



PROMISE PROJECT

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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

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

Project Component 4: Advocacy for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction

Activity 4.1 - Review of By-laws and recommendations for reforms. April 20, 30

Study and make recommendations to review and reform the existing Local Authority By-laws relevant to DRM has been initiated by PROMISE with the inputs of the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) and their legal consultants. This is the first ever effort in Sri Lanka to incorporate disaster dimension to the Local Authority By-laws relevant to development regulations, and will be an important initiative towards the objective of mainstreaming DRM in the LA system.

The findings of the study and the draft by-laws proposed under this assignment have been presented to the stakeholders at two workshop held on 20th and 30th April 2010 at the Matara Municipal Council Auditorium.

Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness

Activity 2.1 - Implementing mitigation activities with communities

Priority actions for DRR and mitigation activities for implementation finalized by the City Consultation workshop has been submitted to the City officials. Cost estimations for the proposed activities are being carried out by the Municipal Council and the MOU between MMC and communities are being prepared.

Activity 2.2 - Developing a fire emergency response plan and training

Training of Community Respondents on Fire Safety and Emergency Response

Arrangements are being made for training of 30 respondents on fire safety and emergency response, selected from vulnerable location within Matara City. The participants include representation of operational crew of both MC and District Disaster Management Unit (10) in addition to the community members (20) from the vulnerable communities. This two day residential program is conducted by the Fire Department Training Centre of the Colombo Municipal Council.

B. Activity Reports

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Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) is already contracted under PROMISE in a legal consultancy for the Southern Provincial Council to study and make recommendations to review and reform the existing Local Authority By-laws and also to incorporate disaster dimension to Matara Municipal By-laws relevant to development regulations, in order to mainstream DRM in development activities in the city. This assignment is

carried out under the following Terms of Reference.

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.

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Training of 20 community respondents selected from vulnerable location within Matara city and 10 members from operational crew of Matara MC and District Disaster Management Unit on fire safety and emergency response will be held on 17-18th May 2010. Two day residential program is conducted by the Fire Department Training Centre of the Colombo Municipal Council.

This two day residential program includes theory and practical relating to the following subject areas: Fire- Knowledge including chemistry of fire, type of fire and method of heat transmission, extinction of fire, fire fighting agents and fire extinguishers, fire prevention techniques, means of

escape, preparing for emergencies, emergency service liaison, First Aid- Safety procedure, incident management plan (AMEGA), casualty management plan (DRABC), Recovery position, CPR(adults), Burns, Bleeding arresting, faint, epilepsy, fractures, immobilization, bandaging, slings.

Participants are being selected by the Municipal Council of Matara and the DMC District Unit Matara from communities in vulnerable locations within the City and from their own operational crew. The selected participants are youthful, reasonably educated males who could eventually train others within their communities and those who will take leadership in an emergency situation.

Photo Gallery



Presentation of draft by-laws to stakeholders, Auditorium, Municipal Council, Matara

C. Next month activities Planned

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

D. Issues encountered and solutions

Nil