



PROMISE PROJECT

Sri Lanka

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

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

Project Component 1

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

Activity 1.3 –City consultation workshop March. 2

A consultation workshop was held on 2nd March 2010 at the Saman Mal Hotel Matara to present the City Hazard Map and a draft Action Plan compiled based on the series of community workshops recently conducted to cover all 15 wards in the Matara City . Matara city officials headed by the Mayor, community leaders, chairmen of the citizen committees, and the officials of the DMC District Office Matara were among the invited participant of the workshop. Their input was received to review the hazard map and action plan and set the priority actions for DRR and mitigation activities for implementation.

Component 2:

Mitigation and Preparedness

Activity 2.2 - Developing a fire emergency response plan and training

Initial discussions were held with the Fire Department of the Colombo Municipal Council to conduct a Fire and Rescue training program.

B. Activity Reports

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His Worship the Mayor of Matara Mr. Upul Nishantha, PROMISE Project Manager (ADPC), Mrs. Padma Karunaratna, Capt. Saman Balasooriya, DMC District Coordinator for Matara and Mr. Piyal Ganepola, Program Manager of the Asia Foundation facilitated the sessions of the event. Mr. Rohan Cooray, Project Coordinator, ADPC/ DMC, Mr. Kishan Sugathapala, Head, Human Settlements Division of NBRO and Mr. Dayan Munasinghe presented the hazard and risk profile of the Matara city. Community members and the city officials were actively participated in reviewing and verifying hazard levels and ranks of their respective wards

Preparation/Revision of city Action plan, identification and setting priority activities for mitigation for implementation were carried out during the afternoon session by Mrs. Padma Karunaratna, Mr. Dammika Mahendra, Program Officer of the Asia Foundation.

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Initial discussions were held with the Fire Department of the Colombo Municipal Council to conduct a Fire and Rescue training program for the community respondents from the vulnerable communities of the city. The training program is tentatively scheduled for the month of May 2010.

Photo Gallery



- (1) HW the Mayor of Matara addressing the workshop (2) DMC District Coordinator/Matara explaining evacuation sites in the wards (3) Presentation of city hazard map by Mr. Rohan Cooray (4) Part of the audience

Photo Gallery



Participation in action planning and setting priority activities.....

C. Next month activities Planned

Hazard, Vulnerability, and Capacity Assessment Report
Analysis of City Land Use Plan in Relevance to Disaster Dimension and Recommendations
Selection of mitigation activities for implementation and signing the MoUs with citizens' committees.
School Safety Programs

D. Issues encountered and solutions

Nil