



AKPBS, Pakistan

Quarterly Progress and Performance Report
(April – June 2007)
Promise Project Hyderabad
June 2007

1. Project Description and Objective

1.1 Project Description

The PROMISE Pakistan program is being implemented in Hyderabad, Sindh, Pakistan as the part of five (5) country PROMISE program. The project concentrates on hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation. It is being implemented in Pakistan focusing flood prone low-lying area of Hyderabad city. The key components of the project are:

- **Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment** (to map and assess the hazards and collect vulnerability data through primary and secondary sources).
- **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.

Community-based Demo projects in a low lying area in Hyderabad, which is prone to hydro-meteorological disasters.

- **Training and Capacity Building** of AKPBS, District/ Local Government, Disaster Response organizations/agencies, First Responders and communities
- **Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk management in urban governance** (including Public Awareness-raising activities)

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

The summary of the accomplishment for the reporting quarter (April-June 2007) is as follows:

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment Study: The ‘hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment’ study was conducted during the first phase of the project. The study report was shared with the Sub District Nazim (Administrator) Latifabad, Hyderabad and DCO Hyderabad.

Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness: During the hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment study low lying communities were identified. The dialogue process was soon started with these communities to identify suitable projects aimed to mitigate disaster risks. Participatory need assessment process was carried out through community dialogue and parity wise ranking. Local CBOs were also invited to participate in the need analysis process.

The process was followed by detailed technical survey, architectural drawings and designing. As a result following six projects were prepared and submitted with ADPC for approval:

- Street Raising and Improving Drainage Lines in Aliabad Hyderabad
- Mitigating Flood through Improved Storm Water Drainage System in Maheshwari Colony, Hyderabad
- Reducing Vulnerability of Communities through Flood Mitigation Demo Projects in Thakur Colony, Tando Yousif, Hyderabad
- Reducing Physical Vulnerability through Developing Flood Mitigation Infrastructure
- Improving Main Pumping Station of Hali Road Latifabad Hyderabad
- Installation and Rehabilitation of Draining Line in Union Council 2 Latifabad

After the incorporation of feedback received from ADPC the projects are again being submitted on June 26, 2007.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building: Training on ‘Resource Acquisition and Mobilization’ was organized by the project team. While a number of awareness raising sessions especially for school going young children and members of disaster management committees were organized. The brief description of activities carried out during the reporting quarter is as under:

- A first regional Training on Hydro meteorological risk management and community preparedness was organized by ADPC at AIT Conference Center Thailand from March 26, 2007 to April 7, 2007 wherein Ms. Mahrunnisa, Assistant Program Officer AKPBS, P participated.
- An orientation session was organized for the members of Disaster Management Committees. Session was aimed at orienting the members on role and responsibilities of the committee and coordination mechanism with the District Government

- A orientation program for the school children was organized in a government High School Hali Road Hyderabad. Lectures on the Hydromet Disasters, PROMISE and role of students in the preparedness activities were delivered to the students. The program was organized on April 21, 2007. Another program in this regard was organized in Amir Public School was organized on 30 April 2007. The purpose was to orient the young children with basic knowledge on disasters, its implications on lives and livelihood and few tips on preventive and post disaster events. In all 45 Children participated in the orientation workshop.
- Training on 'Resource Acquisition and Mobilization' was organized from June 22-25, 2007 at Hyderabad. Nineteen members from six (6) disaster management committees (DMCs) formed under the project are participating in the training. Mr Gopal Das Malhi, Senior Coordinator, Strengthening Participating Organizations (SPO) and Dr Bakhshal Khan Lashari, Professor, Mehran University, Jamshoro (Master Trainer from ADPC on Disaster Management) are the resource persons for the training. Following contents are being covered during the event:
 - Organization Development
 - What is DMC
 - Active Citizenship
 - Disaster Management
 - Hydro-Meteorological Disasters
 - Resource Acquisition
 - Why Resource Mobilization
 - Sources of Funding
 - Self Help Basis Revenue Generation
 - Government Funding
 - Funding Through CCBs (what and how)

The purpose of this training was to prepare the DMCs to acquire resources available with the District Government for micro level projects. The DMCs are proposed to get registered as Community Citizen Boards; so as they could mobilize public good for the benefit of their respective communities.

- Hyderabad is the eighth largest city of the country, in spite of that there are many areas within the city which lack basic facilities. Under the project poorest of the poor communities living in low lying areas have been selected wherein hazard and vulnerability assessment was conducted in the first phase of the project and demo projects will be executed during the current phase. During the reporting period the project team has introduced 20 cost effective energy efficient smokeless stoves in two localities.
- In view of the approaching monsoon season, the Disaster Management Committees have been convening their meetings to take stock of the situation. During the reporting period two (2) committees have convened their meetings. The agenda of these meetings was to review the vulnerability context and make interim arrangements. Through these meetings it was urged to start the works on demo projects so as the communities could reap the benefits of the projects.

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

- Coordination meeting was convened with District Coordination Officer Hyderabad and Sub District Nazim (Administrator) Latifabad. In the meeting progress of the project as well as findings of Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment were discussed. DCO was requested to support the PROMISE targeted communities through Citizen Community Boards (CCBs). He assured to support through the funding of CCBs.
- Mr NMSI Arambepola, Director/Program Manager, PROMISE and Ms Nirmala, Project Coordinator, PROMISE visited PROMISE, Pakistan program areas on April 2-3, 2007 and held meetings with staff and management of AKPBS, P. The mission also held meeting with District Coordination Officer Hyderabad Mr Muhammad Hussain Syed and discussed the progress of the project and District Government's support for the PROMISE Hyderabad, Pakistan.
- The project team continued field activities through meetings with communities and other stakeholders: NGOs and GOs. The focus of these meetings in the month of June was to discuss the implementation strategies for demo projects and planning for forthcoming monsoon season. Following important decisions were made during these meetings:
 - All the respective DMCs will revisit the social maps, re-identify vulnerable localities and populations within their jurisdiction in couple of weeks, update the relevant information and play their respective roles
 - It was also decided to speed up the registration process of DMCs as Community Citizen's Boards so as the committees could mobilize the much needed public resources to prepare themselves and the communities to face the imminent rain disaster.

Documentation and Reporting

- Monthly progress report sent and Quarterly Progress Reports is being sent to ADPC.

3. Planned vs. Actual Achievements

Sr.	Activity Planned	Actual Achievements
1.	City Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with stakeholders • Identification of alternatives 	Work on Draft Action Plan was carried out; while consultations with the city administration were also continued. However due to budget sessions and transfer of District Coordination Officer the City Action Plan could not be finalized
2.	Workshop with all stake holders to share the Vulnerability Assessment results and City Plan	The workshop was deferred to next quarter due to the reasons mentioned above
3.	Identification and Finalization of Demo Projects	Six demo projects were identified and submitted with ADPC for feedback and approval
4.	Start of works on the Demo Projects	Works on Demo Projects could not be started due to process of preparing the demo projects and revision took longer
5.	Trainings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFR and SAR 	The training for MFR and SAR was delayed due to unavailability of resource persons. The training is now proposed to be organized in the third week of July 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Acquisition and Mobilization 	The training has been organized at Hyderabad from June 22-25, 2007 at Hyderabad
6.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)	The field team is actively in touch with local CBOs and NGOs
7.	Reporting	Monthly and Quarterly Reports submitted

4. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

- The people of PROMISE project areas have limited livelihood alternatives, which inhibits conventional banking institutions from extending financial services to them. To create new livelihood options and to facilitate the requests from the communities for access to micro-credit, the project team contacted and invited First Microfinance Bank to provide financial services in the project areas. The bank official held a meeting with the Disaster Management Committee and potential beneficiaries and made rapid appraisals on June 6, 2007 in Ghera Basti. Consequently, the Bank has decided to start their services soon in the projects areas.

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 Finalization and Sharing with Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with stakeholders• Identification of alternatives
2.	Start of works on the Demo Projects
3.	Trainings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MFR-SAR
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Training on Governance and Risk Management
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy and Networking
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Based Disaster Risk Management
7.	Public Awareness
8.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)
9.	Reporting

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

- FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance is the training partner of the project. FOCUS will be providing services of the resource persons for the training on Search and Rescue Operations in addition to Aga Khan University; who will be providing trainers for the medical component of the training.
- The District Coordinating Officer, Syed Muhammad Hussain, who remained instrumental in supporting the PROMISE project in Hyderabad, has been transferred to Karachi.

8. Other Information