



PROMISE Bangladesh

Extension Program activities in Jamalpur City

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

Following activities were performed during January, 2010:

Project Component -1

Development of Hydro-Meteorological Hazard based Map and Action Plan for the Municipality.

Activity-1: Preliminary meeting with ward councilors, members and community of selected wards.

- Preliminary meetings were conducted with ward councilors, members and communities of ward no. 1, 10 and 12 (selected wards for PROMISE activities) to orient the communities about PROMISE objectives and activities.

Activity-2: Community Level Baseline Data Collection

- Cluster wise Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was carried out in ward no. 1, 10 and 12 to collect community level baseline data as well as to identify the existing livelihood pattern of the community.

Activity-3: Monthly Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting.

- The monthly Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting was conducted on 18 January 2010 to explain the role and responsibilities of the TWG.

Activity-4: Visit of PROMISE site in Chittagong.

- ADPC team and UPPR team of UNDP jointly visited the PROMISE site in Chittagong to see the activities implemented by ADPC.

B. Activity Reports

Activity-1:

ADPC team visited the ward no. 1, 10 and 12 (selected wards for PROMISE activities) on 17 January, 2010 and conducted preliminary meeting in each ward with ward councilors, members and community peoples.



Photo Gallery: *Community level preliminary meeting with ward councilors, members and community peoples.*

The meeting covers two objectives: first is to orient the communities about PROMISE objectives, activities and how ADPC will facilitate the activities in coming days with the active involvement of the community.

The second is to draw a location map by the community of the respective ward, which include the major roads and cluster/mahalla boundary. This map assisted to get a clear picture of the ward especially, to target the community, who are most vulnerable within the ward due to hydro-meteorological hazard. It also helped to conduct the Transect Walk and Direct Observation to get plenty of information about the area.



Photo Gallery: Ward location map including major road and cluster/mahalla drawn by the community.

Activity-2:

On 17 January 2010, Mr. Ahsan from ADPC carried out a FGD at the targeted communities in each selected ward to collect community level baseline data as well as to identify the existing livelihood pattern of the community. The FGD was conducted separately with Women, Youths, and other mix group of the community to capture their livelihood activities and the threats due to hydro-meteorological hazards. Through this FGD, it was also tried to explore the Livelihood Opportunities from the community perspective.



Photo Gallery: Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to collect community level baseline data as well as to identify the existing livelihood pattern of the community.

Activity-3:

The monthly Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting was conducted on 18 January, 2010. The main agenda of the meeting included following specific objectives:

- a. Discussion on role and responsibilities of the TWG.
- b. Discussion on existing Early Warning System related to Hydro-meteorological hazards.
- c. Discussion on establishment of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and its function.



Photo Gallery: *Monthly TWG meeting.*

Total 13 TWG members were present in the meeting and all agreed with their following roles and responsibilities:

1. Assist PROMISE staff from ADPC for implementation of the project.
2. Delegate focal persons for each selected ward.
3. Conduct and facilitate monthly TWG meeting.
4. Constant communication with the TWG members.
5. Provide technical inputs to the PROMISE project at community as well as municipality level.
6. Facilitate municipality level activities and assist the communities in conducting flood hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment.
7. Assist the communities in preparing community action plans and developing community level projects.
8. Assist PROMISE to establish Community Based Early Warning System (CBEWS).
9. Delegate focal persons in conducting the training and advocacy of PROMISE project.
10. Provide support for establishment of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at municipality level.
11. Routine monitoring of project progress, keeping record of meeting decisions and provide time to time inputs.

In the meeting another session on “Early Warning System (EWS) related to Hydro-meteorological Hazards in Jamalpur” was conducted, where the TWG members were divided into three groups and assigned to work and discuss on following:

- a. Identify the existing EWS related to flood in Jamalpur.
- b. Identify the gaps or weakness in existing EWS.
- c. How community can be involved in developing EWS with the existing one.

The three groups were lead by member from WDB, LGED, and UGIIP & DAM respectively. Each group worked for 50 minutes and made a 20 minutes

presentation. All three groups provided detail information regarding the assigned issues related to EWS in Jamalpur.

The mayor informed in the meeting that they will provide a space by 20 next days within the municipality premises to establish the Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

The TWG members agreed to meet again on 23 February, 2010, where ADPC will present the Community Based Early Warning System (CBEWS) so that they go ahead for establishing the EOC.

Activity-4:

The team works under Urban Partnership for Poverty Reduction (UPPR) project of UNDP shown their keen interest to see the activities implemented by ADPC under PROMISE in Chittagong. On 20 January, 2010, ADPC organized a joint field visit at PROMISE site in ward no. 41 of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC). Present from UPPR were Binod K. Shrestha, Syed Nur Ahmed Babar, and Md. Nazrul Islam. Arvind Kumar from ADPC explained that how PROMISE project helped to address hydro-meteorological hazards and assisted community in settlement improvement by ensuring safe drinking water to the community. ADPC team also shown the eco-filter pond constructed under the project, on which about 2000 households of the community are depended for safe drinking water. During the visit, the team conducted a meeting with the community. Mr. Saleh Ahmed Chowdhury, Councilor of ward no. 41 showed the evidence that how the community getting benefit form the activities of PROMISE. He also applauded the effort of ADPC. The UPPR team was so impressed with PROMISE intervention and was happy to see way of its sustainability.

Photo Gallery



Eco-filter pond constructed in ward no. 41 of CCC under PROMISE Project.



Meeting with ward councilor during the visit of PROMISE site.

C. Next Month Activities Planned

- Monthly meeting of Technical Working Group (TWG).
- Conducting detailed vulnerability analysis with community, volunteers, WDB and city officials for selected wards.
- Preparation of community based risk maps and action plans for selected ward no. 1, 10 and 12.

D. Issues Encountered and Solutions

A local organization needs to engage for mobilizing the community and ADPC should closely monitor the activities. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) working in Jamalpur can be engaged and there should be MoU between ADPC and DAM in this regard. It can also be done by the community volunteers however, a clear strategy is need to develop about the modality for engaging volunteers.

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