



Quarterly Progress and Performance Report Reporting Period: 1 January – 31 March 2006

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**, is implementing the PROMISE program 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 Danang in Vietnam. Although the five target secondary cities are rapidly growing urban areas in their respective countries, they have had significant disruptive 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 second quarter. During this quarter, a curriculum development meeting for the proposed course on “Governance and Risk Management” was organized in Bangkok involving experts from all the five selected countries and others from the region. Additionally, visits have been carried out by the UDRM and finance team of ADPC, to several program countries, for project planning and development support, financial review and partner orientation. The details of the activities in the second quarter are given below.

Activities during Second Quarter 1 January – 31 March 2006

City Demonstration Projects:

- PROMISE partners from Bangladesh, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have finalized the project proposals, action plans and budgets for the city demonstration projects, in coordination with the ADPC team. The funding for activities of 3 months has been disbursed. Following is the overview and the profile of the activities undertaken in the selected countries under PROMISE.

Capacity Building:

- Curriculum Development Workshop on “Governance and Risk Management” was held in AIT Conference Center, 2-3 March 2006. Participants of this 2-day workshop represented local partners and experts from the five PROMISE target countries and others in the region. A draft of the curriculum was developed and is being refined for the actual workshop planned for September 2006.

Networking/ Information Dissemination:

- The consistency of the PROMISE program objectives with ADPC objectives was demonstrated at the ADPC Annual Retreat, Hua Hin, 8-10 February 2006.
- The draft of the PROMISE Brochure went through several reviews and was finally reviewed by the OFDA SEA and SA Regional Offices and has been sent out for printing in March 2006.
- The PROMISE website <http://www.adpc.net/udrm/promise> has been updated regularly.
- An USAID/OFDA mission to ADPC office in March 2006 served as an occasion to provide update briefs on the PROMISE program activities and progress.

Other:

- PROMISE Project Manager and Project Coordinator have been recruited from January 2006.
- The annual work plan of the ADPC team for the PROMISE program was prepared at the UDRM (Urban Disaster Risk Management) team Annual Retreat in February 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 has 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 neighborhood 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.

Second Quarter Activities:

- a) The UDRM team during a mission to Bangladesh in February 2006 met with BDPC to obtain an overview of PROMISE activities. An initial list of vulnerable wards in Chittagong municipality had been prepared in consultation with local officials and professionals. The Project Monitoring Plan (PMP), requirements of work plan, reporting and graphic requirements were explained, and CVs and details of BDPC staff recruited for PROMISE were collected.
- b) The Statement of Cash Needs was received and accordingly funding for 3 months was disbursed.
- c) An Introductory Workshop on the PROMISE-Bangladesh project was organized on 29 March 2006 for 100 participants from NGOs and city government officials (mainly elected Ward Commissioners) of Chittagong municipality at the premises of the Chittagong City Corporation, Chittagong. It was presided over by the Chief Executive Officer of the Chittagong City Corporation. Ten (10) most vulnerable wards prone to cyclones, river floods, high tide, water-logging and rain induced landslides were identified through a participatory process by the workshop participants.
- d) During another mission in March 2006, further assistance was provided by ADPC to develop the Project Monitoring Plan and to prepare monthly and quarterly reports.

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 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 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.

Second Quarter Activities:

- a) Due to the devastating earthquake of October 8th 2005, which affected large parts of North Pakistan, the local partners, AKP BSP, 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.
- b) During this quarter, there was communication on project proposal development and the proposal was submitted in March 2006. However, the proposal has to be finalized through direct discussion between AKP BSP and ADPC, particularly on financial issues such as local salaries and overhead, and a thorough institutional assessment. This is expected to be conducted by ADPC in the next quarter during April 2006.

PHILIPPINES

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

Overview:

The selected city, Dagupan, has a 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.

Second Quarter Activities:

- a) During a mission visit by UDRM team leader and finance officer from ADPC, an institutional and financial review of CDP was carried out. The project proposal with budget was thereafter finalized.
- b) The Statement of Cash Needs was received and accordingly funding for 3 months was disbursed.
- c) The formal launching of the PROMISE-Philippines project and the Project Orientation Workshop took place on 7 March 2006 in Dagupan City. The MoU between Dagupan City and CDP was signed with representatives from USAID national mission office, League of Cities Philippines (LCP) and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) as witnesses. During the workshop, the Technical Working Group (TWG) identified eight (8) most vulnerable communities to flooding.
- d) A 5-day training course on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and Participatory Risk Assessment (PRA) with field practicum was also organized during 27-31 March 2006, attended by 24 participants from the city level and 16 participants from the community level.

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.

Second Quarter Activities:

- a) The project proposal with budget was finalized.

- b) On a mission visit in February 2006, the scope of the PROMISE project was discussed both in the Sarvodaya headquarters and in the field office in Kalutara. An initial selection of 30 villages has been made, but this needs to be narrowed down. ADPC agreed to support this process through providing CBDRM training.
- c) During the mission, the importance of developing an early warning system was discussed in the light of the flooding situation arising from upstream rainfall in Ratnapura. This is to be developed in collaboration with the governmental Meteorological Department and the National Building Research Organization (NBRO).
- d) USAID/OFDA SA Regional Advisor also accompanied during the visit and provided the opportunity to share information on the project and its progress in the field.
- e) As a follow-up to the discussions during the mission visit, a training course on “Community Based Urban Disaster Risk Mitigation” was conducted during 13-17 March 2006 in Kalutara, Sri Lanka. The training was organized primarily for the staff members of Sarvodaya and other stakeholders. Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment will be the primary focus of the Sarvodaya partner in Kalutara city demonstration area for the next months.
- f) The Statement of Cash Needs was received and accordingly funding for 3 months was disbursed.

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 experienced 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.

Second Quarter Activities:

- a) UDRM team members went for a mission visit to Danang in January 2006. The following activities were carried out:
 - i. Project proposal and budget were finalized.
 - ii. Meetings with local stakeholders to select project locations.
 - iii. Introduction of local partner and possible PROMISE activities to USAID/OFDA SE Asia Regional Advisor and Vietnam mission officer.
- b) A MoU between CECI and the Storm and Flood Control Department had to be approved by the government before the project could officially commence. The MoU was signed in March 2006.
- c) Project location was decided to be in Camle district. Arrangements are ongoing for conducting Participatory Vulnerability Assessment (PVA) and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) in the project demonstration area. Local counterpart will also be conducting baseline survey at the community level. An inception workshop to disseminate and analyze the results of PVA, FGD and baseline survey will be held in May 2006.

3. Planned vs. Actual Achievements

The actual achievements of the project are concurrent with those planned and presented in the report of the first quarter (please see table below). The preparation of the final project proposal for PROMISE-Pakistan could not be accomplished as scheduled due to unavoidable circumstances as a result of the devastating earthquake of October 2005 in the northern regions of Pakistan. However, some progress has been achieved in this regard since the previous quarter and it is expected that the proposal will soon be finalized.

o Opening up of project accounts and obtaining the approval of project implementation from the respective authorities in target countries.	o Completed for all the program countries except Paksitan.
o Commencement of activities for city demonstration projects in the selected countries with support from ADPC.	o "Kick-off" meetings held in Bangladesh and the Philippines and will be held in Vietnam in May. Activities in Sri Lanka were supported by training by ADPC.
o Development of the final Project Proposal for PROMISE-Pakistan.	o Proposal received and will be finalized in April 2006.
o Financial review and institutional capacity assessment of AKP BSP by ADPC team.	o Will be conducted in April 2006.
o Further development and updating of the PROMISE web site.	o Ongoing.
o Process Documentation and monthly progress reporting by the respective local partners.	o Received reports from Philippines, Vietnam and Sri Lanka, and will receive from Bangladesh in April 2006.
o Commencement of the process for development of new courses for national and regional capacity building on "Governance and Risk Management".	o Curriculum development workshop held in Bangkok.
o Printing of program brochure.	o In press.

4. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

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

- Assisting the partners to properly prepare their Project Monitoring Plan (PMP) and to support preparation and submission of monthly and quarterly reports.
- Vulnerability assessment of target cities and prioritization of demonstration project activities.
- Special attention to PROMISE-Pakistan so that the proposal and budget is finalized and the project commences soon.
- To support partners as and when required to implement city demonstration projects and to coordinate and monitor the same.
- Further development of curriculum draft of the course on “Governance and Risk Management”.
- Development of a set of handbooks on “Municipal” operations for disaster risk management for the course.