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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

- **Community Visit for CBDRR Plans**
- **Community Based DRR Training by Pasig CSWD**
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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

- **Community Visit for CBDRR Plans**
- **Community Based DRR Training by Pasig CSWD**
- **Sharing of PROMISE Experience**
- **Flood Disaster Risk Management with Changing Climate 11**

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

- **Sharing of PROMISE Experience**
- **Flood Disaster Risk Management with Changing Climate 11**

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

- **Sharing of PROMISE Experience**
- **Flood Disaster Risk Management with Changing Climate 11**

Community Visit for CBDRR Plans

After having set the deadline on Mid October for the submissions of the CBDRR plans of the eight pilot communities, the TWG decided to have community visits and follow up the plans. Ms Luneta and Mr. Gary Razon (TWG from GAD) went to Santolan, Sta Lucia, Manggahan, Rosario, Maybunga, Kalawaan, Bambang, and Pinagbuhatan to:

- See the status of the CBDRR Plans,
- Remind the most important data needed for the plans and the most important aspect of the plans
- Remind the Proposal for community Early warning system.

It was a fruitful visit. The following observations were noted:

- 4 communities almost finished their plans

- 2 communities had detailed data like how many people are living in the high risk areas that is why they have not finished their plans yet.
- 1 community have just started with the plan
- 1 community was busy with the election but had a purok or sub village which had its own comprehensive DRR plan.

Community Based DRR Training by Pasig CSWD

Pasig City Social Welfare and Development headed by Ms. Baby Dilleva is an active department promoting Disaster Preparedness. Members of the TWG from this department initiated to have disaster preparedness training to three communities in Pasig City other than the PROMISE pilot areas. They have also invited the Search and Rescue Team of Pasig City from C3 to give emergency tips to the participants. Their facilitators being members of the TWG were able to use the PROMISE modules as their resource material. The training was a shorter version of the CBDRR training of the project. The LGU was the one who shouldered the expense of the training. Ms. Luneta was invited during the commencement day to give some inspirational message to the community. CDP gave two DM books – Christian Perspective in Disaster Management by Ian Davis (Filipino Version) and Integrating Gender into Community Based Disaster Risk Management by Lorna P. Victoria to the following recipients of the said training:

1. San Joaquin
2. Caniogan and
3. Buting.

CDP and the TWG are hoping to continue to have this training to the other 19 barangays.

Sharing of PROMISE Experience

The Center for Disaster Preparedness being the implementer of the Project PROMISE is very active in sharing the PROMISE experiences in both cities, Dagupan and Pasig. Ms. Luneta has incorporated concrete examples of good DRR practices from the project. The most sought after DRR examples and topics were the following:

- Mainstreaming DRR into local governance and to development programs
- Community Based DRR and Management in Pasig and Dagupan
- Early Warning System and Evacuation Plan- Mangin Experience
- Community Risk Assessment

CDP were able to share the mentioned topics above to its partners namely:

1. Philippine Business for Social Progress and their community partners including homeowners' association in Pasig City and other cities and municipality (during the DRR and Community Risk Assessment training last October 7 – around 20 participants)

2. Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas and their partners all over the country (during their Mainstreaming DRR into Development Programs last October 21-22, 2010 -16 participants)
3. Christian Aid Partners for Post Ketsana Rehabilitation Project (during the Early Warning System session of the CARR Training last October 18, 2010-20 participants)
4. Caritas Australia Partners for Luzon and Mindanao last October 26-28, 2010 (during the Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response Orientation-23 participants)

Flood Disaster Risk Management with Changing Climate 11 (FDRM 11)

Last October 20, 2010 the PROMISE team handled Module 7- Flood Risk Management at the Community Level. Ms. Luneta and Ms. Iglesias were co facilitators for that day. They have covered the topics: Community Risk Assessment and Tools, Community Flood Risk Mitigation, Community Flood Preparedness- Early Warning System, and Community Public Awareness and Capability Building.

The highlight of the Module were the workshops and table top exercises for the subsequent topics community risk assessment, making of DRR plans for the sample community, and simulation of implementation of plans both for DRR and emergency plan.

Mr. Ritchie Van Angeles a TWG of Pasig City was one of the participants. He shared their Ketsana Response.

There were 20 participants from different countries who attended the training.

A. Next month activities Plan

Finalization of the CBDRR and Contingency Plans
 Procurement for the EWS installation
 Financial Review
 South South Community Based Development Academy

B. Issues encountered and solutions. Lessons learned

ADPC saw that the early warning and evacuation plans for the community are very vital for the communities' safety that is why they approved funding for flood markers and other early warning devices to equip the system. The team planned to release the fund during, this Month, the last month of implementation however, the nationwide barangay elections were also scheduled during this month. Though the barangay/ community leaders had

agreed that they will submit this month the DRR and early warning and evacuation/ contingency plan, they were not able to comply due to the campaign and preparation for the election. The project team in the Philippines decided not to give the fund yet to the community unless they have duly completed the plans and have their newly elected officials to ensure implementation of installing the community early warning system.

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