

**PROMISE PHILIPPINES**  
**2nd Quarter Report**  
**for the period June to July 2009**

**I. Project Description and Objectives**

For more than three years, Dagupan has tried to establish the “culture of safety” and tried to promote it to their partners in the region and beyond. The following objectives guided the project implementers since its inception:

- 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) Strengthened networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

**Highlights**

The last two months of project implementation concentrated on the efforts to sustain the gains achieved by the project since its implementation in March 2006. Such included the covenant-signing of Northern Luzon local government officials through the Region 1 DRR Network. The covenant signified the officials’ commitment to implement DRR measures in their localities and mutually support each other during disaster situation. Aside from the covenant-signing, several projects proposals were submitted to support institutions intended to continue and intensify the achievements of PROMISE in the area. Moreover, the Disaster Safety Day was held with the expansion of participating institutions such as the inclusion of commercial establishments in city-wide drills.

The period also involved the promotion of the PROMISE experience through training and workshops within and outside Dagupan,

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

### **A. Training and Workshops**

#### **1. *DRR Training for Local Government Officials in Kalibo, Aklan***

The PROMISE experience was highlighted during the series of training activities on Child-Centered DRR in Kalibu, Aklan on June 8 to 9 and June 10 to 11. The first batch of training included around 100 participants from the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council (MDCC), schools, youth/children's organizations, and *Barangay* Councils. On the other hand, the second batch included 130 members of Barangay Disaster Coordinating Councils (BDCCs), teachers, and students. In both batches, the Early Warning System, Reactivation of CDCC and BDCC, Public Awareness in Schools, and DRR-related policies developed under the PROMISE Project in Dagupan City were discussed.

#### **2. *School-Based DRR Workshop***

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta facilitated a one-day DRR workshop for the Dagupan City Division of the Department of Education (DepEd). Principals, teachers, and disaster point persons from primary and secondary public and private schools participated in the event. DRR manuals and videos (Tales of Disasters) were distributed to the participants. Moreover, all public schools in the City were directed to implement DRR measures.

#### **3. *Northern Luzon DRR Workshop***

The Northern Luzon DRR Network (DRRNet) workshop was held on July 28, 2009. It was attended by almost one hundred participants from 4 provinces and 6 cities in Region 1. The event became a venue for discussion and presentation of the PROMISE experience; assessment of the DRR efforts of Region 1 areas; action-planning on DRR and Climate Change Adaptation of the 4 provinces; and signing of the covenant of partnership for DRR by Mr. Eugene Cabrera, Mayor Fernandez, and other high ranking officials of the region.

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

### ***1. Sharing of the PROMISE Experience with CLC/ADRA***

The Central Luzon Conference (CLC)/Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency (ADRA) invited Ms. Luneta to discuss disaster preparedness on June 14, 2009 in the CLC Office in Malabon. The topic included the CBDRR experience of Dagupan. The activity was attended by Adventist Community Services from different Seventh Day Adventist churches in Central Luzon.

### ***2. World Bank Video Conference***

The World Bank (WB) likewise invited Ms. Lorna P. Victoria (CBDRM Training Learning Circle Philippines) and Ms. Emma J. Molina (Focal person of Dagupan City for PROMISE Project) in a video conference among DRR practitioners in Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR), Philippines, Vietnam, Tokyo, and Beijing on June 26, 2009. Ms. Victoria gave an overview of the CBDRM in the Philippines while Ms. Molina highlighted the PROMISE experience in Dagupan City. There were 44 participants from the Philippines, including members of Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), Buklod Tao Foundation, Corporate Network for Disaster Response (CNDR), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Buklod ng Kabataan, and other NGOs and POs.

### ***3. Review of the Emergency Operation Centers of Marikina and Makati***

Ms. Luneta accompanied Mr. Arambe on June 15-16, 2009 to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Office, Marikina City Hall, and Makati City Hall to look into their Emergency Operation Centers, structures, and protocols. They also discussed the possibility of replicating the PROMISE Project in the two cities.

### ***4. Partnerships to Sustain the Gains of PROMISE***

Several proposals were submitted to the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) with Dagupan City as partner. The proposals intend to sustain the gains of the PROMISE project in the area.

## **C. CBDRM Demo Projects**

### **1. *Updating of 3-D Maps***

Professors JC Gaillard and Emman Maceda were invited to help update and improve the three-dimensional (3-D) map of Barangay Mangin on July 17-18, 2009. Both are professors at the Department of Geology of the National Institute of Geological Sciences-University of the Philippines.

### **2. *City-Wide Earthquake and Fire Drill***

The first city-wide Earthquake and Fire Drill in banks and commercial establishments was done on July 21, 2009. The endeavor was initiated by the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC). Director Eugene Cabrera of Region 1 expressed satisfaction over the achievements of Dagupan City in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Moreover, the Dagupan City Disaster Coordinating Council (CDCC) earned a score of 95% during the post-drill evaluation.

### **3. *Disaster Safety Day***

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta and Ms. Maria Cagay of the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) participated in the following Disaster Safety Day activities on July 21, 2009: Poster Making Contest for secondary level students; 1-minute of silence and contemplation throughout the whole city as part of commemorating the July 16, 1990 earthquake ; and planning among the stakeholders for the city wide earthquake and fire drill.

#### **D. Advocacy**

##### **1. *Inclusion of the PROMISE Experience in the Consultative Version of KKKK***

Ms. Lorna P. Victoria included the PROMISE experience in the consultative version of her book, *Kahandaan, Katatagan at Kaunlaran ng Komunidad* (Preparedness, Strengthening and Development of the Community- a Community Based DRR Training Manual). This consultative version of the manual was reproduced (100 copies) and distributed to the participants of the region-wide Northern Luzon DRRNet workshop on July 28, 2009. The slide presentations used in the various PROMISE training and sharing activities were included in the manual.

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

All the planned activities for the quarter pushed through.

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

1. It is important to expand networks for greater resource sharing. Partners and networks can share information, expertise, technology, finances, and materials to enhance disaster preparedness and response.
2. It is necessary to test the ability of the communities to effectively implement the Early Warning System by conducting and evaluating regular drills and simulations.

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

- Established partnerships beyond the timeframe of PROMISE
- Covenant-signing among Northern Luzon officials on implementing DRR measures

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

Since the month of July marked the end of the PROMISE project in the city of Dagupan, efforts will be directed towards the preparation of the Terminal Report. At the same time, the partnership with the City will be maintained and nurtured.

## **VII. Project Financial Status**

Please refer to attached forms 4 and 5.