

PROMISE PHILIPPINES
1st Quarter Report
for the period January to March 2009

I. Project Description and Objectives

For three years now Dagupan has tried to establish the “culture of safety” and tried to promote it to their partners in the region and beyond. Mainstreaming DRR in the Education Sector is one of the identified priorities of the PROMISE project in its last phase to contribute in the sustainability of DRR and promotion of the culture of safety in the City.

The following objectives were still the guide for the success of the project:

- 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

In the Philippines the Education Cluster is one of the most active advocates of DRR among the other clusters. CDP being a part of this cluster has involved the TWG and the Education Sector in Dagupan in this endeavor. The Division of the Department of Education in Dagupan City has readily agreed with the PROMISE team and National Department of Education’s proposal in training, organizing and reactivating their schools in DRR.

Another highlight was having a participatory 3d hazard and risk mapping in Barangay Mangin. This was done to serve as an example to the other 30 barangays and to other municipalities and cities in the region to help in assessing the risks and in making DRR plans. This was made possible through the partnership of CDP, TWG, and Barangay Mangin and UP Geography Department.

II. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

A. Training and Workshops

1. Reflection Workshop for the TWG

The TWG Reflection Workshop was held last January 13, 2009 in Star Plaza at Dagupan City. The objective of the workshop was to get the lessons learned, suggestions, and reflections of the TWG about their working experience in the PROMISE project. During the workshop team building was done.

Among the key points expressed during the workshop are the following:

- The TWG have a deepen and have a more sensible appreciation of the knowledge on disaster and DRR and climate change
- Professional and personal bonding relationship built among TWG members which facilitate smooth working relationship among each other.
- Skills in training and disaster preparedness activities as well as in emergency response improved dramatically
- Motivation are lifted through small and big success of the project manifested in the community and the city
- Challenge of reactivating all BDCC and sustaining the energy of the first 8 barangays.

2. Orientation Workshop on 3d Mapping and TWG Planning

On January 14, 2009 Professor JC Gilliard of UP Geo Department gave an orientation on 3d Mapping in Barangay Mangin. The participants were the TWG and the BDCC of Brgy. Mangin. This was done to see the relevance of having a 3d map in DRR planning. This would also serve as an update for their existing hazard map.

Brgy, Mangin was chosen as the pilot community for this endeavor since they were the most active BDCC and is a role model in DRR in Dagupan City. Brgy Mangin in the leadership of Captain Bernard Cabison gave assurance of community support. They even volunteered in making a table as base for the map.

Initial planning for the 3d mapping for Barangay Mangin was also done. The TWG would later help in facilitating the 3d mapping in other barangays with the help of the Mangin BDCC. TWG planning also occurred after the orientation.

3. DRR in the Education Sector Orientation

Last March 3, 2009 Ms. Luneta gave an orientation on "DRR in the Education Sector in the Philippines" to the heads of the Dagupan City Dep Ed Division. The presentation was from the DEP ED National. This meeting was attended by different school principals and the TWG. They agreed to have a DRR workshop

for the primary and secondary teachers in Dagupan City in May 2009. The workshop aims to:

- Orient the teachers on the basic drr concepts
- Organize and reactivate drr groups per school
- Produce drr action plans for schools.

4. *Tsunami Orientation*

On March 31, 2009 there will be a Tsunami Preparedness Orientation for Dagupan City. Philvocs will be the one to give the orientation. The RDCC and the TWG helped in the coordination of this event. This will be attended by different stakeholders and high risk areas for tsunamis.

B. Information Sharing and Network

1. *DRR and Climate Change Orientation for NGOs Fisheries*

Ms. Luneta shared the DRR and PROMISE experience in Dagupan City to the NGOs Fisheries. Furthermore the Climate Change Adaptation of the City was also shared in this orientation. This was done in PHILDRA, last January 15, 2009.

This was attended by different NGOs in the Fisheries Sector. The participants appreciated the sharing and expressed the possibility of having a re echo with their other partners.

2. *Child Centered DRR and CBDRR Training for Save the Children Myanmar*

CDP had training for SC-Myanmar on Child Centered DRR and CBDRR last January 28-30, 2009. Ms. Luneta was one of the facilitators of this training she shared CDP's experience on CC DRR and CBDRR. She also shared the CBDRR experience of Dagupan City. One of the most detailed sharing was the Early Warning System set up by Barangay Mangin.

3. *Sharing of Promise Experience in Community Development 122 Class*

Ms. Luneta shared in the CD 122 class the Promise experience last February 5, 2009 emphasizing on the relevance of having a DRR organization within the community. The importance also of the roles of the BDCC, the CVOs, and the LGUs were also discussed. The discussion also promoted the role of the development workers in DRR.

4. *DRR and Climate Change Sharing for the Tambuyog Partners (Fisheries Sector)*

Ms. Luneta and Ms. Emma J. Molina shared the DRR and Climate change mitigation and adaptation in Dagupan City to the Tambuyog Partners last February 17, 2009. Tambuyog is an NGO focusing on the fisheries sector. They appreciated the efforts of the project PROMISE for the fisheries sector which was highlighted by the issues on good governance. They were especially interested in the implementation of the Zoning ordinance for the river.

5. *Education Cluster Meeting*

Last March 9, 2009 the Education Cluster met in the NDCC office to follow up the cluster plan and give updates on the members activities. Ms. Candy De Juan was given an update on DRR meeting and plan for the Education Sector in Dagupan.

6. *Forum on Women and Climate Change*

The Training Learning Circle sponsored a Forum last March 11, 2009 in Quezon City Hall on Women and Climate Change. Different women organizations attended the event. CDP also participated. Ms Lorna Victoria showed the experience of Barangay Mangin (Oxfam GB good practice video) in DRR. This also highlighted what women are doing in DRR.

7. *Maldives DRR in the Education Sector Training*

CDP conducted training on Mainstreaming DRR in the Education Sector last March 23-27, 2009 at the Sulo Hotel for Maldivian teachers. There were 15 participants. Most of them were teachers. The Department of Education thru Ms. De Juan co facilitated the training. Ms. Maria Cagay, CDP's Managing Director, was the main facilitator. International and local resource persons were there to enrich the sharing (like Dr Emmanuel Luna, Dr. Cely Binoya, Ms. Willison and Ms. Grace Molina)

Ms. Luneta was also one of the resource persons. She shared the experience of Dagupan City in Mainstreaming DRR in the Education Sector. The following experiences were the highlights of her sharing:

- DRR Academic Olympics
- Dagupan Safety Day (institutionalization and implementation)
- DRR orientation for teachers.

The Maldivian teachers appreciated the training and were hoping to have exchange visits.

C. CBDRM Demo Projects

1. *Actual 3d Mapping and Monitoring*

After the orientation on the relevance of the 3d risk map last month, Barangay Mangin prepared for their counterpart materials for the 3d map which is the table to be used as base for the map. On February 4, 2009 the UP Geography volunteer students (for post grad) – Emmanuel A. Maceda, Ryan Christopher P. Viado and Flordeliz A Agra facilitated the participatory 3d risk mapping in Barangay Mangin. The participants were the residents of Barangay Mangin and the BDCC members. The TWG and Brgy. Tebeng observed the process in the hope of duplicating this to other communities. The communities were able to identify the high risk areas. They even had detailed number of houses and residents (most vulnerable people) represented in the map. After the day, the facilitators gave some pointers on how to improve the map and reminded them to put a grid so it can be used for GIS. The participants were very excited in identifying the elements at risk and giving the elements representations in the map. They finished more than 50% of the map and continued to improve on it during the week. They even added rubber board to make the pins stable. After two weeks, Ms. Agra and Mr. Viado returned to see the almost finished map and took pictures for GIS. The escape routes, flow of water and other relevant information will still be added in the map. The suggestion of making it a multi hazard map was also being considered by the community.

Ms. Luneta and the TWG discussed the preparation for the upcoming activities and the possibility of replicating the 3d maps in other barangays.

During the monitoring of the making of the 3d map, the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council visited Barangay Mangin and met with the PROMISE team. They were interested in involving the team in regional endeavors for DRR.

2. *DRR Mainstreaming Meeting and Admin meeting*

Ms. Emma Molina and Ms. Felita Ugaban went to CDP for a two day meeting (March 19-20, 2009) to discuss the following:

- Updates for DRR activities for PROMISE Dagupan City
- Preparation for DRR Mainstreaming Activities
- Making Outline for the Terminal Report
- Checking the requirements for Financial Reports

Ms. Luneta facilitated the meeting. Ms Francisca Doctolero attended the second day to explain the requirements of the financial reports reminded by Zay Yar. Ms. Jelyne Gealone also attended the meeting. The meeting was a fruitful meeting for the PROMISE project for its administrative part.

D. Advocacy

1. *RDCC Kalasag AWARD for 2008*

The Regional Disaster Coordinating Council awarded again Barangay Mangin as Kalasag Awardee for the regional level for 2008. Furthermore, since the City also nominated for 2008 the Center for Disaster Preparedness for the NGO category, CDP was also awarded the Regional Kalasag Award as the Best Performing NGO. This was supposed to be given last July, however due to the Typhoon Cosme they were not able to give the awards in the right time. Instead they only gave the awards this month. This again highlights the good DRR practices of the Philippine PROMISE team (CDP and Dagupan City). The RDCC also expressed the eagerness to have the Promise team share their DRR experience to other Provinces.

2. *HFA monitoring*

CDP was assigned as the National Coordinating agency for Hyogo Framework for Action Monitoring by the Global Network for DRR. CDP then tapped its partners in all sectors to answer the questionnaires for HFA monitoring. Dagupan City has actively participated this March in this monitoring by letting its LGUs, communities and other CVOs to answer the monitoring tool given by CDP.

III. Planned vs. Actual Achievements

Planned Activities below were achieved:

- 3d Mapping in Mangin for Replication
- Continuous Advocacy, Training, Sharing of Info, Networking and finishing the 90% of the CBDRM project.
- Partial Evaluation

The activities that were rescheduled for the next quarter:

- Start of Actual CBDRM Training of 23 barangays
- Climate Change Plan for the NGDRR

IV. Lessons Learned and Challenges

1. The PROMISE Philippines team was able to establish a good relationship with the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council in Region 1 because of the various preparedness activities initiated by the project. They were very appreciative of the participatory 3d risk mapping done in Mangin. Furthermore, they also wanted to become a part of the CBDRR training of

- the 23 barangays. They will also help in organizing the DRRnet meeting in the region.
2. Bureaucracy can drag the implementation of a good project.
 3. Partnerships open new opportunities
 4. Climate change adaptation and mitigation and DRR should be considered in any DRR intervention
 5. The PROMISE project efforts help in realizing the HFA (as seen in the HFA monitoring).

V. Achievement over Project Objective Indicators

- Established partners in the education sector
- Baseline for GIS for Brgy Mangin (3d hazard and risk mapping)

VI. Planned Action for the Next Quarter

- Start of Actual CBDRM Training of 23 barangays
- Climate Change Plan for the NGDRR Continuous Advocacy, Training, Sharing of Info, Networking and finishing the 10% of the CBDRM project.

VII. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

- Tambuyog and its People's Organizations in the fisheries sector
- Ngo Fisheries
- Education Cluster
- RDCC Region 1

VIII. Project Financial Status

Please refer to attached forms 4 and 5.