

**PROMISE PHILIPPINES**  
**4th Quarter Report**  
**for the period October to December 2008**

**I. Project Description and Objectives**

For almost three years of continuous advocacy on DRR and Good Governance, Dagupan City and its TWG of PROMISE prospered in partnerships. The new partners help a lot in inspiring CDP and Dagupan to share their CBDRM and Good Governance experience; and also helped in building the PROMISE team Capacities in DRR.

- 1) Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk
- 2) Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters
- 3) Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities are in accord with USAID country and regional strategies
- 4) Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

**Highlights**

Partnerships, both local and international contributed a lot in the sustainability of DRR efforts in Dagupan City and of different partner organizations of the Philippines PROMISE TEAM. Ka NOLI (Manuel Abinales), a very well known leader in CBDRM in the Philippines expressed his awe and appreciation for the partnership built between the people in the community, the BDCC and the CDCC in Dagupan City. This is one of his dreams to have a strong LGU supporting their People's Organization in San Mateo. He was one of the many participants who went to Dagupan for a study tour on DRR and like him the participants both local and international learned a lot in CBDRM, Good Governance and DRR, networking and info dissemination. One of the highlights was the partnerships made.

**II. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter**

**A. Training**

**3rd CBDRR TOT for the TWG**

For the development of the skills of the old and new TWG Promise Team Philippines, the 3rd CBDRM ToT was conducted in Baguio City last November 5-6, 2008. There were 16 participants who attended the 3rd TOT. The facilitators and resource persons for the training were Ms. Luneta and Ms. Grace Molina. Ms Fatima Molina on the other hand documented the process. The training not only served as a reminder of what the TWG already knew but also an update on what is new in DRR and Climate Change Adaptation. This training was conducted for the CBDRR training preparation for the 23 barangays. The TWG also had a planning session for the CBDRR training for the 23 barangays. This included the scheduling and the tasking.

### **Meeting with JC Gilliard**

Last December 17, 2008 CDP (Ms. Luneta) met with Prof JC Gilliard of UP Geography. He introduced the 3d risk mapping. He was eager to volunteer himself and his students to teach the communities in making 3d hazard vulnerability resource map. The meeting ended on the possibility of doing it in Dagupan City. This would also be good in updating the current hazard maps and risk assessment results of the high risk areas. Doing this can also be useful data for GIS.

## **B. Information Sharing and Network**

### **DMO for the Norwegian Mission Alliance**

Ms. Julie Passi of Norwegian Mission Alliance asked CDP to give a disaster management orientation regarding children and disasters. Ms. Luneta was the one who gave the orientation and shared also CDP's experience as well as PROMISE experience. This was done in the NMA office in Quezon City last October 16, 2008.

### **No Strings Meeting**

Last October 24, 2008, Ms. Luneta met with Ms. Candy de Juan of Department of Education Culture and Sports, Mr. Baltz Tribulano of Plan Philippines and Mr. John Mc Glade of No Strings. The meeting was about the Film on Disaster Preparedness Produced by No Strings (Puppet Film) that will be translated to Filipino. The film would help a lot in Public Awareness for Disaster Preparedness for Children.

### **RECLAIM Regional Course**

On October 27-31, 2008 ADPC ran the Regional RECLAIM Course in Astoria Plaza, Pasig City. Ms. Luneta was asked to share on CBDRM process for Landslide Mitigation. During the sharing she also shared about the CBDRM process done by PROMISE Dagupan. Though the area was flood prone and not on landslide the process of involving the LGU and the community was highlighted. The participants appreciated the idea of involving the community.

### **GFDRR Meeting for South-South Proposals**

Mr. Manu Gupta of Seeds involved other Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (including CDP) in the making of a proposal for DRR and Climate Change Adaptation which were short listed by World Bank. From October 28- 31, 2008, Ms. Luneta of CDP attended this GFDRR Meeting for South- South Proposals sponsored by World Bank. The meeting was on passing the second stage of the proposal. If this will be approved, this would help in the sustainability of the DRR efforts of the PROMISE project.

### **CPIE TOT Luzon Cluster Training**

The CPIE TOT Luzon Cluster Training was conducted on November 10-14, 2008 in Dominique Hotel in Tagaytay City. Ms. Luneta and Ms. Molina acted as mentors for the training. Ms. Luneta asked UNICEF the sponsor organization to involve the LGU of Dagupan City in the Roll out of the CPIE training in the provinces.

### **Inter Church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO) CBDRM Training**

The ICCO asked CDP to handle the CBDRM training for its international partners. The 15 participants came from six different countries representing different INGOs. The training was from November 17-29, 2008. During the first week CDP gave CBDRM training in Sulo Hotel. This included a field visit in San Mateo Rizal to see the CBDRM of Buklod Tao. The resource persons and facilitators were mostly from CDP.

On the second week there was a study tour in three different places in the Philippines namely, Dagupan City, Pampanga and Mindanao. The participants were divided into two groups. Ms. Luneta and the TWG handled the group who went to Dagupan City and Pampanga. There were 6 participants from the ICCO training and 5 from Buklod Tao who attended the training. This included the visit to the newly established EOC of Dagupan City; a tour in the Waste Management Department; a river Cruise (seeing the management of the river); community visits (hosted by the 8 pilot communities) and a dialogue with the Mayor.

The participants appreciated the good governance in DRR and the good relationship of the LGU and the communities. They also appreciated the skills shown by the community people.

CDP and the Project PROMISE gave some funds (phones for landline communication) to further enhance the communication system among the high risk barangays and the EOC. The community and the City appreciated the given communication gadgets. Immediately they were able to use it.

### **3rd Ministerial Meeting for the HFA Monitoring**

Mayor Al Fernandez of Dagupan City attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Meeting for the Global Platform for HFA Monitoring last December 2-4, 2008 in Malaysia. He was able to show a short AVP of the PROMISE Experiences highlighting good governance in DRR in the meeting.

### **Meeting with Emma Molina for the Education Sector Networking**

A regular meeting with Ms. Emma Molina (with Ms. Luneta) was done in CDP last December 12, 2008. The meeting included the discussion on revitalizing the education sector in Dagupan City, thus a meeting was set with the National DEP ED coordinator in DRR Ms. Candy De Juan. Another agenda was the possibility of involving the Province of Pangasinan for the Northern Luzon DRR Net planning.

### **TLC HFA Monitoring in the Philippines**

The Training Learning Circle Philippines headed by CDP had a forum on HFA Monitoring in the Philippines. The Global Network DRR NGOs designated CDP as the National Coordinating Organization to have a local HFA monitoring among stakeholders. The forum was attended by both GO and NGOs and a tool for HFA monitoring was scrutinized and discussed. One of the goals of this monitoring was to see the status of the DRR in the Philippines and how it reflects the HFA. This was last December 8, 2008.

CDP thru PROMISE and other projects showed that its activities were in line with the HFA.

### **C. CBDRM Demo Projects**

For the CBDRM Demo Projects, the 8 pilot communities were encouraged to update the TWG on their small scale mitigation project. One of the pilot barangays, Lasip Chico, had a hard time in doing their small structural mitigation project (Improving their Evacuation Center which is also the Day Care Center) because they are still waiting for the City's counterpart (It will take a longer process for waiting for the fund) since their project had a lot of financial requirement. The PROMISE TEAM and the BDCC explored the possibilities improving or changing the proposal.

Part of the CBDRM Demo Project was to improve and update their Risk Assessment Result to further enhance and develop their CBDRR plans. In line with this was the partnership with UP Geography in Diliman to make a 3d map for hazard, vulnerability and resource map of the barangays in Dagupan City.

### **D. Advocacy**

Promise Philippines Team are advocates of DRR and good governance which can be seen in almost all of the activities reported above.

## **III. Planned vs. Actual Achievements**

Most of the planned Activities below were partly done:

- Preparation for CBDRM Training of 23 barangays
- Preparation for Climate Change Plan for the NGDRR
- Strengthening Networks in the Education Sector
- Activities in line with the PROMISE objectives in training, information sharing and networking, advocacy and implementation of the CBDRM Demo projects.

However, to fully achieve the objectives more time will be needed.

## **IV. Lessons Learned and Challenges**

1. The re scheduling of the major activity the NLDRRnet planning was vital for the involvement of other stakeholders. Since the PROMISE team would like to involve a lot of stakeholders the time would not be enough for preparation so it has to be re scheduled next quarter. It was important to ask ADPC for the extension of the project.

Due to the time constraint for the full implementation of the project, Ms. Luneta asked ADPC to extend the Promise Project in the Philippines. ADPC granted the request.

The very long holiday in the Philippines during December would limit the time to do a major activity (especially in Dagupan where they have a month long feast). Meetings with other partners and individuals in Manila for the Project were done instead of doing the major activity like the Northern Luzon DRR net Planning in Dagupan.

2. Partnerships and networks helped a lot in the sustainability of the project. One good example is the new partnership with UP Geo, for they will help in the making of a 3d risk map that can be one of the basis for building up the cities GIS.
3. Inspiration derived from the PROMISE experience by the different witnessing organizations gave them hope that Good Governance in DRR is possible and can be replicated in their areas.
4. On the other hand, continuous sharing of experiences and hosting different DRR study tours in Dagupan City gave equal inspiration to the TWG and the 8 high risk areas to improve their Capabilities in DRR.
5. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION and DRR had a lot in common.

#### **V. Achievement over Project Objective Indicators**

- EOC established and fully Operational with assigned staff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CBDRM TOT done

#### **VI. Planned Action for the Next Quarter**

- Start of Actual CBDRM Training of 23 barangays
- Climate Change Plan for the NGDRR
- 3d Mapping in Mangin for Replication
- Continuous Advocacy, Training, Sharing of Info, Networking and finishing the CBDRM project.
- Evaluation

#### **VII. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals**

- UP Diliman ( Department of Geography)
- DEP ED National
- No Strings
- ICCO and their Partner organizations
- ADRRN
- Norwegian Mission Alliance

#### **VIII. Project Financial Status**

Please refer to attached forms 4 and 5.