



AKPBS, Pakistan

Quarterly Progress and Performance Report
(July – September 2007)
Promise Project Hyderabad
October 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 (July - September 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.

After the training on ‘Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction’ received by Masood A Mahesar, in July 2007, the process of Hazard Mapping and Participatory Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment has been started again to keep the practice of updating the study on annual basis. The mapping exercise is being conducted by involving community and local Government representatives. The exercise will be completed in October 2007.

Component 2: Mitigation and Preparedness: During the hazard mapping and vulnerability assessment study in the first phase of the project 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 which were approved during Project Coordinators meeting on July 31-August 2, 2007. Following projects will be completed in the last quarter (October-December 2007):

- 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

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building: Training on ‘Medical First Responders’ was organized by the project team from July 24-28, 2007 at Hyderabad. Twenty four (24) volunteers from six (6) disaster management committees participated in the training. Mr Frederick John Bernardino Abo was the lead resource person assisted by trainers from Focus Humanitarian Assistance (Mr Abdullah Sachwani and Mr Sheeraz) and Aga Khan University.

A two day training workshop on ‘Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction’ was organized for the representatives and officials of Taluka Municipal Administration, Latifabad on September 7-8, 2007. The Taluka Municipal Officer, Taluka Officer, Infrastructure, Union Council Nazims,

Naib Nazims, Councilors and NGO representatives (18) participated in the training. Basic concepts and participatory assessment tools were imparted to the learners.

- Mr Masood Ahmed Mahesar, Project Coordinator, PROMISE Pakistan participated in 16th Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Course at AIT, Thailand from July 16-27, 2007.
- ADPC organized five days training on 'Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction' from 17-21 September 2007 at Bangkok, Thailand. Masood Ahmed Mahesar, Project Coordinator, PROMISE and Faisal Farooq Khan, National Program Manager, AKPBS, P participated in the training from Pakistan. Representatives from local Governments, technical partners and PROMISE country coordinators participated in the training.

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:

- One health and hygiene promotion program was organized in Maheshwari Colony on August 17, 2007. The participants were transmitted important health and hygiene messages through pictorial posters and demo on preparing ORS. Thirty three community members mostly women participated in the activity
- An orientation program for the school children was organized in Aminabad School, Hyderabad. Sixty eight children from Grade X participated in the event. At the end of session the children were able to understand basic causes of the disasters and their effects of human lives and livelihoods. The activity was organized in collaboration with FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance, Pakistan.
- A orientation program for the school children was organized in Iqra Boys High School. Forty five (45) boys and two (2) teachers participated in the event. At the end of session the children were able to understand basic causes of the disasters and their effects of human lives and livelihoods.
- A similar activity was organized for Iqra Girls High School was organized in which seventy seven (77) participants participated on September 12, 2007

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

The project team continued field activities through meetings with communities and other stakeholders: NGOs and GOs. The focus of these meetings was to continue awareness raising activities and discuss implementation strategies for demo projects.

- In the reporting period four terms of partnership with four project communities were signed for executing demo projects

Documentation and Reporting

- Monthly progress reports 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 	The finalization of city action plan has been deferred due to political situation in the country. As well as the process of updating the HVCA is in process. Therefore it is expected that the city action plan will be finalized with the District Government in last quarter of the year 2007.
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	The demo projects are approved by the ADPC. The same will be executed during the October – December quarter
4.	Start of works on the Demo Projects	Works on Demo Projects could not be started due to funds transfer
5.	Trainings on:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFR and SAR 	The training for MFR was organized in the third week of July 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction 	The training was organized at Hyderabad from September 7-8, 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and Networking 	The training was deferred to October due to holy month of Ramadhan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Awareness 	The public awareness activities at school and community level continued
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

- During the reporting quarter the working relationship with the local administration has further improved and the elected representatives are fully supporting the implementation process of the PROMISE project

**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
2.	Start and completion of works on the Demo Projects
3.	Celebration of International Disaster Day
4.	Selection and installation of Early Warning System
5.	Trainings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy and Networking
6.	Public Awareness
7.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)
8.	Reporting

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

- During the reporting period AKPBS, P organized a training on 'Basic Emergency Response Course' with the support from FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance and Aga Khan University.
- PROMISE enjoys effective working relationship with Local Government representatives, NGOs and CBOs

8. Other Information

9. Project Financial Status

The financial report is being submitted separately.