



**PROMISE PROJECT**

**Philippines**

**NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

**Implemented By:**

*Center for Disaster Preparedness*

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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.

### ***BAO Meeting***

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

### ***Sharing of PROMISE activities for Child Fund***

***Oxfam Launch of DRR Materials***

***Education Cluster Workshop***

***Gift giving***

3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.

### ***Education Cluster Workshop***

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**

### **Sharing of PROMISE activities for Child Fund**

CDP gave Child Fund an orientation on Child Led DRR last December 1-4, 2009 in San Pablo, Laguna. It was attended by thirty nine staff and partners of Child Fund from Luzon and Mindanao. During the training, Ms. Mayfourth Luneta, PROMISE Project Coordinator, shared about the different Child Centered Activities of CDP and other partners. This included the Dagupan PROMISE experience especially the activities during the Disaster Safety Day where the children (Elementary and High School Students in Public Schools and some Private Schools in Dagupan and even tertiary level) actively participated in Risk Communication and Mitigation:

- Academic Olympics on DRR ( Oratorical contest, essay writing contest, extemporaneous speech, quiz bee, tableau and others)
- Mangrove Reforestation
- Tree Planting
- Earthquake and Fire Drills

## **Oxfam Launch of DRR Materials**

On December 14, 2009 at Sulo Hotel, Quezon City - Oxfam had a launching of different IEC Materials (DVD, books, pamphlets, CD )promoting the institutionalization of Provincial DRRM Offices in the Philippines. The experience of Albay in having the Albay Public Safety and Emergency Management Office (APSEMO) was highlighted in the said materials. Different pilot areas of Oxfam were also included in the public awareness materials. This activity was attended by NGOs, local government units, and other partners of Oxfam. CDP attended the event and invited Pasig City to be a part of this event and to learn from the other LGUs' experiences in DRR. Pasig City Disaster Coordinating Council sent representatives from the Pasig Command Control Communication Operation Center (Mr. Noel and Mr. Jeff SM) to attend the launch.

## **Education Cluster Workshop**

On December 17, 2009, the Education Cluster of the Philippines had a Planning Workshop in UNICEF office in Makati City. They discussed on the following:

- Sharing of good practices of partners in child centered DRR (CDP presented the PROMISE child centered experience in Dagupan City from Risk assessment to different child led DRR activities).
- Review, critic and improvement of last planning workshop results
- Identification of Project Areas of partners

The activity was attended by different partner NGOs and INGOs.

## **BAO Meeting**

Last December 8, 2009, Ms. Luneta had a meeting with Mr. Greg Evangelista, the head of the Barangay Affairs Office (He is appointed the PROMISE focal person for Pasig City), about the schedules of PROMISE for next year. They discussed on setting a schedule with the City Heads and the Barangay Captains for consultation on the upcoming PROMISE activities.

## **Gift giving**

Trianon Fame Company for God's Glory Foundation has a yearly gift giving event. This year they decided to give some toys and food to those affected by the recent typhoons (Typhoon Ondoy and Pepeng). This aimed to help the children ease the pain, stress and trauma brought about by the disaster. They decided to coordinate with Central Luzon Conference of Seventh day Adventists (CLC) to help them choose their area. CLC asked the Adventist Community Service of Pasig to assist Trianon which in turn coordinated with CDP. CDP being a partner of Pasig City asked Mrs. Perez who is the head of all the day care centers in Pasig City to recommend a suitable place. She then recommended Ilogin Day Care Center in Pinagbuhatan to be the recipient of the gift giving. The event took place on December 15, 2009 in Ilogin Day Care Center in Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City. The children were relieved and were thankful for the event. There were 100 children who benefited in the gift giving.

## **A. Next month activities Plan**

Dept HEADS Meeting  
Meeting with the Barangay Captains  
Planning for Community Training  
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## **B. Issues encountered and solutions. Lessons learned**

- A lot of activities are already scheduled during this month. It is quite hard to get an appointment with key officials in the City. However, persistence and patience will pay off if it is done with flexibility and humility.
- Every City is different from another city. Pasig has its own culture that needed to be studied and understood.
- Lessons from other DRR projects can help in analyzing recent challenges; however, not all can be useful in another area.
- Experience of recent disasters can help LGUs to see the need for DRR (thus can help in prioritizing DRR projects).

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