



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 1.2.2 Training of Trainers

Thirteen Change Agents (four female and 9 male trainers) identified from six ward and Cam Le district participated in TOT training from 27 to 28 September 07. The one and a half day training equipped these 13 CA with facilitating techniques, condensed CBDRM training content and skills of validation of Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP). The CAs were divided into three groups to conduct community meetings at the three wards to disseminate information on CBDRM and validate the disaster preparedness plan.

The TOT training not only enabled capacity building of the change agents on disaster mitigation and preparedness but also developing their training delivery skill. This helped to create a resource of trainers in dissemination CBDRM for the local.

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 posters on nine safe construction principles were printed in one hundred copies and delivered to beneficiaries of the house programme, head of sections and people's committee of six wards for dissemination of safe house construction techniques.

- **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	
1.2.2 Training of Trainer (TOT)	Completed	
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 projects to reduce vulnerability.	completed	
1.4 Information on early warning system disseminated and community access to EWS strengthened.	To be started	Quarter 4 – 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**

The two three - day CBDRM training classes at two other remaining wards were conducted in July 2007 in collaboration with Cam Le district Red Cross association (with particular help from a city red cross trainer). Around sixty persons including members of the ward CSFC and representative of the most vulnerable sections (head of sections) attended the training. After the training, the two disaster preparedness plans were developed and submitted to project team for review.

- **Activity 2.4.1 Revise Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP)**

Totally eight DPPs including five of the section clusters and three from the ward were submitted and being reviewed by the project team. These DPPs would be finalized after community meetings to be conducted in the following quarter.

Activity 2.4.2 Sub project selection review

The project steering committee was resumed on 25 September 2007 to get agreement on criteria for subproject selection and priority for investment. The subproject would mainly cover community awareness raising on CBDRM and environment protection, training and support to the emergency response team, agriculture production improvement accompanied with operation and maintenance training. The final list of sub projects to be supported by the project was to be decided after the community meeting and finalization with the district.

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	Ongoing	
2.4.2 Subproject selection	Ongoing	Quarter 3 &4 - 2007
2.4.3 Subproject implementation	To be started	Quarter 3 &4 - 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>	being finalized	
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 4 - 2007
<i>Activity 2.6.2: Training on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)</i>	To be started	Quarter 4 - 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**

- **Activity 3.4: Training on Community-Based Emergency Response**

The Community-Based Emergency Response Course (C-BERC) training was implemented from 10 to 12 September 2007 in collaboration with ADPC team and Danang city Red Cross Association. The training was conducted by Instructors from ADPC, Mr. Frederick John Bernardo, Technical Manager, Public Health in Emergencies (PHE) and four Assistant Instructors from the city Red Cross. As it was designed for the three – day as requested by PROMISE Vietnam, the training focused on main content as DM context in Vietnam, Diseases Precautions, Emergency Incident, Principles of Patient Assessment, Basic Life Support & CPR, Bleeding, Shock, Lifting and Moving Patient, Fracture, Sprain, Dislocation and Triage. Totally there were twenty-seven trainers of the city Red Cross from 7 districts of Danang city (9 female and 18 male) attending actively in the training. The training was completed quite successfully with 26 trainers receiving certificate of completion and one receiving certificate of attendance after the writing test at the end of the training to assess trainers’ knowledge and skills. Mr. Anup Karanth, Promise Coordinator also came to Danang to assist in the training.

Following with this training, three more training classes were to be conducted consecutively to three emergency rescue teams of the three most vulnerable wards.

- **Activity 3.1 Campaign for raising public awareness**

- **Activity 3.1.2 School programmes:**

Preparation started for the drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and living Environment Protection to the target of 4th and 5th grade pupils of school in the three project wards. A draft plan was developed. Collection of information on number of classes and schools and working with the District Education Department was on process.

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	Ongoing	Quarter 3 & 4 - 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		
Activity 3.4 .1- Training on Medical First Responders	Ongoing	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**

Media Campaign to promote CBDRM

CECI as one of DIPECHO partners involved PROMISE Vietnam into one of their activities for the national & local media campaign to promote CBDRM. on August 27. More than 20 TV and radio journalists were presented and taken to visit the PROMISE Vietnam sites in Da Nang.

Activity 4.2 Study tour for CBDRM institutionalization model

Following the engagement into the Media Campaign under the DIPECHO Advocacy Network Initiative project to advocate for CBDRM at both national and local level in August, PROMISE Vietnam also actively participated in the Communities Disaster Prevention Tour for DIPECHO project partners from 4th to 10 October. This was the integration of PROMISE VIETNAM into other projects implemented by CECI as a partner of DIPECHO project. Around 35 participants from Save the Children, OXFARM, SRC-NLRC VNRC, CARE, World Vision, Development Workshop France, CECI and mass media would participate in the study tour to different projects from the South to the Central of Vietnam. Five persons from PROMISE Vietnam including two from project team and three from district and ward partners would participate into this study tour. To share its good practice on CBDRM, PROMISE Vietnam would take the study tour group to visit a house demonstration in its safer house programme for promotion of application of safe techniques in house construction practices.

▪ 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 4 - 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

▪ **Other Activities:**

Second Regional Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction, Bangkok, 17 to 21 September 2007

Four nominees from PROMISE Vietnam team (Ms. Duong Thi Hoai Trang, Project Coordinator, CECI), representatives from Danang city government (Mr. Thai Van Quang the city Department of Agriculture, Fishery and Aquaculture and Mr Tran Viet Dung, Urban Planning Construction Institute) and from the Central Committee for Storm and Flood Control (Ms Pham Hoang Lan) attended the five-day Regional training course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangkok from 17 to 21 September 2007. This was the second training course on the same topic organized by the ADPC under PROMISE. The course covered topics on urban governance, risk management, vulnerability reduction and mainstreaming risk reduction as a component of governance. A training plan to institutionalize this training course was also discussed at the end of the training.

Development of Case Study for Promise Vietnam

The development of case study on safe house construction under PROMISE Vietnam by Ms Gabrielle Iglesias, PROMISE's networking and information coordinator from ADPC was under process. A draft case study was developed and sent to Promise Vietnam for cross check.

3, Planned vs Actual Achievements

Some delay in progress of activities were encountered especially that of subproject selection. Promise Vietnam was trying to catch up with the planned schedule.

4. Project Management

Mid term Financial Review 11 – 12 September 2007

The Mid-term Financial Review of Promise Vietnam was conducted by Ms. Budsarin Chuensombat and Ms.Prissana Noitonglek from finance team of ADPC on 11th and 12th of September. The Review included review and checking of all transaction details, staff time sheet, disbursement report, counterpart contribution details, overhead calculation, bank statement and bank advices for cash received from ADPC since the beginning of project. The Review went smoothly without any comments as all the disbursement has conformed to USAID/ADPC financial requirements.

5. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

- Finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Subproject selection and implementation

- Campaign for raising public awareness, School programmes
- National Training on Hydro-meteorological Risk Assessment and Community Preparedness
- Preparation for Workshop in CBDRM Institutionalization

