



AKPBS, Pakistan

Quarterly Progress and Performance Report
(October – December 2007)
Promise Project Hyderabad
December 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 (October - December 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 has been conducted by involving community and local Government representatives. The exercise is completed and report is being finalized.

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. The demo projects could not be started due to problems related with funds transfer. Following projects will now be completed in the next quarter (Jan – March 2008):

- 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

Terms of partnership with the respective communities have already been signed in five communities. Whereas one project of ‘Improving Pumping Station of Hali Road Latifabad, Hyderabad’ was reviewed in a meeting held on December 10, 2007 with sub-District Government, Latifabad. The sub-District Government has agreed to fund major part of the project.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building:

- An orientation program for the school children was organized in Government High School, Qasimabad. Thirty five (35) boys 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.
- PROMISE team in collaboration with SAFWCO, local NGO partner celebrated International Disaster Day at a local hotel in Hyderabad. District Government representatives, civil society organizations, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh Province, Ms Nuzhat Pathan and members of Provincial Disaster Management Authority alongwith 250 community members participated in the event. On the occasion Mr Suleman G Abro, CEO, SAFWCO, Dr Bakhshal Khan Lashari, Professor Mehran University of Engineering and Technology and Masood A Mahesar, Country Coordinator, PROMISE eulogized importance of the event and growing number of disasters occurring in the world.
- The PROMISE Pakistan team organized two health and hygiene workshops in Thakur Colony and GOR Colony on 18 and 20 December 2007 respectively. In Thakur Colony workshop 34 females participated wherein the resource persons highlighted the importance of different components of hygiene including:
 - Personal Hygiene
 - Domestic Hygiene
 - Environmental Hygiene
 - Food Hygiene

The resource persons involved few women in playing roles on the causes of diseases. In the second workshop held at GOR colony 27 women participated. Similar activities and roles were played in the workshop.

- A one day orientation training on ‘Advocacy and Networking’ was organized for the activists of disaster management committees formed under PROMISE project on December 11, 2007 at Latifabad. Eighteen (18) participants from six disaster management committees participated in the training. The resource person Mr Abdul Ghaffar Sheerani and Mr Hakeem Khoso oriented the participants regarding the following:
 - Advocacy and its Importance
 - Issues, Goals, and Objectives: Building the Foundation
 - Identifying Support and Opposition
 - Informing, Persuading, and Moving to Action
 - Data Collection: Bridging the Gap between
 - Advocacy Networks and Campaigns
 - Rights based Advocacy
 - Advocacy for mainstreaming Disaster into Development Planning

The participants termed the learning a highly important and knowledge providing activity.

Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

Two meetings were held with Taluka Municipal Administration Latifabad to discuss city action plan. The plan was updated with local Government perspective. The city action plan is expected to be finalized through a consultative workshop in December 2007.

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 the first quarter of the year 2008.
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 implemented during the January to March 2008 quarter
4.	Start of works on the Demo Projects	Works on Demo Projects could not be started due to problems related with funds transfer
5.	Celebration of International Disaster Day	International Disaster Day was celebrated in collaboration with local partner SAFWCO
6.	Selection and Installation of EWS	EWS selected, would be installed after funds transfer
7.	Trainings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy and Networking• Public Awareness	A one day training was organized while a refresher will be organized in January 2008 The public awareness activities at school and community level continued
8.	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
9.	Reporting	Monthly and Quarterly Reports submitted

4. **Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned**
 - Due format related problems the funds could not be transferred therefore the activities of the project particularly field implementation of demo project suffered a lot.
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.	Installation of Early Warning System
4.	Trainings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and Networking
5.	Public Awareness
6.	Networking of local organizations, district government (Development of Local Practitioners for Experience Sharing)
7.	Reporting

7. **An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals**
 - PROMISE enjoys effective working relationship with Local Government representatives, NGOs and CBOs
8. **Other Information**
9. **Project Financial Status**

Will be furnished separately.