Dagupan City

ADRA and World Vision Simulation Exercise

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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

Mangin Early Warning Presentation

Plan Philippines requested CDP to conduct a Child Centered CBDRR TOT for the Aklan Province. Ms Luneta (Promise Coordinator) and Ms. Maria Cagay (Managing Director of CDP) were the facilitators of the said training. There were around 60 participants from the local government and the education sector. Part of the training was the film showing of the Oxfam CBDRM Good Practices entitled Strength in Numbers which highlights the development of the Early Warning System of Barangay Mangin. This was done through the use of the internet by using the link in the YouTube made by Gabrielle Iglesias of ADPC (since there was no available

DVD). The participants appreciated the sharing of the experiences. The participants even followed the example of the Northern Luzon DRRnet in making a covenant of partnership for Aklan province.

Bangladesh Study Tour in Dagupan City

Nine high ranking officials of Bangladesh and one European based in Bangladesh went to the Philippines through the recommendation of ADPC for a 4 day DRR study tour from April 12- 15, 2009. The first part of the study tour was the visit to Dagupan City. They followed the schedule below:

- Ms. Cagay, Ms. Luneta and Brig. Gen. Samad (representative of the participants) went to the Flag Ceremony. City Admin Alvin Fernandez invited them to witness the flag ceremony of the employees of the city hall. The flag ceremony was attended by the staff and department heads of the City Government of Dagupan. During the ceremony the people were encouraged by the City Administrator in doing their best in serving the people of Dagupan. Brig. Gen. Samad gave a short message of thanks and openly showed his appreciation of being a part of the ceremony.
- PROMISE Project orientation in the Emergency Operation Center- The participants watched the two short AVPs of Dagupan City and the PROMISE project. The City Ad also entertained some questions regarding DRR and governance. The TWG headed by Ms. Molina were also there.
- Surprise Fire Drill- The EOC, the Fire Department, Red Cross and the City Health Office showed how they are prepared for an emergency. The participants were amazed and happy to see an actual drill. The media covered the event.
- There was a debriefing after the drill in the City Museum. Mayor Al Fernandez was also there to answer the queries of the participants and the media.
- Lunch was served in the Mayor's Farm. There was an exchange of tokens from Dagupan City and Bangladesh participants. The first lady Joy Siapno Araujo (a local of Dagupan City) of East Timor was also there in the gathering.
- The participants went to Barangay Mangin and witnessed the Oxfam GB's "Strength in Numbers" AVP of Barangay Mangin's Early Warning System. They have also seen the 3D hazard/risk/resource map of the Barangay and other accomplishments of the model barangay.
- They went to Pogo Grande and witnessed a water search and rescue participated by the community leaders, members, Red Cross and City Health Office.

The participants appreciated the study tour in Dagupan City and they learned a lot from the city and were willing to replicate the Promise experience in their context.

ADRA and World Vision Simulation Exercise

On April 16, 2009 Ms. Luneta was invited by ADRA and World Vision to present in their Disaster Response Training Simulation about risk assessment. The participants were regional staff of both ADRA and World Vision from different

countries. Ms. Luneta emphasized the importance of having a community risk assessment before a disaster to have a baseline data for disaster risk reduction plans and for emergency preparedness plans. The actual experience highlighted in the session was the Dagupan PROMISE experience. The participants appreciated the presentations and looked forward in having their own community risk assessments in their areas.

HFA Monitoring Validation Workshop

The Validation Workshop regarding the HFA Monitoring happened last April 29, 2009 in Sulo Hotel, Diliman. The workshop was done to validate the survey results on monitoring the services and activities done by different organizations in relation to achieving the HFA.

The activity was attended by different CSOs, LGUs and Peoples Organizations all over the Philippines. This was sponsored by Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction through Asian Disaster Response Network. CDP was assigned the National Coordinating Organization while Dagupan City participated in the survey.

The partial results of this study will be attached to this report.

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Ms. Lorna P. Victoria was asked to contribute in the book edited by Rajib Shaw and RR Krishnamurthy entitled "*Disaster Management Global Challenges and Local Solutions*". Ms. Victoria cited different CBDRR activities done by different stakeholders. One of which, was the PROMISE Philippines experience in CBDRR. The book was already published.

A. Next month activities Plan

Preparation and actual DMO for Dagupan Dep Ed Division
Meeting with the RDCC for Preparation of Northern Luzon DRR net Workshop
Tsunami workshop and drill

B. Issues encountered and solutions

During April Dagupan City was very busy for festivities that are why major activities were not considered during this time.

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