



## Quarterly Progress and Performance Report Reporting Period: 1 October – 31 December 2005

### 1. Program Description and Objectives

Hydro-meteorological events and associated secondary events are common and frequently occur throughout the sub-regions of South and South East Asia. Therefore, **ADPC**, with funding support from **USAID / OFDA**, implementing PROMISE for urban disaster risk reduction with the aim to promote Hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation activities in selected highly vulnerable secondary cities in South and Southeast Asia.

#### Program Goal

**Reduced vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in South and South East Asia.**

#### Program Objectives

The project will build on the activities undertaken and strategies developed under the AUDMP for achieving the above goal through:

1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures *to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk* by stakeholders in targeted cities.
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.
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.

Five highly vulnerable secondary cities in Asia have been chosen for implementation of PROMISE demonstration project activities, namely Chittagong in Bangladesh, Hyderabad in Pakistan, Dagupan city in the Philippines, Kalutara in Sri Lanka and Da Nang in Vietnam. The five target secondary cities proposed, are rapidly growing urban areas in their respective countries, which have had significant impacts from hydro-meteorological disaster events during the past 5 years.

### 2. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

The activities of the PROMISE Program have been implemented as planned for the first quarter. During the first quarter a project planning meeting was organized in Bangkok involving all the partners of five selected countries and subsequently visits have been carried out by the UDRM and finance team of ADPC, to the respective countries, for project planning and development support, financial review and partner orientation. The details of the activities in the first quarter are given below.

#### Activities During First Quarter 1 October 2005 – 31 January 2006

- Project Planning Meeting, Asia Airport Hotel, 17-18<sup>th</sup> October 2005:
- The initial Project planning meeting took place at Bangkok from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005 to develop the city demonstration proposals, work plan and budget for implementing the city level demonstration projects as well as chalking out a plan for the activities to be conducted in each country, in compliance with the OFDA Grant. The UDRM Team of ADPC and five representatives from the partners in five selected countries attended this meeting. Orientation has been conducted on Project reporting requirements and formats.
- The detail program work plan has been developed and submitted to OFDA/USAID and necessary revisions have been incorporated after receiving comments from Regional Advisors of OFDA/USAID Asia office.
- The one page summaries of the City Demonstration projects in Bangladesh, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were prepared and sent to the USAID/OFDA office at Bangkok for further dissemination to the USAID missions in the respective countries.
- The draft of the PROMISE Brochure was developed for review and would be ready for printing in February 2006.
- A PROMISE website was developed and put up on the ADPC website. The address of the website is <http://www.adpc.net/udrm/promise>.
- As a follow up to the project planning meeting in October 2005, partners from Bangladesh, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have developed the project proposals, action plan and the project budget for the city demonstration projects. Following is the overview and the profile of the activities undertaken in the selected countries under PROMISE.
- Interviews have been held for recruitment of Project Manager and Program Training coordinator and selected candidates will report for work with effect from January 2006.

## **BANGLADESH**

Project Title: PROMISE - Bangladesh  
Selected City: Chittagong  
Lead Institution: Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Center (BDPC)

*Overview:* The goal of PROMISE-Bangladesh is to reduce vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban areas of Bangladesh. The selected city is Chittagong, which is located in the southeast part of Bangladesh and is growing at a high annual growth rate. As a port city, Chittagong has traditionally been a major centre for trade and commerce. The economic base in Chittagong is more solid and wider than that of Dhaka and has considerable scope for expansion if appropriate measures are taken.

The coastal areas of Chittagong are highly prone to natural disasters such as cyclone and tidal surge. On the other hand, floods caused by heavy rainfall, tornado, and even water logging are common disasters in the valleys and hilly areas within city administration. These affect the livelihoods of people, especially that of the poor and the vulnerable. The lead partner for this project is BDPC whereas the associate partners are CARE-Bangladesh and Government of Bangladesh through Comprehensive Disaster Management Project (CDMP) and Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) and also the Chittagong Municipality. The main activities planned under PROMISE-Bangladesh are hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment for basic infrastructure, critical facilities, and communities living in hazard prone areas; preparedness and mitigation action planning workshops at city level; development of small scale community

level projects for enhanced preparedness and mitigation of impact of hydro-meteorological events; Establishment of community based end-to-end early warning mechanisms, Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and development of neighbourhood networks of community-based organizations to support the functioning of EOCs; training and capacity building for risk based urban land use planning and Institutionalization of regional course on urban governance and risk management as well as on hydro-meteorological risk management and community preparedness at the city level.

#### **First Quarter Activities:**

- a) The UDRM team along with the finance team from ADPC went on a mission to Bangladesh to finalize the project proposal and action plan for the PROMISE-Bangladesh. The financial team also visited the BDPC office for financial review and institutional capacity assessment.
- b) The final grant documents for the project proposal on PROMISE-Bangladesh were prepared which included the project proposal, the project budget, USAID Standard Provisions, Project reporting formats and the grant agreement. They have been duly signed by the authorized representatives of ADPC and BDPC.

#### **PAKISTAN**

Project Title: PROMISE – Pakistan  
Selected City: Hyderabad  
Lead Institution: Aga Khan Planning and Building Services Pakistan (AKPBSP)

Overview: **The selected city for PROMISE-Pakistan is Hyderabad**, which is the **8th largest in Pakistan**. Its population is estimated to be around 1.3 million. It is the regional headquarter of the district of Hyderabad and is the meeting point of two of Pakistan's largest highways, the Indus Highway and the National Highway. This city is also vulnerable to floods, drought, extreme temperatures, heat waves and windstorms. The local partner, **Aga Khan Planning and Building Services (AKPBSP)** was established in 1980 as a part of Aga Khan Developmental Network in Pakistan with disaster mitigation and management as one of its key key program initiatives. The main activities planned are namely: Hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment for basic infrastructure, critical facilities, and communities living in hazard prone areas; preparedness and mitigation action planning workshops at city level; development of small scale community level projects for enhanced preparedness and mitigation of impact of hydro-meteorological events; training and capacity building for risk based urban land use planning and institutionalization of regional course on urban governance and risk management as well as on hydro-meteorological risk management and community preparedness at the city level.

#### **First Quarter Activities:**

Due to the devastating earthquake of October 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, which affected large parts of North Pakistan, the local partners, AKPBSP, requested for more time for preparation of the documents and final project proposal on PROMISE-Pakistan, as they were very busy with the relief and rehabilitation work.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

Project Title: PROMISE – Philippines  
Selected City: Dagupan City  
Lead Institution: Centre for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)

Overview:

The selected city, Dagupan, has land area of 4,008 hectares and functions as a sub-regional center for trade and commerce, finance, high-level health and education services in Northern Luzon. Flooding in Dagupan is a common problem and the situation is further aggravated by the onset of high tide. There are seven river systems that traverse Dagupan, all of which drain out to the Lingayen Gulf. Most of the rivers are at present heavily silted. The silt deposits are caused primarily by upstream riverbank erosion, and proliferation of squatters along riverbanks. The shallow river bottoms, resulting from sediment transportation and deposit on the riverbed, is the cause of heavy flood in the city in the past years. Typhoons also are experienced often and responsible for heavy rains in the upper catchments and subsequent flooding in the city.

Centre for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) is the lead partner in the project. It is one of the leading advocates of Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) in the Philippines. Philippine Disaster Management Forum (PDMF), National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) and National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) are assisting in implementation of the project.

PROMISE-Philippines would primarily focus on development of preparedness and mitigation plans using improved hazard data and information available at the municipality; Skill training for municipal planners, engineers, decision-makers as well as corporate sector planners that will be institutionalized; development of methodology for cost-benefit analysis of alternative mitigation strategies, especially land-use planning options; vulnerability assessment of existing facilities and Barangays for identification and implementation of small-scale community based disaster risk management (CBDRM) projects; organization of functional Barangay disaster coordinating council; Pilot testing of community based flood forecasting and warning system in coordination with PAGASA; Development of a city level disaster management information system and training/capacity building programs, public awareness and advocacy campaigns.

#### **First Quarter Activities:**

Subsequent to the program planning meeting held in Bangkok, the project partner CDP has submitted a project proposal on PROMISE-Philippines and its being reviewed by program management team.

### **SRI LANKA**

Project Title: PROMISE-Sri Lanka  
Site(s): Kalutara  
Lead Institution(s): Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya

#### **Overview:**

The selected city under this program is Kalutara, a medium size urban coastal city in Sri Lanka. As the district capital and has shown a tremendous growth and development potential as a rapidly developing satellite town due to its proximity to the capital city, tourism and other export oriented industries as well as being the site for the proposed second international airport of the Island. The city is prone to frequent events of riverine floods, annual flash floods (most recent was in May 2003), droughts and rain-induced landslides. The coastline of Kalutara was heavily impacted by the recent tsunami of December 2004.

The lead institute, Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, is the largest National NGO network in Sri Lanka. Disciplines of disaster management, environment and ecology have been a core area of operations of Sarvodaya since its inception. The associated partners for implementation of PROMISE in Sri Lanka will be Urban Council, Kalutara; Department of Meteorology; National Building Research Organization (NBRO); Sri Lanka Institute of Local governance; Waste Management Authority, Western Province and Water Resources Board. Hazard mapping and vulnerability and capacity assessment for basic infrastructure, critical

facilities, and communities living in hazard prone areas; Preparedness and mitigation action planning workshops at city level; Development of small scale community level projects for enhanced preparedness and mitigation of impact of hydro-meteorological events; Facilitation of micro-credit schemes as part of pre-disaster relief package to promote proper construction and improve resistance of houses to disasters; Training and capacity building for risk based urban land use planning, damage and loss estimation and damage and loss estimation; public awareness campaigns etc. are some of the main activities that would be implemented.

**First Quarter Activities:**

- a) The UDRM team went on a mission to Sri Lanka, from 15-17 December 2005, and met with the local partner, Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya to finalize the project proposal and action plan for the PROMISE- Sri Lanka.
- b) The financial team of ADPC also visited the office of Sarvodaya to conduct the financial review and institutional capacity assessment.
- c) Subsequent to the meetings with Sarvodaya, the final documents for the project proposal on PROMISE-Sri Lanka are being prepared which include the project proposal, the project budget and the grant agreement.

**VIETNAM**

Project Title: PROMISE-Vietnam  
Site(s): Danang  
Lead Institution(s): Centre of International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)

**Overview:**

The target city under PROMISE-Vietnam is Danang, which is a dynamic city of the Key Economic Zone in central Vietnam. Danang City is an important communications hub of the central region, with its international airport, deep-water seaports and north-south land routes and railways completely and conveniently developed. Being located on the World Heritage Route, it also has tremendous tourism development potential in addition to the potential for economic development. Danang is frequently subjected to flood and storm disaster events. Severe storms with strong wind are often engaged with heavy rains, causing river water level rising and flooding. Drought, which occurs almost every year, is another major threat to the local agriculture.

Centre for International studies and Cooperation of Vietnam, the lead partner for PROMISE, has been very active in the central region of Vietnam in providing assistance to the government partners, UN and other international agencies and communities in the coastal areas, for hazard and vulnerability assessment and developing community-based solutions for disaster risk management, adaptation to climate change, environment protection and improvement. PROMISE-Vietnam would mainly focus on activities such as Hazard mapping and vulnerability and capacity assessment for basic infrastructure, critical facilities and communities living in hazard prone areas; Preparedness and mitigation action planning workshops at the ward level and identification and training of the "Change Agents"; Development of small scale community level projects for enhanced preparedness and mitigation of impact of hydro-meteorological events and; training on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) at the ward and section level as well as revision and adaptation of the CBDRM training material for PROMISE.

### **First Quarter Activities:**

- a) The financial team of ADPC visited the office the local partner, CECI, on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Danang to conduct the financial review and institutional capacity assessment.
- b) Representatives from the UDRM team went on a mission to Danang from 13-19 November 2005 to finalize the project proposal and action plan for PROMISE-Vietnam and also to conduct training courses for the local and commune officials under Water Disaster Risk Reduction Project with CECI and UNDP. The trainings that took place were:
  - i. Training on Land Use Planning for Disaster risk management, 14-15 Nov, 2005 at Danang City
  - ii. Workshop for “Developing a strategy for Institutionalization of Community Based Disaster Risk Management within the city administration of Binh Dinh and Danang”, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005, Danang city
  - iii. Training on Damage Assessment and Loss estimation, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005, Qui Nhon, Binh Dinh province
- c) Meeting with Ms Gaby Breton, CECI, Vietnam was held to finalize the city level program for Danang city under the project PROMISE. The project was discussed in details and the activities and the budget were planned accordingly.
- d) Subsequent to the meetings with CECI, the final documents for the project proposal on PROMISE-Vietnam were prepared which included the project proposal, the project budget and the grant agreement. They have been duly signed by the authorized representatives of ADPC and CECI, Vietnam.

### **3. Planned vs. Actual Achievements**

The actual achievements of the project have concurrent those planned and presented in the action plan. The preparation of the final project proposal for PROMISE-Pakistan could not be accomplished as scheduled due to unavoidable circumstances as a result of devastating earthquake of October 8<sup>th</sup> in the northern regions of Pakistan.

### **4. Planned Activities for Next Quarter**

The activities planned under PROMISE for the next quarter are broadly:

- Opening up of project accounts and obtaining the approval of project implementation from the respective authorities in target countries.
- Commencement of activities for city demonstration projects in the selected countries with support from ADPC
- Development of the final Project Proposal for PROMISE-Pakistan
- Financial review and institutional capacity assessment of AKP BSP by ADPC team
- Further development and updating of the PROMISE web site
- Process Documentation and monthly progress reporting by the respective local partners
- Commencement of the process for development of new courses for national and regional capacity building on “Governance and Risk Management”
- Printing of program brochure