



AKPBS, Pakistan

Quarterly Progress and Performance Report
(October 2006 – December 2006)
Promise Project Hyderabad
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1. Project Description and Objective

1.1 Project Description

As the part of PROMISE program, the current project being implemented in Hyderabad, Sindh, concentrates on hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation. Focusing flood prone low-lying area of Hyderabad city, the key components of the project are:

- ***Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment,***
- ***Preparedness and Mitigation Planning*** (development of City Action Plans and Emergency Response Plan); helping communities and district government to establish a sustainable disaster management strategy and an emergency response plan.
- ***Training and Capacity Building*** of AKPBS, District/ Local Government, Disaster Response organizations/agencies, First Responders and communities
- ***Community-based Demo projects*** in a low lying area in Hyderabad, which is prone to hydro-meteorological disasters. (including community based Local Early Warning Systems),
- ***Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk management in urban governance*** (including Public Awareness-raising activities)

Findings are being documented and discussed both at the policy level as well as at the grassroots level through workshops, seminars and meetings with government agencies, private sector and civil society organizations and communities. Consultative workshops will be organized in the second phase of the project with relevant public and private sector agencies and civil society organizations to plan actions for preparedness and mitigations. Networking of the local, national and regional organizations working on Disaster Management, Preparedness and Emergency response and planning is also main focus of the programme.

1.2 Project Objectives

1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Hyderabad, Pakistan.

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 links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations in Hyderabad for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

2. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

After completing the contractual agreement with ADPC in April 2006, the Promise Hyderabad started on ground activities in May 2006. The main achievements of the reporting period (October – December 2006) are:

Data Collection for Flood Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment.

- The hazard and vulnerability study has been completed in the month of December. The hazard and vulnerability activity based on basic tools of PRA mainly community mapping, seasonal calendar, transect walk and baseline survey which was based on semi structured questioners, interviews and interaction with community. The project team has used ILWIS software for preparing GIS maps as well as Google Earth to take aerial views of the project sites.
- The report has been shared with the ADPC
- In all thirty (30) volunteers have been selected from different union councils of the project area to be trained as SAR and MFR team. The selection process went through conducting meetings on 8th December 2006 in Aly Abad UC16 of Taluka (sub district) City regarding selection of volunteers for Search & Rescue (SAR) and Medical First Responder (MFR). Ten members selected for each group, while meeting in UC-12, 13, 14 of Taluka Latifabad on 11 and 13 December 2006.

Training and Capacity Building

- The training on ‘Urban Governance and Risk Management’ was conducted from 25-30 September 2006 at Philippines. However the nominees could not participate in the training due to problems in seeking Visa for Philippines
- The annual working group meeting was held at Manila, Philippines from 2-4 October 2006 in which following delegates from Pakistan including Mr Muhammad Hussain Syed, District Coordinating Officer, Hyderabad, Mr Ali Nayani, CEO, Focus International, Mr Khizer Farooq Omer, Manager, Planning, Monitoring, AKPBS and Mr Masood Ahmed Mahesar, Project Coordinator, Promise Hyderabad, AKPBS, Pakistan participated.
- PROMISE Coordinators’ Meeting was held on October 1, 2006 at Manila in which Mr Masood Mahesar, Project Coordinator and Mr Khizer Omer Farooq represented Pakistan. Deliberations on different components of the project as well as reporting issues were held and Coordinators were brought on same wavelength of understanding

- CBDRM material has been translated in local language (Urdu) and the same is being used in community meetings for awareness at mass level
- Orientation work shops were convened by AKPBS, Pakistan in the month of November 2006 in Union Councils 2, 12, 13 and 14 of Latifabad sub district and Ali Abad ward of Hyderabad city in UC16. The purpose of orientation workshops were to orient the stakeholders (community, local government representatives and officials and representatives of NGOs, CBOs) with the PROMISE program objectives and increase basic understanding of disasters and community based disaster risk management. In the workshops 97 male and female participated.

Networking with local organizations:

Networking meetings continued with different organizations and individuals to orient them about the project and future possible collaboration. This included meetings with:

- Taluka Municipal Officer, Latifabad
- Community Groups (in Ali Abad and Latifabad No. 2): The communities were oriented with basic disaster concepts, purpose and objectives of PROMISE project. Four (4) volunteers from these two communities were identified, which will be trained later on as medical first responders
- A follow up meeting with District Coordinating Officer (DCO) after Annual Working Group meeting in Philippines. The DCO assured all out support and release of additional funds through Community Citizen Board funds under devolution plan in addition to demo projects under the PROMISE project
- Taluka Municipal Officer, Latifabad
- Taluka Nazim (Administrator) and Naib Nazim (Deputy Administrator) Latifabad
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- Director General Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA), Hyderabad
- Media Representatives

Meetings with ADPC team.

- Mr. Muhibbuddin Bin Ussamah, Coordinator ADPC for PROMISE Project, Thailand visited Hyderabad office on 20th Nov 2006. The purpose of the visit was observe the progress of the project and interact with the communities on the project progress. Mr Muhibbuddin visited area of Union Council 12 and 13 and exchanges his views in a community meeting where more than 25 community members, volunteers and councilors participated. He also visited two low lying sites of the City where the PROMISE is being implemented.

Documentation and Reporting

- Monthly progress reports and Quarterly Progress Reports are being sent to ADPC.

3. Planned vs Actual Achievements

Sr.	Planned	Actual
1.	City Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of alternatives • Survey of city infrastructure • Collection of maps • Meetings with stakeholders Development of Comprehensive Action Plan	The activity deferred on the advice from ADPC to focus completion of Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment Study
2.	Participation in regional training on ‘Urban Governance and Risk Management’	Could not participate due to visa related problems
3.	Training replication at National Level ‘Urban Governance and Risk Management’	The activity deferred on the advice from ADPC to focus completion of Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment Study
4.	Completing unfinished Activities of Last Quarter (July-September 2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment ▪ Community Level Hazard Assessment 	Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment Study Completed and submitted with the ADPC
5.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)	Networking meetings continued
6.	Reporting	

4. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

- The Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment process took longer due to continuing torrential rains in the city. In emergency situation it was difficult to convene community dialogues and meetings with officials. As well as since most of the time streets were filled with stagnant water therefore the PRA tools could not be applied for quite some time. However the entire process was completed by the end of December 2006
- The project team was able to liaise very closely with the District Government as well as Taluka (sub district) administration, NGO representatives were key opportunities for linkages

5. Achievement Towards Project Objective Indicators [use PROMISE Form 6]

Form 6 is attached as Annexure A

6. Planned Activities for Next Quarter (October-December 2006)

Sr.	Activity
1.	City Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of alternatives • Survey of city infrastructure

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of maps • Meetings with stakeholders
2.	Development of Comprehensive Action Plan
4.	Training on 'Urban Governance and Risk Management'
7.	Community Level Demonstration Projects
8.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)
9.	POs Conference
10.	Reporting

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

8. Other Information