



PROMISE, Bangladesh

Extension Program activities in Jamalpur City

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period: March, 2010

Implemented by:



Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

A. Activity Summary

Following activities were performed during March, 2010:

Project Component -2

Mitigation and preparedness

Activity-1: Identifying strategy for contribution (labour/fund) from each community and other stakeholders in implementing activities.

- Preliminary meetings were conducted with the most vulnerable communities from ward no. 1, 10 and 12 to identify the strategies for contribution (labour/funds) from each community.

Activity-2: Establishing EOC at Pourashava.

- An EOC has been established at Pourashava premises to operate the ward level EWS related to flood in Jamalpur Pourashava area.

Activity-3: Providing appropriate livelihood improvement in the wards.

- Preliminary meetings were conducted with the most vulnerable communities from ward no. 1, 10 and 12 to provide appropriate livelihood improvement in the wards.

Activity-4: USAID team visited the PROMISE site in Jamalpur Pourashava.

- The USAID team visited the PROMISE site in Jamalpur Pourashava to observe the overall project implementation progress.

B. Activity Reports

Activity-1:

ADPC team visited Jamalpur Municipality from 14 to 17 March, 2010 to conduct preliminary meetings with the most vulnerable communities namely Char Nao Bhangra from ward no. 1, Rashidpur from ward no. 10 and Tangorpara and Char Ramnagar from ward no 12. Ms. Padma Karunaratne, Programme Manager from ADPC joined the community level meetings along with Mr. Tawhid and Mr. Ahsan. The purpose of the meeting was to identify the strategies for contribution (labour/funds) from each community. It is observed from the meeting that almost 100% families of each community are willing to contribute in implementing the flood mitigation activities through both labour and funds.



Photo Gallery: Ms. Karunaratne, Programme Manager of ADPC joined the meeting with vulnerable community.



Photo Gallery: *Meeting with the communities to identify the strategies for contribution from each community in implementing the activities.*

Activity-2:

On 21 March 2010, Jamalpur Pourashava formally allocated a space in its premises for what is intended to be the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Information boards display the roles and responsibilities of Pourashava Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) and ward level flood risk and resource maps, Pourashava land use map, etc. also displayed in the EOC.



Photo Gallery: *Emergency Operation Center (EOC) room.*

Activity-3:

From 14 to 17 March 2010, the team conducted preliminary meetings with the most vulnerable communities from ward no. 1, 10 & 12. Basic information of the communities like, number of household members comprising male and female, present occupation or source of income, activities used to perform during flood, alternative livelihood options in the community, past records of similar scheme, etc collected to identify the capacity of the community. Present occupation wise FGD was also conducted to identify their preferable livelihood options and opportunities. Initial CBO was formed for each community and orient them about the purpose and activities of PROMISE as well as DRR. Discussion with the CBO was also conducted for livelihood project proposal development.



Photo Gallery: *Meeting with the communities to orient them about purpose and activities of PROMISE as well as DRR.*



Photo Gallery: *Meeting with the communities to collect basic information, preferable livelihood option, initial CBO formation, etc.*

To identify the potential CBO or NGO who can be potential partner in implementing livelihood improvement project, preliminary discussion was conducted with Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM). DAM is a renowned NGO of the country and implementing different community improvement projects in Jamalpur area. It was also the partner of ADPC in implementing SHOUHARDO project in Jamalpur Pourashava.

Activity-4:

On 22 March 2010, USAID team comprising Mr. Rob Friedman, Regional Advisor for South Asia, OFDA and Ms. Liza Mantilla, Senior Information Officer, OFDA visited the PROMISE site in Jamalpur Pourashava to observe the overall project implementation progress. Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Ahsan from ADPC guided the team and explained the project implementation progress. Two meetings, one at the community level and another at the Pourashava were organized. A presentation also made on different activities implementing by the Pourashava related to flood disaster management. The team also visited the EOC and Mr. Arvind explained its operation mechanism in detailed. Both the visitors expressed that they were quite impressed with the interventions ADPC has made so far in implementing the PROMISE in Jamalpur.



Photo Gallery: *Community level meeting with USAID team.*



Photo Gallery: *Pourashava level meeting with USAID team in EOC.*

C. Next Month Activities Planned

- Monthly meeting of Technical Working Group (TWG).
- Finalize the CBO from each community.
- Finalize the livelihood improvement opportunities and develop project proposal.
- Finalize and agreement with the potential partner CBO or NGO in implementing livelihood improvement projects.
- Organize workshop for DRR action planning related to flood.

D. Issues Encountered and Solutions

None