



PROMISE Bangladesh

Extension Program Activities in Jamalpur City

4th QUARTER REPORT

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Implemented by:
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

I. Project Description and Objectives

The PROMISE Jamalpur City project is being undertaken by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in partnership with the Pourashava Authority of Jamalpur. Jamalpur City is located in Tangail region of North-Central Bangladesh. It has a total land area of 53.28 sq. km. and population of about 132,700. The city falls under the flood plains of Jamuna River and bounded by Brahmaputra river in the east. It is prone to various hydro meteorological hazards such as floods, cyclone, soil and river erosion and water logging. In 1998 and 2007, the city was badly affected by floods. In 1998 and 2007, the city was badly affected by floods.

With the successful implementation of SHOUHARDO Component 4 (SO4), in Jamalpur Pouroshava under SHOUHARDO program, the Pouroshava Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) has been strengthened to take up the responsibility to respond and anticipate potential threats with hydro-meteorological hazards. In SHOUHARDO program, focus is on effective measures on emergency response and the program has provided the foundation for city level disaster risk reduction activities and emergency response which need to be carry forward for mitigation, preparedness and advocacy. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funds both SHOUHARDO program and the Program on Hydro-meteorological Disaster Mitigation in Secondary Cities (PROMISE). This gives the legacy to the USAID mission project to continue the effort on reducing the disaster risks.

The PROMISE Bangladesh project aims to reduce the vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban areas of Bangladesh.

The program will be implemented for the following specific objectives:

- Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in targeted cities
- Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and hydro-meteorological disaster mitigation in urban communities
- Strengthen networks and links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving the potential and the capacity of urban local authorities for application and dissemination of lessons learned

II. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

Activity-1: Preliminary field visit to finalize the project documents

ADPC team (Mr. N.M.S.I. Arambepola, Dr. Shamim M. Haque, Mrs. Padma Karunaratne, Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Khondoker Golam Tawhid) took a trip to Jamalpur City and carried out a field visit to the most vulnerable wards due to flood (ward-10 & 12) of Jamalpur Municipality with the assistance of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), Jamalpur and respective ward councilors. Two separate

meetings were also conducted with Executive Engineer, BWDB, Jamalpur and with the Municipal Council/Authority of Jamalpur as a part of interaction with the stakeholders and to select the wards for PROMISE activities. The project document was finalized based on the field trip.

Activity-2: Kick off / Inception meeting of the project

An inception meeting was organized with PDMC, WDB, DDMC, DDMO and other Pourashava Officials on 23rd November, 2009 at the Conference Room of Jamalpur Pourashava to present the objectives and obtain the consensus. Dr. Shamim M. Haque, Office-in-Charge, ADPC Dhaka Office graced the meeting as the Guest of Honor. Mr. Shah Md. Wares Ali, the Honorable Mayor, Jamalpur Pourashava presided over the meeting. PDMC members, representatives from DDMC, DDMO, BWDB, LGED, CARE, DAM, STIFP-II, UGIIP-II, etc. were the participants in the meeting. Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Khondoker Golam Tawhid from ADPC side facilitated the meeting.

The main agenda of this inception meeting included the following specific objectives:

- To provide a brief on objectives and activities of PROMISE in Jamalpur.
- To obtain consensus on work plan.
- To form a Technical Working Group (TWG).
- Miscellaneous.

The background, objectives and detailed activities to be performed under PROMISE in Jamalpur City, importance of TWG, roles and responsibilities of Municipal Authority, TWG, other stakeholders and the community, etc. are presented in the meeting. All the participants showed their gladness to have such type of project for building resilient communities against disaster in Jamalpur. In light of the above agenda, different issues were discussed and following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. All participants came to the consensus on activities to be performed under PROMISE.
2. A TWG has been formed comprising 17 members.
3. The TWG monthly meeting and monthly general meeting of the municipality will be organized on the same date.
4. The municipality will provide a room in its premises to establish the EOC.
5. The municipal authority will provide full support for successful implementation of the project.
6. There will be a MOU between Municipality and ADPC in this regard.

III. Planned vs. Actual Achievements

The monthly activities planned for November are mostly achieved like preliminary field visit to finalize the project documents, inception meeting and formation of TWG.

On the other hand, the planned activities for December are not yet accomplished due to some unavoidable circumstances. However, it will be accomplished in next quarter along with the other planned activities.

IV. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lesson Learned

- In fact, no problems encountered during this reporting quarter. Continuous support of Mayor of Jamalpur Municipality and other organizations like WDB, DDMC, LGED, DDMO, etc. has helped in achieving smooth implementation of PROMISE activities.
- Monthly TWG meeting on time will be more fruitful for the project.

V. Achievement over Project Objective Indicators

- TWG has been formed which will increase stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness.
- Representation from relevant risk management institutions/organizations in TWG has been ensured which will strengthen the networks and links among them for improving the potential and the capacity of urban local authorities.

VI. Planned Action for Next Quarter

- Preliminary meetings with ward councilors and communities in selected wards for PROMISE.
- Preliminary meetings with councilors and communities in SHOUHARDO implemented wards.
- Conducting detailed vulnerability analysis with community, volunteers, WDB and city officials for selected wards.
- Preparation of community based risk maps and action plans for selected ward no. 1, 10 and 12.
- Finalize the Community Base Early Warning System.
- Identify the location for flood gauge with assistance of WDB and supply and install flood gauge at identified locations in ward no. 1 to 8, 10 & 12.
- Establishment of EOC at municipality.
- Preparation of action plans and organize workshop for validation.

VII. Project Financial Status

Attached