PROMISE PROJECT

Sri Lanka

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

The activities for the month of February 2010 are as follows:

Project Component 1

Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Maps and action plans

Activity 1.3 – Draft City Hazard map and City Action Plan

A desk study of compilation of ward hazard maps and action plans into a city plan using GIS

Project Component 4:

Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management

Activity 4.1 - Review of By-laws and recommendations for reforms.

Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) is already engaged in a legal consultancy for the Southern Provincial Council to study and make recommendations to review and reform the existing Local Authority By-laws. PROMISE has joined hands with FSLGA to add the disaster risk reduction into the relevant development regulations in Matara in order to mainstream DRR in development activities in the city

B. Activity Reports

Activity 1.3 – Draft City Hazard map and City Action Plan

A comprehensive desktop study using GIS technology was carried out by the NBRO after careful analysis of information collected through previously held series of ward level workshops on participatory hazard mapping and action planning to cover the entire 15 wards of the city of Matara. Data collected on the secondary information relating to hazard history & hazard vulnerability assessment, analysis of futuristic risks, identification of vulnerable communities ,capacity assessment of the community and other remote sensing data have been incorporated in compilation final hazard map for the city

Activity 2: Project Working Group Meeting with ADPC Team

Activity 4.1 - Review of By-laws and recommendations for reforms.

Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) is already engaged in a legal consultancy for the Southern Provincial Council to study and make recommendations to review and reform the existing Local Authority By-laws. Several meetings were held with the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) and their legal consultant to incorporate disaster dimension to Matara Municipal By-laws relevant to development regulations, in order to mainstream DRR in development activities in the city

Ms. Padma Karunaratna, ADPC Project Manager and Mr. Piyal Ganepola, Program Manager of

The Asia Foundation, Hon. Mayor of Matara Mr. Upul Nishantha, Mr. Jayakody,PROMISE SL Coordinator participated in the meetings and finalized the following Terms of Reference for this assignment.

1. Review provisions in the local authority laws pertaining to disaster management.

2. Carry out preliminary discussion with Matara Local Authority to obtain preliminary information and to assess capacity.

3. Review provisions in existing by-laws pertaining to regulating the construction industry for disaster management and preparedness. These include the following:
   a) Review standard by-laws
   b) Review special by-laws (draft) applicable to Matara which are presently in formulation.
   c) Review applicability of UDA regulations for regulating building construction in Matara brought into operation by Gazette Extraordinary No. 1420/17 pertaining to the Southern Expressway Corridor..
   d) Review proposed land use plan and proposed special regulations for the development of the construction industry in Matara along the Southern Expressway Corridor.

4. Prepare draft by-laws taking above into consideration for discussion and possible adoption by the Matara local authority in order to regulate building construction by local authorities with reference to mitigating the impacts of natural disasters.

5. Present findings to the stakeholders at a workshop.

6. Submit final draft of proposed by-laws.

C. Next month activities Planned

Presentation of Draft City Hazard map and action plans to the City officers and the community for review, verification, revisions and set the priority actions for DRR and mitigation activities for implementation.

D. Issues encountered and solutions

Nil