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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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I. ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

Objective	Activities
1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.	⇒ Preparations for the Northern Luzon DRR 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.	⇒ DRR Training for Local Government officials in Kalibo
3. Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools, and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities	⇒ Sharing of the PROMISE Experience
4. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Learning From the Emergency Operations Centers of Marikina and Makati
5. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Establishment and strengthening of partnerships in DRR promotion
6. Strengthened networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.	

II. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Preparations for the Regional Workshop on DRR

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta, Mr. Robert Erfe-Mejia (Deputized Civil Defense Officer of Dagupan City), Ms. Imelda Acosta (from the Office of Civil Defense in Region 1), and Director Eugene Cabrera (Region 1 Disaster Coordinating Council) met on June 24, 2009 to discuss how Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) can be sustained in the region. They agreed to hold a workshop on DRR and climate change adaptation for the 4 provinces and 9 cities in the region. Specifically, they agreed to enable the participants of the planned workshop to:

- ⇒ learn from the Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) experience of the PROMISE Project in Dagupan;

- ⇒ assess the DRR experience in Region 1;
- ⇒ prepare a DRR action plan per province;
- ⇒ and sign a covenant for mutual support during disaster situations

The date for the region-wide workshop is on July 28, 2009. A follow up meeting was conducted by Ms. Emma Molina and Ms. Mayfourth Luneta on June 26, 2009 to discuss the details of the workshop.

DRR Training for Local Government Officials in Kalibo, Aklan

The PROMISE experience was highlighted during the series of training activities on Child-Centered DRR in Kalibo, Aklan on June 8 to 9 and June 10 to 11. The first batch of training included around 100 participants from the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council (MDCC), schools, youth/children's organizations, and *Barangay* Councils. On the other hand, the second batch included 130 members of Barangay Disaster Coordinating Councils (BDCCs), teachers, and students. In both batches, the Early Warning System, Reactivation of CDCC and BDCC, Public Awareness in Schools, and DRR-related policies developed under the PROMISE Project in Dagupan City were discussed.

The training series was a product of the previous Training of Trainers (TOT) on Child-Centered DRR with Plan International.

Sharing of the PROMISE Experience

The Central Luzon Conference (CLC)/Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency (ADRA) invited Ms. Luneta to discuss disaster preparedness on June 14, 2009 in the CLC Office in Malabon. The topic included the CBDRR experience of Dagupan. The activity was attended by Adventist Community Services from different Seventh Day Adventist churches in Central Luzon.

The World Bank (WB) likewise invited Ms. Lorna P. Victoria (CBDRM Training Learning Circle Philippines) and Ms. Emma J. Molina (Focal person of Dagupan City for PROMISE Project) in a video conference among DRR practitioners in Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR), Philippines, Vietnam, Tokyo, and Beijing on June 26, 2009. Ms. Victoria gave an overview of the CBDRM in the Philippines while Ms. Molina highlighted the PROMISE experience in Dagupan City. There were 44 participants from the Philippines, including members of Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), Buklod Tao Foundation, Corporate Network for Disaster Response (CNDR), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Buklod ng Kabataan, and other NGOs and POs.

Review of the Emergency Operation Centers of Marikina and Makati

Ms. Luneta accompanied Mr. Arambe on June 15-16, 2009 to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Office, Marikina City Hall, and Makati City Hall to look into their Emergency Operation Centers, structures, and protocols. They also discussed the possibility of replicating the PROMISE Project in the two cities.

Partnerships in DRR Promotion

Several proposals were submitted to the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) with Dagupan City as partner. The proposals intend to sustain the gains of the PROMISE project in the area. They included:

- ⇒ partnership with ADPC in "Building Integrated Urban Climate Adaptability in Vulnerable Community"
- ⇒ partnership with ADRRN in "Community to Community-Sharing on Capacity Development for DRR and CCA"
- ⇒ partnership with ADPC, Plan International, MPBI, Save the Earth in "Child-Centered Community Based Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction"
- ⇒ partnership with ADPC, NDCC, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka in "Mainstreaming DRR in Local Governance"
- ⇒ partnership with ADPC, Training Learning Center CBDRM-Philippines

III. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2009

The following are the planned activities for July 2009:

- ⇒ Updating and improving the three-dimensional map of Barangay Mangin
- ⇒ Disaster Safety Day which will include city-wide earth-quake drills, school-based DRR workshop, poster-making contest, and planning for the city wide earthquake and fire drill
- ⇒ Northern Luzon DRRNet Workshop

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