



**PROMISE PROJECT**

*Sri Lanka*

**NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

**Implemented By:**

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## **A. Activity Summary**

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The activities for the month of Sept 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**

**and**

#### **Follow up actions on Matara development plan for next 4 years for the Matara Municipal Council.**

The main outcome of the training program on the above participatory planning, held on 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, was Four year development plan for Matara MC. The plan was developed in a consultative process with the participation of City officials and the elected members. The work done at the training program has been continued and reviewed during this month. Several meetings were held in the Community Development Department of the Matara Municipal Council.

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

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

Another batch of 30 community respondents on First Aid and emergency response, selected from the Municipal Council staff and other vulnerable location within Matara City, are to be trained under the PROMISE by the St. John's Ambulance by the end of September 2010 at the Matara Municipal Council Fire Department. The participants include representation of the ward officers and community members from the vulnerable communities. The participants are youthful, reasonably educated males and include females who could eventually train others within their communities and those who can take leadership in an emergency situation.

## **B. Activity Reports**

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**and**

#### **Follow up actions on Matara development plan for next 4 years for the Matara Municipal Council**

The preparation of next four year development plan for the Municipal Council has been initiated during the participatory planning workshop held on 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 for City officers and elected members to enhance their participatory planning capacities. The community concerns obtained in the previously held community workshops too were considered in developing the plan. The plan developed has been reviewed during this month at several review meetings held in the Community Development Department of the Matara Municipal Council.

The follow up work has been carried out by the TAF resource person Mr. Dhammika Mahendra. The actions taken during this planning process will be extremely useful for the city administration in regulating development keeping with the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) objectives.

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

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

In any disaster, volunteers provide an immense help in dealing with such situations. If the community is trained in scientific responding mechanisms, effective emergency responsive actions can be expected.

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This four day training program includes 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 will be awarded to the participants by the St. John's Ambulance.

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

Nil

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

Nil