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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.

- ***CBDRRM Review and CBDRRM Training***

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

- ***CBDRRM Review and CBDRRM Training***

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.

- ***CBDRRM Review and CBDRRM Training***

Activities

- **CBDRRM Review**

The CBDRRM Review was done last July 9 2010 at the conference room of Tanghalan ng Pasigeno. It was attended by around fifty members of the Pasig CBDRRM TWG. The purpose of this activity was to review the module used in the pilot community training in Barangay Santolan. The lessons learnt from the said training were also tackled to improve the existing module. Furthermore, the inclusion of the new law RA 10121 which is the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Law of 2010 in the module was also done. Atty. Eunice Agsaoay-Sano- the legal adviser of the Disaster Risk Reduction Network of the Philippines was the one who discussed the new law. Questions were asked to Atty Eunice regarding the formalization of the DRRM Office. Attached is the outline of the community training.

- **Community Training**

Preparations for the seven communities training were done by the four groups formed by PROMISE – Avatar, Balibagan, Fujiwara and Bantam (each group name has its own disaster preparedness motto). Topics and tasks were assigned each TWG. Ms. Luneta gave technical advises whenever, wherever needed. PowerPoint presentations provided during the review were reviewed by speakers and were customized by each group.

Last July 15 – 16 and 29-30, 2010 were the CBDRRM training for the remaining seven communities. The simultaneous trainings were done in the following communities by the following Pasig City TWG groups:

- July 15 – 16 Barangay Manggahan – Avatar Group
 Barangay Rosario - Balibagan Grp.
 Barangay Pinagbuhatan – Fujiwara Grp
 Barangay Kalawaan - Bantam Grp.
- July 29- 30 Barangay Maybunga- Balibagan
 Barangay Sta Lucia- Fujiwara
 Barangay Bamban – Bantam

The TWG were the facilitators for the said training while Ms. Luneta went to all the communities (Half day per barangay every day) to oversee the CBDRRM training. CDP and the Barangay Affairs Office provided the logistic support for all the training. The City provided transportation allowance for all the groups except for the 29th and 30th for Avatar since Promise assigned them as observers, the project provided the transportation allowance.

The output of the community trainings were the community risk assessment result including the hazard maps and the action plans. During the training, it was confirmed that the 8 pilot communities suffered most during the typhoon Ketsana. Other than floods other hazards like fire, earthquake and hazardous materials were also present in most communities. Each community was encouraged to have their own detailed risk reduction plan. But due to time constraints, only action plans were made.

Each community was represented by different sectors (BDCC, women, youth and senior citizens) around 50 participants per community. The participants actively participated in the training and were very thankful to the TWG and to the Project.

A. Next month activities Plan

Mercy Corps Study Tour to Promise Areas
Grand Community Gradation and DRR Presentations
Early Warning System and Evacuation Planning Community Meetings
DRR in Schools for Pasig Dep Ed Division

B. Issues encountered and solutions. Lessons learned

- The TWGs recognized that each community has its own strengths and weaknesses. In some communities which had difficult participants the TWG adjusted and were able to handle them. In the end they even convinced them to be a part of the solution instead of being a part of the problem.
- The City and the PROMISE Project helped each other not only with the financial responsibilities, but also in every aspect of the training.
- The training served as bridges between the city and the communities especially when issues during the Ketsana response were tackled. The community and the city explained their sides and efforts given during the disaster.
- Community problems were identified by the participants and the TWGs.
- Needs for DRR were also identified.

- Time for the community training was not enough that is why a series of community consultations will be scheduled next week to further improve the results (give more details) of the community risk assessments.

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