



PROMISE PROJECT

Sri Lanka

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

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

Project Component 1: Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Maps and action plans

Activity 1.7 Analysis and report land use pattern in relevance to disaster dimension with Recommendations

Report on analysis of the city land use in relevance to disaster dimension and preparation of Land use plan maps have been completed by National Building Research Organization (NBRO), the technical consultant to the project. This is another planning tool under the project that will be useful for the city administration in regulating development keeping with the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) objectives.

Activity 1.8 Training on participatory planning to consolidate the land use plan recommendations

Arrangements have been made to conduct two day workshop to 30 City officers and elected members to enhance their participatory planning capacities focusing on land use plan recommendations. The training module already developed under another TAF project to be used in the Matara. This activity is scheduled to be held in late July 2010.

Project Component 4: Advocacy for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction

Activity 3.2 - Urban Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Training for the City Officials.

One day training workshop has been scheduled for 30 participants focusing on mainstreaming DRR in urban governance. PROMISE has already completed work on the amendment of municipal by-laws with the FSLGA and Southern Provincial Council with the Chief Secretary's initiatives. Therefore this has been organized as a follow up activity with the intension of demonstrating the ways of integrating DRR in local government system and thereby advocating implementing DRR as a part of mandated role of Local Government under sustainable development and environmental management. This activity has been earlier scheduled for June 2010 and rescheduled for early July due to the MC authorities are busy with the national evaluation of cities.

Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness

Activity 2.1 - Implementing mitigation activities with communities

MOU between Municipal Council and the Asia Foundation has been established for the implementation of following mitigation activities identified at the City consultation workshop. The implementation strategy of this activity will include creating community ownership and awareness on mitigation infrastructure by involving them in implementation.

- Improvement of the Piladuwa Ganga Mawatha 1st cross canal over an approximate length of 100 meters
- Improvement of the canal from Vellawatta to Nawimana Road 2nd culvert, over an approximate length of 600 meters for mitigation of flash floods

B. Activity Reports

Project Component 1: Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Maps and action plans

Activity 1.7 Analyze and report land use pattern in relevance to disaster dimension with Recommendations

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Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness

Activity 2.1 - Implementing mitigation activities with communities

Two flood mitigation projects have been identified as priority projects jointly by the city officials with city communities for implementation by the Matara Municipal Council (MMC) for mitigation of flash floods caused in highly populated areas within Matara City with community participation.

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Project Component 4: Advocacy for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction

Activity 3.2 - Urban Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Training for the City Officials.

One day training workshop has been scheduled for 30 participants selected from city officials focusing on mainstreaming DRR in urban governance with the objectives of.

- Drawing the attention of Provincial policy makers and local authority officials on the importance of incorporating disaster risk management in local planning
- Highlighting the important role to be played by the Local Authorities in disaster risk reduction as the local planning authority
- Creating awareness on available legal provisions to engage in disaster risk management activities by introducing By-laws
- Improving the capacity of Local Authorities to perform better in their mandated role in Sustainable Development and Environmental management by improved awareness.

PROMISE has already completed work on the amendment of municipal by-laws with the FSLGA and Southern Provincial Council with the Chief Secretary's initiatives. This workshop has been organized as a follow up activity with the intension of demonstrating the ways of integrating DRR in local government system and thereby advocating implementing DRR as a part of mandated role of Local Government under sustainable development and environmental management.

This activity will be conducted in the month of July 2010.

C. Next month activities Planned

- Implementation of mitigation activities.
- School Safety Programs

D. Issues encountered and solutions

Nil