



PROMISE PROJECT

VIET NAM

QUARTERLY PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

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1. Project Description and Objective

Introduction on the ADPC – USAID Program

ADPC has picked up five candidate cities from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam in consultation of the lead partner in respective countries through an analysis conducted in South Asia and South Asia for city demonstration projects. The selected cities are among the most vulnerable secondary cities subjected to hydro-meteorological events in the recent history. They are rapidly urbanizing and have the potential to be impacted severely affected by hydro-meteorological events in the future. City authorities of the respective candidate cities consider risk management as one of the priority issues among the problems faced by residents of the respective city and have shown a keen interest to take up activities under city demonstration projects. ADPC has included a concept note on the potential project and the detail project proposal should be in line with the concept note, which we have already shared with Project leading partners.

Based on the above assessment, ADPC has identified the following secondary cities as primary target area for project implementation, namely Chittagong in Bangladesh, Rawalpindi in Pakistan, Dagupan city in the Philippines, Kalutara in Sri Lanka and Da Nang in Vietnam.

Da Nang city and Cam Le district

Da Nang city is located in Central Viet Nam, which is a long-stretching narrow region. The area is frequently subjected to flood and storm disaster events. Storms, affecting the Central provinces, often originate from tropical storms and depressions coming from the South China Sea (East Sea), and from tropical and cold fronts. Severe storms with strong wind are often engaged with heavy rains, causing river water level rising and flooding.

Cam Le, a newly split district from former Hoà Vang district of Da Nang city was selected to be the area for project implementation for its matching to the project objectives. The fact that urbanization is happening to most of the wards of the district inconsistently has exposed vulnerability to disasters of this district. The district is situated in the low-lying location, which has total natural area of 230 ha. There are 6 wards in the district namely: Khue Trung, Hoa Xuan, Hoa Tho Dong, Hoa Tho Tay, Hoa Phat and Hoa An. Its total population is 71.000 people (16.612 households), in which there are 1.231 poor households accounting for 6,44%. Potential hazards to the District include flood, storm and drought.

Program Objectives

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

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

- Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities;
- Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies;
- Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

Project Components

Component 1:	Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment;
Component 2:	Mitigation and Preparedness
Component 3:	Training and Public Awareness
Component 4:	Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk management in urban governance

2. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

In this quarter, the process to get approval for the project by the People's Committee of Da Nang city was on going and preparation work for the project implementation was complete in June. A Minutes Of Understanding (MOU) was signed between CECI and Cam Le. For the preparation work, seven Focus Group Discussions with Flood and Storm Control Department and mass organizations at district and ward levels (118 persons participated) were held to do a Participatory Vulnerability Assessment (PVA). Household lists of six wards were submitted and 13 local surveyors were trained with the survey techniques to carry out the survey. A number of 311 households were randomly selected and interviewed out of the 15,648 total households in the district. The preliminary urban planning surveys were also carried out by our Canadian volunteer in the six wards of the district. Above all, the Inception workshop was held in the middle of July in which all the results of PVA, baseline and urban planning surveys were shared to stakeholders.

In May, 18 local trainers were identified and their capacity accessed and 13 of them were selected to be the local trainers.

The progress report of component 1 which included all the results and findings of the PVA, baseline survey and capacity assessment to identify Change agent was submitted early July 2006.

3. Planned vs Actual Achievements

Due to problems in paperwork procedures to get started with the project, the Promise Vietnam project started late than expected. We actually started in March 2006, not in January 2006. So the activities were delayed a little. But we are trying to catch up and now, we are still on progress with reviewing of CBDRM materials.

4. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Some difficulties were met at the early stages in setting up the project in finding local partners. Time was lost to clarify the project objectives and activities for MOU signature between CECI and Cam Le district. Also the misunderstanding on the budget issues in the Agreement signed between ADPC and CECI delayed the process of getting approval for the project.

5. Achievement Towards Project Objective Indicators

This will be assessed when we do Component No.2 as previously explained.

6. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

For the next quarter, we will finalize our revision of the Project Implementation Plan was on process and supposed to be finalized by the end of July. We are going to continue with Component 2 of the project – Mitigation and Preparedness by revising and adapting the CBDRM material for Promise project. A project steering committee will be established and there will be an orientation session for them concerning project implementation procedures. Then it will be followed by CBDRM training for SFCC members and head of most vulnerable sections of six wards.

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

The project staffs include:

- Duong Thi Hoai Trang, Field Coordinator
- Marie France Biron, Canadian volunteer, an architect and urban planner. She arrived in Da Nang on the 9th of May 2006 and would work for Promise project and the SFCD of Da Nang city to ensure liaison among SFCD, CECI and Cam Le district
- Nguyen Thi Phuc Hoa, Capacity Building Specialist Consultant

8. Other information

For other information, please refer to our Progress Report of Component 1.

9. Project Financial Status (March to May 2006)

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	A	B	C			D
	OBLIGATION TO DATE	ADVANCES TO DATE	DISBURSEMENTS			UNEXPENDED BALANCE
			AS OF PRIOR PERIOD	THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TOTAL AS OF THIS PERIOD	
VND	VND	(1)	(2)	(1) + (2) = (3)	(B-C3 = D)	
Hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment	102,895,000.00	86,900,000.00	-	18,657,425.00	18,657,425.00	68,242,575.00
Mitigation and preparedness	125,057,000.00	15,800,000.00	-	-	-	15,800,000.00
Training and public awareness	63,320,000.00		-	-	-	-
Advocacy for mainstreaming risk management in urban governance	8,706,500.00		-	-	-	-
Project implementation support	250,272,300.00	43,171,606.00	-	36,305,080.00	36,305,080.00	6,866,526.00
Overhead (6%)	15,022,670.00		-		-	-
Total	565,273,470.00	145,871,606.00	-	54,962,505.00	54,962,505.00	90,909,101.00

Note: This is for the period from March to May 2006. We will send you the most update reports in the next 2 weeks,