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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

- **Follow up of Community DRR Plan and Contingency plans**
- **Swift Water Rescue Orientation**

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

- **4th Year Anniversary of Pasig Green City**
- **Swift Water Rescue Orientation**
- **NCR DEP ED DRR Training**

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

- **NCR DEP ED DRR Training**

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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- **Follow up of Community DRR Plan and Contingency plans**
- **NCR DEP ED DRR Training**

4th Year Anniversary of Pasig Green City

On September 13, 2010 the City Environment and Natural Resources Office led the 4th Year Anniversary of Pasig City being a Green City (City taking care of its environment). This was attended by Pasig City Employees, different partner organizations of the City supporting the pro environment programs of Pasig- CSO's and Private Organizations. Highlights of the program include the following:

1. Turn over of bike rack(promotion of bike loan program through the use of non-motorized transport)
2. Promotion of E Vehicle (run by electricity)
3. Unveiling of Smoke-Free Advocacy Tarp for Schools
4. Recognition of Pasig Green City Partner Organization and Offices
5. Inspirational Message of Mayor Bobby Eusebio
6. Signing of Pledge of Support Towards Regulation of Plastic Use by Market Vendors Association, Fast-food and other business establishment
7. Closing Remarks of Congressman Romulo

The Center for Disaster Preparedness was given a Recognition Award as one of Pasig Green City's Partner Organizations supporting the City's Environmental Advocacy (as part of their Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Program).

Follow up of Community DRR Plan and Contingency plans

During the month, the TWG and CDP followed up and waited for the submission of the DRR Plans and Contingency plans of the pilot communities. On September 29, 2010 the TWG

and the Barangay Captains had a meeting regarding the status of the plans. Only two communities were able to submit their draft and the rest were still finalizing their data and their plans. It was then agreed upon that the Barangay Affairs Office will receive the funds for the early warning system and will only release it to the barangays once the plans were approved.

NCR DEP ED DRR Training

On September 16, 2010 Ms. Mayfourth Luneta of CDP and Mrs. Candy De Juan of Dep Ed facilitated and conducted the DRR Orientation/ training for Dep Ed NCR. It was attended by the different divisions (around 16 divisions with 3 representatives each) of Dep Ed in Manila. The participants were able to share their experiences in DRR with each other and were able to air their request and queries to the National Dep Ed. Ms. Genia Santos of NCR DRR point person of Dep ed facilitated the open forum. Ms. Luneta and Mrs. De Juan answered their questions. The Dep Ed NCR was very thankful for the training and was hoping for continuous support in DRR.

Swift Water Rescue Orientation

The Swift Water Rescue Orientation was scheduled last September 30, 2010 but due to the available schedule of the Pasig City Rescue it was then moved to October 1, 2010. Representatives from the 30 barangays of Pasig City were invited (2 rescuers from the pilot areas- 8 barangays and 1 each from the 22 barangays). It was seen that this training was needed to enhance skills of local rescuers since Pasig City experiences swift water rescue during big floods (esp. in the river and floodway)

Mr. Rommel Antinero from the Pasig City Rescue was the resource person of the training. The participants actively participated in the orientation. During the training Mr. Antinero lectured and showed the following skills:

- How to conduct a swift water rescue
- Use of different gadgets for swift water rescue like throw bags
- Definitions of terms (upstream downstream)
- Tips in handling the said rescue
- Video presentation on SWR.

The 8 high risk communities were given 1 throw bag each with 30 meters rope (used in demonstrating a rescue) to be used in emergencies.

A. Next month activities Plan

Finalization and improvement of the DRR and contingency plans

B. Issues encountered and solutions. Lessons learned

There is a need to further improve the plans. CDP and the TWG took on the responsibility in guiding and following up the plans even after September (end of PROMISE). The City, communities and CDP would seek for an extension of the project till end of October or early part of November.

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