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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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I. ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Objectives and the corresponding activities for July 2009:

Objective	Activities
1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.	⇒ Updating of Maps
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.	⇒ City-Wide Earthquake and Fire Drills ⇒ School-Based DRR Workshop
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	⇒ Disaster Safety Day
4. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Northern Luzon DRR Workshop
5. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.	⇒ Inclusion of the PROMISE Experience in the Consultative Version of KKKK, a CBDRM training manual
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

Updating of Maps

Professors JC Gaillard and Emman Maceda were invited to help update and improve the three-dimensional (3-D) map of Barangay Mangin on July 17-18, 2009. Both are professors at the Department of Geology of the National Institute of Geological Sciences-University of the Philippines.

The BDCC and residents of Barangay Mangin can now use the 3-D map for disaster planning, orientation, and training activities.

City-Wide Earthquake and Fire Drill

The first city-wide Earthquake and Fire Drill in banks and commercial establishments was done on July 21, 2009. The endeavor was initiated by the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC). Director Eugene Cabrera of Region 1 expressed satisfaction over the achievements of Dagupan City in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Moreover, the Dagupan City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) earned a score of 95% during the post-drill evaluation. City Administrator Alvin Fernandez attributed the City's good performance to the PROMISE Project, which enabled the City to host visitors and showcase emergency response measures.

School-Based DRR Workshop

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta facilitated a one-day DRR workshop for the Dagupan City Division of the Department of Education (DepEd). Principals, teachers, and disaster point persons from primary and secondary public and private schools participated in the event. DRR manuals and videos (Tales of Disasters) were distributed to the participants. Moreover, the workshop prompted Division Superintendent Ruby Torio to formally direct all public schools under her division to:

- ⇒ form a district-wide DRR organization for DepEd
- ⇒ conduct risk assessment and develop a hazard map per school
- ⇒ feedback the experience and results of using the video (Tales of Disasters) in teaching students DRR.

Disaster Safety Day

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta and Ms. Maria Cagay of the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) participated in the following Disaster Safety Day activities on July 21, 2009:

- ⇒ Poster Making Contest for secondary level students
- ⇒ 1-minute of silence and contemplation throughout the whole city as part of commemorating the July 16, 1990 earthquake
- ⇒ planning among the stakeholders for the city wide earthquake and fire drill.

Northern Luzon DRR Workshop

The Northern Luzon DRR Network (DRRNet) workshop was held on July 28, 2009. It was attended by CDP staff members, Ms. Padma Karunaratne (who gave a message during the workshop), and almost one hundred participants from 4 provinces and 6 cities in Region 1. The event became a venue for:

- ⇒ discussion and presentation of the PROMISE experience;

- ⇒ assessment of the DRR efforts of Region 1 areas;
- ⇒ action-planning on DRR and Climate Change Adaptation of the 4 provinces; and
- ⇒ signing of the covenant of partnership for DRR by Mr. Eugene Cabrera, Mayor Fernandez, and other high ranking officials of the region.

Inclusion of the PROMISE Experience in the Consultative Version of KKKK

Ms. Lorna P. Victoria included the PROMISE experience in the consultative version of her book, *Kahandaan, Katatagan at Kaunlaran ng Komunidad* (Preparedness, Strengthening and Development of the Community- a Community Based DRR Training Manual). This consultative version of the manual was reproduced (100 copies) and distributed to the participants of the region-wide Northern Luzon DRRNet workshop on July 28, 2009. The slide presentations used in the various PROMISE training and sharing activities were included in the manual.

III. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 2009

DRR Conference in Local Governance in Incheon, South Korea

Ms. Emma Molina and Ms Mayfourth Luneta will attend a United Nations conference in Incheon, South Korea to present the PROMISE experience.

IV. ISSUES ENCOUNTERED AND SOLUTIONS UNDERTAKEN

A typhoon hit the City during the planned activities for the Disaster Safety Day. Hence, the schedule of activities was moved.

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