



**PROMISE PROJECT**

*Sri Lanka*

**NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

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## **A. Activity Summary**

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

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

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

Two day workshop was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 at the T K Rest House at Polhena Beach, Matara for City officers and elected members to enhance their participatory planning capacities focusing on land use plan recommendations proposed under this project. The planning tool introduced under this project was extremely useful for the city administration in regulating development keeping with the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) objectives.

### **Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness**

#### **Activity 2.1 - Implementing mitigation activities with communities**

Two flood mitigation projects identified as priority projects for mitigation of flash/river floods caused in highly populated areas in the Matara City have been completed with community participation. Canal at Welawatta Navimana Road- about 600 meters of the canal surrounding area and bund have been cleaned, deepened and widened. Piladuwa Ganga Mawatha 1<sup>st</sup> cross canal- about 100 meters of the canal has been improved by concrete lining of canal bottom and two sides after cleaning and deepening. The authorities of the municipal council of Matara and the community together made this remarkable achievement by completing the work on schedule.

#### **Activity 2.2 - Developing a fire emergency response plan and training**

##### ***Training of Community Respondents on First Aid and Emergency Response***

30 respondents on First Aid and emergency response, selected from vulnerable location within Matara City, have been trained under the PROMISE by the St. John's Ambulance during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010 at the Matara Municipal Council Fire Department. The participants include representation of the community members from the vulnerable communities and they were youthful, reasonably educated males and females who could eventually train others within their communities and those who can take leadership in an emergency situation.

### **Component 3: Training and Public Awareness**

#### **Activity 3.1 – School DM Program/ Awareness at Schools**

45 children from three major schools at Matara Municipal Area (Janadhipathi Vidyalaya,, St. Servatius' College and St Thomas college) have been offered awareness/ training on Hydro-meteorological Disaster Risk Reduction measures on the 4th August 2010 at the St. Servatius' College main hall. The training was focused on monitoring of weather for prediction of disasters and response mechanisms at school level. Simulation exercises have also been included in this program.

This training was conducted by the National Building Research Organization and Matara District Disaster Management Coordinating Unit with the collaboration of Municipal Council of Matara.

## **B. Activity Reports**

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

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

Two day workshop was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 at the T K Rest House for City officers and elected members to enhance their participatory planning capacities focusing on land use plan recommendations based on analysis of the city land use in relevance to disaster dimension and preparation of Land use plan maps under the activity 1.8 of the project. The training module already developed under LEG /CORD projects of The Asia Foundation (TAF) has been adapted. The program was developed and conducted by TAF resource person Mr.Dhammika Mahendra.

The planning tools introduced under the project were extremely useful for the city administration in regulating development keeping with the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) objectives.



Participants at the Workshop

### **Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness**

#### **Activity 2.1 - Implementing mitigation activities with communities**

Two flood mitigation projects identified as priority projects jointly by the city officials with city communities have been commenced in mid July with the assistance of the Matara Municipal Council (MMC) for mitigation of flash/river floods caused in highly populated areas within Matara City with community participation. They were,

1. Improvement of the canal from Vellawatta to Nawimana Road 2<sup>nd</sup> culvert, over an approximate length of 600 meters for mitigation of flash/river floods

2. Improvement of the Piladuwa Ganga Mawatha 1<sup>st</sup> cross canal over an approximate length of 100 meters

The implementation work of activity 1 and 2 has been completed. Under the activity 1 about 600 meters of the canal surrounding area and bund have been cleaned, deepened and widened. Under the activity two about 100 meters of the canal has improved by concrete lining of canal bottom and two sides after cleaning and deepening. The authorities of the municipal council of Matara and the community together made this remarkable achievement by completing the work on schedule.



**Progress of the Mitigation Activities**

### ***Activity 2.2 - Developing a fire emergency response plan and training***

#### ***Training of Community Respondents on First Aid and Emergency Response***

To effectively undertake risk reduction measures and to achieve the objectives of DRR, training and public awareness programs will offer great support. In any disaster, volunteers provide an immense help in dealing with such situations. If the community is trained in a systematic way in responding, more effective technical assistance can be obtained.

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This four day training program included theory and practical relating to the following subject areas:

Introduction to first aid, responsibilities of first aider, incident management, casualty management, CPR, recovery position, wounds and bleeding, dressing and bandages, shock management and their treatments, fractures and dislocations, strains and sprains, poisonings, lifting's and transportations, finals assessment etc.

After successful completion of this training, an internationally recognize certificate has been awarded to the participants by the St. John's Ambulance.



**Community First Aid and Emergency Response Training**

### **Component 3: Training and Public Awareness**

#### **Activity 3.1 – School DM Program/ Awareness at Schools**

Some of the schools of Matura city have been given Tsunami training and conducted drills in several occasions after the 2004 Tsunami, which were highly responded by the school authorities as well as the parents. However those activities have been confined to the schools in the coastal zone. Therefore similar training and safety measures have been introduced under PROMISE for the schools in flood prone areas, away from the coast too.

Under this activity 45 children from three major schools at Matara Municipal Area (Janadhipathi Vidyalaya,, St. Servatius' College and St Thomas college) have been offered awareness/ training on Hydro-meteorological Disaster Risk Reduction measures on the 4th August 2010 at the St. Servatius' College main hall. The training was focused on monitoring of weather for prediction of disasters and response mechanisms at school level. Simulation exercises have also been included in this program.

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**Children at School DM Program**

### **C. Next month activities Planned**

- Follow up of completion of overall development plan for next 4 years for the Matara Municipal Council
- Third ward level community respondent training for first aid and emergency response in place of training of fire crew

### **D. Issues encountered and solutions**

Nil