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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.

CDCC response for Typhoon Emong Proposals for Continuity

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.

Proposals for Continuity H1n1 Forum

4. Strengthen networks and region 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 Training for Teachers in Dagupan Division- Dep Ed

During the Month of May the Promise Team was expected to give a DRR Training for Teachers in Dagupan Division of the Department of Education. Ms. Luneta coordinated already with the National Department of Education focal person Ms. Candy de Juan to give the training on second week of May. Ms. De Juan gave her approval however, due to her hectic schedule she will not be able to come. Furthermore, on May 7, 2009 Typhoon Emong hit Northern Luzon which alerted the CDCC, so the training was

moved to the last week of May to give way to the emergency (since the TWG and the CDCC almost have the same people).

During the last two weeks of May the City prioritized in the preparation for the spread of H1N1, since the Philippines have already cases of people infected of the virus. Mayor Fernandez issued "Executive Order 14 creating a multi-agency task force to oversee the city's preparations for a possible spread of the dreaded AH1N1 influenza, popularly known as swine flu" (Dagupan City Website by Ryan Ravanzo). The task force was headed by Dr. Leo Carbonell. Dep Ed also prepares for H1N1 so the team decided to move the DRR training on June 2009.

CDCC response for Typhoon Emong

Last May 7, 2009 typhoon Emong hit Northern Luzon very badly. In Dagupan City, the effect was not as bad as Cosme, but the CDCC was very much prepared and was very alert in responding to emergency for the City. Even the BDCC's were also prepared. Lessons from their previous experiences and the capacity building of the PROMISE project helped the TWG/ CDCC in being alert and prepared for upcoming hazards. Dagupan City was not only prepared in helping their city but was also ready in helping other cities/ municipalities. Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr. even ordered a deployment of an emergency Mission to Bolinao to help in the clearing of roads and in giving of relief goods to residents.

"In the spirit of true charity and brotherhood among Pangasinanses, the people of Dagupan City, in collaboration with the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council, extend its assistance to the people of Bolinao who bore the brunt and most suffered the impact of typhoon Emong," Fernandez said. (Quoted from the news from the Dagupan City Website by Ryan Ravanzo).

Climate Change Issues and Agenda Sharing for the Kilusang Mangingisda

On May 21, 2009 Ms. Luneta went to Brgy. Punta, Unisa, Quezon to share about the Climate Change Issues and Agenda in the Philippines to the Kilusang Mangingisda (Fisher folk Movement in the Philippines). KM had their national assembly and is active in climate change issues and advocacy. They invited CDP to share on the said topic. Ms Luneta also shared the experience of Dagupan in Climate change adaptation, mitigation, DRR, and zoning of the waters (since Dagupan City is also very dependent on the fish industry the participants were able to understand the examples and see similarities/differences in their areas)

Proposals for Continuity

CDP with the help of different partners submitted proposals for the sustainability of DRR efforts of the PROMISE Project in Dagupan City. The following proposals were passed (waiting for approval):

- Building Integrated Urban Climate Adaptability in Vulnerable Community (with ADPC)
- GFDRR Proposal on Child Focused DRR and CC (with ADPC, MPBI and PLAN)
- GFDRR Proposal SSC Program (with ADRRN)

H1N1 Forum

Last May 13 2009, Ms. Luneta attended the “Influenza H1N1 Preparedness and Response Public-Private Forum” at the Manila Polo Club, Makati City. This was through the invitation of the AI Network. The forum discussed the following topics:

- Scientific Aspects of Influenza A H1N1 and tracking the disease
- International Health Regulations
- Public-Private Health Care Delivery
- Private Sector’s Business Contingency
- Business Continuity Managers Association of the Philippines Overview

The speakers were from different Health agencies like WHO, Department of Health, UP, Medical City. The others were from the business sector. It was attended by the public, private sectors, business sectors, NGO’s and other concerned groups. The information materials that were received from this forum were also given to other CDP partners including the TWG of Dagupan City.

CDP also passed Swine Flu updates from WHO Philippines to Dagupan City through the City Health Office Head Dr. Leonard Carbonell (who appreciated the updates and materials for these can be used for their preparedness and response plans for AH1N1).

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

B. Issues encountered and solutions

Due to Typhoon Emong and the coming of H1N1 in the Philippines, the schedule of the DRR training for the teachers of the Dagupan Division Department of Education was re scheduled to June.

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