



PROMISE PROJECT

VIET NAM

QUARTERLY PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

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I. 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.

Danag city and Cam Le district

Da Nang city is located along the coast 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 Danang 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%.

Identified 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.

2. Project Components and Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

▪ Component 1: Hazard Mapping, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

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

Outputs 1.1 Increase resilience of selected communes to hydro meteorological disasters.

Outputs 1.2 Improved capacities of public and private sector practitioners to apply skills and technologies for community preparedness and mitigation and to manage hydro meteorological disaster risks.

▪ Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter

Activity 1.3 Documentation of best practices for community-based small-scale mitigation projects to reduce vulnerability: development of poster on house construction principles.

The project team has finalized the poster on nine construction principles resistant to typhoon and floods in consultation with the ADPC team. The poster has been sent to city authority, and is awaiting their approval. The poster will then be printed in a hundred copies and sent to ward and district people's committee district, beneficiaries of the house programme, head of sections for their dissemination of these principles in community meetings.

▪ Summary of status of this Component

Activity	Status	Planned period
1.1 Survey and Inception workshop		
1.1.1 Participatory Vulnerability Assessment (PVA)	Completed	
1.1.2 Baseline survey	Completed	
1.1.3 Inception workshop at city and wards level	Completed	
1.2 Identification of the change agent and TOT		
1.2.1 Identification of the Change agents	Completed	
Activity	Status	Planned period
1.2.2 Training of Trainer (TOT)	To be started	Quarter 3 – 2007
1.2.3 Conducting and disseminating skills in safer construction techniques with local builders, district and ward engineers.	Completed	
1.3 Documentation of best practices for community-based small-scale mitigation	completed, awaiting for PC's approval.	

projects to reduce vulnerability.		
1.4 Information on early warning system disseminated and community access to EWS strengthened.	To be started	Quarter 3 – 2007

- **Component 2 Mitigation and Preparedness**

Objective: Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities.

Output 2.1 Increase adoption of tools and methodologies for community preparedness and mitigation of hydro meteorological disaster by stakeholder.

Output 2.2 Improved practices (techniques, methodologies, tools) and strategies for hazard mitigation and community preparedness throughout the region.

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

- **Activity 2.3 CBDRM training – community level**

One of the key activities of Promise Vietnam in this quarter was the accomplishment of CBDRM training at section cluster level. Totally there were five training classes conducted at the community level (section clusters) in the three of the most vulnerable wards identified in the PVCA. Almost a hundred fifty persons representing community representatives such as head of sections, representatives of community-based organizations attended a three-day training on CBDRM where they were familiarized with key concepts and produced a disaster preparedness plan for their section clusters. Identified change agents (local trainers) also joined and facilitated these training classes. The training was delivered directly by the CECI team with training of trainers and monitoring by Ms. Nguyen Thi Phuc Hoa, CECI's Community Development Specialist and delivery of the training by CECI program staff including the Promise Vietnam Coordinator.

By the end of this quarter, the first three - day CBDRM training at ward level was to be conducted at meeting hall of PC of Hoa Thoa Tay ward from 26th to 28th June 2007. Thirty persons including members of the ward CSFC and representative of the most vulnerable sections (head of sections) were to be invited to the training. An MOU was signed with Cam Le district Red Cross association (with particular help from a city red cross trainer) to conduct the training. The remaining two CBDRM training classes in the other two most vulnerable ward was planned for implementation in August.

- **Activity 2.4.1 Revise Disaster Preparedness Plan**

Five DPPs of the section cluster were submitted and being reviewed by the project team. A sheet of proposed subproject summary was being done to serve as a basic for development of DPP and proposed subprojects at ward level.

- **Activity 2.4.3 Subproject implementation**

- **House Programme to support Xangsane Typhoon victims (CECI's contribution)**

For this quarter Promise Vietnam continued to do follow up with houses under construction in the house programme funded by fundraising from CIDA and Canadian government to implement the relief project in bid to help the community quickly recover.

Up to the end of this quarter, the house programme was completed with totally 21 houses being rebuilt and 10 houses repaired in Cam Le District.

Activity 2.5.2 Development of guidelines to raise the awareness on safe construction techniques.

Promise Vietnam continued with development of a set of guidelines to raise the community awareness on safer construction techniques. The content of the guidelines were drafted, including information on typhoons/floods and climate change, historical profiles of damages to houses caused by typhoons and floods, analysis of reasons why many houses were damaged and destroyed. Based on this analysis, the document then proposes safer construction principles and techniques in reinforcing as well as building houses. The guidelines were developed in collaboration with the Construction department of Danang city and the Construction Consulting Company of Architect Union. The guidelines would be disseminated in the community.

Activity 2.6 Emergency Rescue team at city and ward level/development of " Standard Operating Procedures"

Information on the emergency rescue system of the city was being gathered to decide on project possible interventions.

▪ **Summary of status of this Component**

Activity	Status	Planned period
2.1 Revise and adapt the CBDRM training material for PROMISE project		
2.1.1 Revise and adapt the CBDRM training material	Completed	
2.2 Orientation session for local partners	Completed	
2.3 CBDRM training – community level	Completed	
2.3.1 CBDRM training at community level	CBDRM training completed at section clusters level, started at ward level	
2.3.2 CBDRM community meeting at section level	Completed	
2.4 Participatory Disaster Preparedness Plan	DPP at section clusters level submitted	Quarter 2 – 2007
2.4.1 Revise Disaster Preparedness Plan	Reviewing DPP at section clusters level	
2.4.2 Subproject selection	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007

2.4.3 Subproject implementation	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
2.5 Risk based Urban Land use planning training		
<i>Activity 2.5.1: Training on construction techniques resistant to typhoon and flood</i>	Completed	
<i>Activity 2.5.2: Develop guidelines</i>	on going	
Activity 2.6: Emergency and Rescue team at city and wards level development of “Standard Operating Procedures”		
<i>Activity 2.6.1 Development of "Standard Operating Procedures"</i>	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
<i>Activity 2.6.2: Training on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)</i>	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007

- **Component 3: Training and Public Awareness**

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

Outputs: Enhanced coordination and linkages between USAID country and regional offices and program partners at national and regional level to ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies

Increased visibility of USAID humanitarian assistance to risk communities

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

No new activities under this component for this quarter

Summary of status of this Component

Activity	Status	Planned period
3.1: Campaigns for raising Public Awareness		
3.1.1 Public awareness raising at ward levels	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
3.1.2 School Programmes	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
3.2 – Disaster safety day events at city level:		
3.2.1: Supporting Awareness Raising Funds	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
3.3.2: Radio broadcast	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
Activity 3.4 - Training on Medical First Responders	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
Activity 3.4 .1- Training on Medical First Responders	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007

- **Component 4: Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk management in urban governance**

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

Output 4.1 Increased collaboration and partnership among stakeholders at city and national level

Output 4.2 Increased collaboration and partnership with regional and international institution for wider dissemination and enhanced capacity for adaptation of tools and methodologies for community preparedness and mitigation.

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

No new activities under this component for this quarter

- **Summary of status of this Component**

Activity	Status	Planned period
4.1 Workshop on CBDRM institutionalisation (training / workshop)		
4.1.1 Material review	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.1.2 Workshop on CBDRM Institutionalisation	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.2 Study tours for CBDRM institutionalisation model	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.2.1 Study tour		
4.3 - Workshop on experience sharing through existing network	To be started	Quarter 1 - 2008
4.3.1 Developing material	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
4.3.2 Workshop on experience sharing	To be started	Quarter 1 - 2008
4.4 Organization of meetings with people's committee officials at city, district and ward levels	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.4.1 Organization of meetings with people's committee officials at city, district and ward levels	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.5. Familiarization with guidelines on risk management and governance		
4.5.1. Review of existing guidelines of building practices in Danang and other areas of Vietnam	completed	
4.5.2. Study guidelines of ADPC	completed	
4.5.3. Workshop for familiarization with guidelines on risk management and governance	To be started	Quarter 3 - 2007
4.6 Collaborate with other national and international programs	on going	
4.6.1 Ongoing collaboration	on going	

4.8 Document and disseminate information on impact of climate change at community level and lessons learned about approaches to adaptation	To be started	Quarter 4 - 2007
4.8.1 Documentation and dissemination	To be started	Quarter 1 - 2008

▪ **Attendance of the Advocacy Skills Training**

In June the Project Coordinator attended the training class on Advocacy skills funded by DIPECHO and facilitated by ADPC team including Ms Gabrielle Iglesias, Project networking coordinator. It was a three - day training starting on 7th to 9th June in Hanoi. Promise Vietnam coordinator made a presentation on Promise Vietnam activities of Component 4 "Advocacy for mainstreaming risk management in urban governance".

▪ **Development of Case Study for Promise Vietnam**

In the middle of June 2007, Ms Gabrielle Iglesias, PROMISE's networking and information coordinator from ADPC has come to Vietnam to develop a case study on the above-mentioned safer housing programme with the theme of mainstreaming safer construction into regulation and private practice. Some interviews/meetings were arranged with city and district urban planner, officials of the city construction department to learn about the planning, zoning and building permit process in Danang, get their assessment of the impact that Typhoon Xangsane had on planning, zoning and building permit. Photos of repaired and rebuilt houses were taken and interviews done to beneficiaries of the programme.

3, Planned vs Actual Achievements

Due to the harvest time for Winter Spring rice crop and the election for the National Assembly, there was some delay to the CBDRM training at section clusters level and submission of DPP by the Community Development Group (appointed by the community to be in charge for development of DPP). Hence the CBDRM training at ward level was late to the plan.

4. Project Management

Following the completion of the response to the Typhoon Xangsane, the PROMISE Vietnam team and the partners are now better positioned to focus on the CBDRM aspects of the work plan and to focus on disaster preparedness building on lessons from TX.

5. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

- Training on CBDRM at ward level : continue with the two other wards;
- Printing and delivering of poster on construction principles;
- Finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Subproject selection and implementation
- Campaign for raising public awareness, School programmes
- Medical First Responder Training at district, ward and community level
- National Training on Hydro-meteorological Risk Assessment and Community Preparedness

- Preparation for Workshop in CBDRM Institutionalization

