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NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Project Description and Objective

Project Description

In an effort to better prepare communities in the South and South East Asia, and to effectively manage, Hydro- meteorological Disaster risks the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre is implementing the Program for Hydro- meteorological Disaster Mitigation for Secondary Cities in Asia with funding assistance from USAID/OFDA. A highly vulnerable Secondary city of Kalutara was selected as the implementation in PROMISE-Sri Lanka, and the project activities were completed in mid 2008. The lead implementing partner of PROMISE-SL, Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, has successfully concluded the activities assigned under the project. The Project has four components, namely: Mitigation and Preparedness, National level Capacity Building, Mainstreaming DRR in Urban Local Governance and Information Networking.

The project has undertaken activities at city level and at community level. The city level activities were mainly focused on "Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk Management in Urban Local Government level" and aimed at reducing the vulnerability to Hydro-meteorological Disaster events through enhanced preparedness and mitigation measures. The difficulties observed in implementation of disaster risk management activities in Kalutara Urban area are mainly due to lack of resources and capacity of the institution to plan and implement disaster risk management programs in the city. The Kalutara city is a fast growing satellite city and effected by frequent disaster events such as floods, sea erosion, health hazards etc. The impact due to tsunami event in 2004 to the city population was one of the most devastating within the recorded memory. The city is challenged by the ever increasing population growth and city expansion due to high urbanization trends. City authorities find it difficult to provide satisfactory urban services on one hand and on the other hand need to take speedy actions for controlling environmental pollution, handing natural disaster events, improving the socio-economic standards of the people.

Objective of the Supplementary Activities

Main objective of the project is to implement the identified short term action projects under the National Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction in urban Local Government Sector (ULGs) of Sri Lanka carried out under the PROMISE project of ADPC.

2. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

1. Setting-up the emergency response system
 - Initial work on emergency response system
 - Work commence of the multi hazard map

2. Training and capacity building
 - Nil -

3. Preparation of niche of drainage projects for Kalutara UC area
 - Study of existing drainage system and O&M work

4. Resource centre for DRR activities in Kalutara ULA
 - Request for a location for the resource centre

5. School sector disaster management cells for selected schools
 - Identification of schools for the project.

3. Planned vs Actual Achievements

Sub Project 1: Emergency Response Plan

It was decided to have a separate meeting with the DMC delegate in Kalutara regarding this particular sub project. The project will be carried out with the full corporation of KUC and the final multi hazard map will be displayed at the Chairman's office. Also it was decided to carry out a separate awareness programme on the proposed emergency response system for the communities. This programme will be carried out during the period of March – May 2009 for five clusters of UC wards.

Sub Project 2: Niche Drainage System

Following steps will be carried out in this project

- Problem identification in the existing drainage system of KUC from the relevant Grama Niladaries through a questionnaire format. This questioner to be requested through the KUC Chairman from the Kalutara Divisional Secretary. The questionnaire will be provided by NBRO with the relevant request letters by 16th Dec 2008.
- Identification of existing problems proposed answers and prioritised them accordingly.
- Categorised them into different groups; large scale, medium scale, small scale and non cash involved.
- Selection of projects for implementation and preparation of the cost estimates.

Sub Project 3: Resource Centre

It was decided to request a appropriate place/space for the proposed resource centre of the KUC. Request letter will be send to the KUC from NBRO by 16th Dec 2008. Also it was decided to develop the KUC web site through the project with the help of University of Moratuwa Town Planning department who has developed a web site to Moratuwa on pilot basis in the recent past and NBRO to initiate the discussions with UoM on this matter on urgent basis.

It was also decided to translate the 'Safer Cities' on Kalutara by ADPC through the project. Relevant publication will be provided by ADPC to NBRO within two weeks.

Sub Project 4: School Programme

It was decided to send a letter to zonal education office requesting a list of schools in KUC to suit the requirement by 16th Dec 2008. Following schools were proposed by the KUC for the programme in the mean time; Tissa Vudyalaya, Kalutara Balika, Ganodaya Vidyalaya, Nagoda Maha Vidyalaya, Muslim Central College for consideration.

Sub Project 5: Health Sector Capacity Building and Awareness Programme

It was proposed to conduct the already postponed initial meeting in early January with the health Ministry officials. It is proposed that Mr. Arambepola to be available for this meeting in first half of the month of January 2009.

4. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

5. Achievement Towards Project Objective Indicators [use PROMISE Form 6]

Planned Activities for Next Quarter

No	Sub Project Name/Activities	Jan. - Feb. 2009
1. Setting-up the emergency response system		
	i. Setting-up the emergency response system	ii. Preparation of the multi hazard map
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2. Training and capacity building		
	i. Curriculum for training programme	ii. Training program – local and regional public representatives in Kalutara
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	vi. Report on training and awareness programmes conducted	

3. Preparation of niche of drainage projects for Kalutara UC area

	i. Study of existing drainage system and O&M Work	ii. Development of concept, objectives and methodology for the proposed plan
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	iv. Categorising the proposal in to projects (long, medium and short term)	
	v. Estimation of prioritised projects	
	vi. Citywide sanitation & drainage improvement program	
	vii. Finalisation of the plan and report	

4. Resource centre for DRR activities in Kalutara ULA

	i. Project implementation mechanism or methodology.	iii. Role identification of the resource centre through stakeholder consultation
	ii. Identify Office accommodation and man power needs for the resource centre	
	iii. Role identification of the resource centre through stakeholder consultation	
	iv. Training of relevant officers to work in the resource centre	
	v. Collect and provide awareness material to resource center	
	vi. Printing of the report on mainstreaming risk management	

5. School sector disaster management cells for selected schools

	i. Identification of most vulnerable schools in Kalutara city area in terms of disaster risk	ii. Training material, conceptualization of formulation of DM Safety cells and action plan
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	iv. Implementation of action plan(token grant of SLR 10,000 in goods will be provided to each target school)	

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

8. Other information