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**NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

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## **Activity Summary**

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Pasig City.

- TWG Meeting
- Disaster Preparedness Orientation for the Pasig Pathfinder Club Trainees
- Pasig City participated in a nationwide drill

2. Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools, and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities

- TWG Meeting
- DRR Orientation of PHILSSA for Pangasinan Partners
- PACT DMO
- Disaster Preparedness Orientation for the Pasig Pathfinder Club Trainees
- Pasig City participated in a nationwide drill
- DRR Orientation for the Municipality of San Mateo

3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.

4. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

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## **Activities**

### **TWG Meeting**

Last June 2, 2010 the Pasig TWG or the Pasig City CBDRR Team had a meeting for the upcoming community training for the high risk barangays of Pasig City. The CBDRRM training will be conducted in seven communities which are high risk for flooding. The following are the target communities:

1. Pinagbuhatan
2. Sta Lucia
3. Kalawaan,
4. Maybunga
5. Rosario
6. Bambang
7. Manggahan.

There will be three simultaneous barangay training every other week (by the 3 groups out from the TWG). The following are the final schedules for July:

- July 9, 2010 – TWG Review of the new law RA 10121 and training flow and tasking
- July 15-16, 2010 – 3 community training
- July 29-30, 2010 – 2 community training

It was deemed necessary to have a review of the RA 10121 or the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010. This is to help the TWG in improving the mainstreaming of DRR in their departments. This is also to equip themselves in sharing the new law to the barangays.

This meeting was attended by the department heads of Pasig City and by CDP.

### **DRR Orientation of PHILSSA for Pangasinan Partners**

There was a DRR Orientation last June 4, 2010 in La Union for Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA). It was attended by different CSOs and LGUs. The aims of the orientation were:

#### **Objectives:**

1. To identify the various stakeholders affected by disasters in Pangasinan and their disaster responses/ DRR initiatives
2. To equip these stakeholders with relevant information on DRR
3. To identify areas for possible partnership and coordination in disaster responses.
4. To come up with recommendations on strengthening DRR efforts in Pangasinan and Northern Luzon.

PHILSSA then, invited CDP and Dagupan City to share their PROMISE Experience to inspire their partners in Northern Luzon and to help meet the objectives. Mayfourth Luneta then shared the Community based DRRM Experience of Dagupan City, while Mrs. Emma J. Molina shared about the integration of DRRM to the City Planning.

### **PACT DMO**

The Philippines Against Child Trafficking (PACT) is a national network of multi-sectoral advocates committed to end child trafficking through the coordinating the efforts of its partners in the prevention, protection, prosecution, and reintegration of child trafficking victims and survivors all over the Philippines. PACT's network of child rights advocates is composed of LGU officials, GO's, NGO's, PO's and faith-based organizations, law enforcers, social workers, teachers, community leaders, and media among others. PACT is a member of Asia Acts, the regional coordinating body in Southeast Asia.

PACT, in partnership with the Philippine Education and Theater Association (PETA), Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA) and the Medical Action Group (MAG), with funding support from Terre des Hommes-Netherlands, have agreed to come up with a joint six (6) months psycho-social intervention and relief program project for children and their families in selected areas of Pasig, Marikina, Taytay and San Mateo in Rizal, Biñan, Pangasinan and La Union for the victims of Typhoons "Ondoy and Pepeng". The project started October

2009 and will end on June 2010. As part of their holistic approach in assisting the said communities and to sustain such efforts, the project conducted a capacity building for their area leaders in the community on Disaster Preparedness and Management. The Center for Disaster Preparedness, Pasig City and Dagupan City were invited to be resource speakers of the said training held June 8 to 9. Pasig City were not able to commit due to previous commitment, however they provided the participants the Pasig City Emergency Handbook. CDP and Dagupan City shared their PROMISE and other DRR experience during the sessions given to them. Ms. Mayfourth Luneta and Fatima Gay Molina were CDP's resource persons while Ms. Emma Molina was Dagupan City's representative.

The following was the flow of the training:

How do disasters/ emergencies occur and how can it be prevented?

Understanding Disasters- Mayfourth Luneta

- Understanding the vulnerability of communities to disaster
- Basic Concepts of Disaster Risk Reduction

How can we prevent our communities/ families from being greatly affected by these disasters? - Fatima Gay Molina

- Community/ Family centered Disaster Preparedness and Contingency planning (basic concepts and tips) -
  - Ex. Disaster Supplies Kit, Family communication plan, Pre-determined meeting place for evacuation / separation, Shelter-in-place awareness and kit
  - Basic first aid

Who must/ can help us during disasters? - Emma Molina

- Different government and community structures/ programs for disasters/ emergencies

PACT, CDP and Dagupan City agreed on possible future partnerships with the participants to ensure the sustainability of DRR in the eight areas of the PACT project.

### **Disaster Preparedness Orientation for the Pasig Pathfinder Club Trainees**

The **Pathfinder Club** is a worldwide program organized and directed by the Youth Department of the General Conference of the [Seventh-day Adventist Church](#) (often compared to Scouting). The Pasig Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinder Club promotes disaster preparedness for the family and the community. The Master Guides of the said club included in their curriculum the disaster preparedness aspect. The Center for Disaster Preparedness, being one of their partners, was asked to give an orientation to the Master Guide trainees. Ms. Luneta oriented the trainees on the disaster preparedness tips shown in the Tales of Disaster video. Ms. Luneta also gave tips on whom to call during emergencies thus promoting the Pasig City hot lines. This was done last June 13, 2010.

### **Pasig City Participated in a Nationwide Earthquake Drill**

Last June 18, 2010 the National Disaster Coordinating Council spearheaded a nationwide earthquake drill. Baguio, Olangapo, Makati City (school) and Pasig City (business district) participated in the said event. (Source: by Elena Aben Manila

Bulletin June 18, 2010) The Pasig City Rescue Team actively participated in the business district drill in Ortigas Center. The team was headed by Ritchie Van Angeles a member of the Pasig CBDRRM Team. The Pasig City Rescue Team is currently nominated as a Kalasag Awardee for NCR and is competing for the National Award for Kalasag (Rescue Category).

### **DRR Orientation for the Municipality of San Mateo**

The Municipality of San Mateo was hit by Typhoon Ketsana and was severely flooded. After the devastating effect of the flood the Municipality had several programs to help the communities to be prepared for hydro met hazards. CDP being a partner of Buklod Tao (a community based people's organization in San Mateo), offered their expertise to the Municipality.

Last June 24, 2010, the Center for Disaster Preparedness conducted a Disaster Risk Reduction Orientation for the Municipality of San Mateo as requested by the City Administrator Ricardo Gomez. CDP also invited the Office of Civil Defense to lecture on the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 or RA 10121. It was attended by the BDCCs and the Rescue teams of the 15 barangays of San Mateo.

Ms. Luneta shared the Dagupan City PROMISE Experience (as an example of good DRR in governance) while Director Susan Cruz of Office of Civil Defense NCR shared about the new law RA 10121.

After the orientation, the Municipality gave emergency preparedness gadgets and materials (like boat, life vest, rope, and boots) while CDP (Filipino Version of Christian Perspective on Disaster Management and Comics on Typhoon) and OCD (tips when there is a flood) gave IEC Materials on Preparedness and Disaster Management.

#### **A. Next month activities Plan**

- TWG Review of RA 10121
- 7 Community Trainings

#### **B. Issues encountered and solutions. Lessons learned**

- The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 should be applied to all LGUs. However the Implementing Rules and Regulation is still being formulated. For now, active awareness building on RA 10121 to different LGU partners and CSOs is being done.
- The PROMISE Project in Pasig will be given priority by the LGU partner in terms of allocation of time because the election fever and transition period is over.

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