



PROMISE PROJECT

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Quarterly Progress and Performance Report

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1. Project Description and Objective

Matara is a city with a population of 76,000 in 2007 and located on the southern coast of Sri Lanka is known as an economic zone as well a rapidly developing urban commercial centre. Nilwala River flows through the city and during monsoon seasons, the river carries flood waters from the hills to the flat lands, often causing severe damage to crops, agricultural lands, and the urban built up area. Rapid urbanization and high in-migration exacerbate the flood disaster risk almost every year despite the structural mitigation measures already taken. Breaching a section of flood protection dam due to heavy floods on the upstream of Nilwala, caused heavy damages to houses, roads etc. and polluted the water supply systems along with a loss for livelihood and cultivated land. Local inundation combined with river flooding gave rise to inundation in most part of the city during the event in 2003 May.

Disaster Risk Management is not a direct responsibility of urban local governments of Sri Lanka. The Road map for Safer Sri Lanka emphasizes the need for Urban Disaster Risk management to reduce the losses due to natural disaster. With the successful implementation of PROMISE in Kalutara, there was a demand created for replication of similar activities in other cities prone to Hydro-metrological disasters and Matara has been selected as the second city by ADPC to undertake activities under City Demonstration Project component to promote the subject of Urban Disaster Risk Reduction in Sri Lanka. PROMISE SL is implemented from October 2009 to August 2010. The project implementing partner is The Asia Foundation (TAF), whose main focus is local governance, and has added disaster risk reduction to the areas it supports.

Program Goal

Reduced vulnerability of urban communities through enhanced preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban areas of Sri Lanka.

Program 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

Project Components

- 1 Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Map
- 2 Mitigation and Preparedness
- 3 Training and Public Awareness
- 4 Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management

2. Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

Project Component 1 **Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Map**

Activity 1: Orientation meeting for finalizing the project inception meeting

The Orientation meeting was organized to brief the mayor and MC officials about the PROMISE-Matara Municipal Area and to obtain their consensus to the work plan. A team comprising Program Manager and the Program Officer of The Asia Foundation, Head Human Settlements of NBRO, and Project Coordinator from DMC and PROMISE Field Coordinator have participated in the discussion with the Mayor and the Municipal Commissioner. The work plan presented has been fine tuned and agreed. Consequently, the date for the project inception meeting was scheduled for 13th November 2009 at 9.30 AM. About 50 invitees were listed and decided that Invitations to be sent by the H.W. the Mayor of Matara MC

Activity 2: Project Inception Meeting- 13th November 2009 at Samanmal Hotel Matara

Project inception meeting was held on 13th November 2009 at the Samanmal Hotel, Matara to explain the project plan and to obtain consensus among the stakeholders. This meeting was organized jointly by Matara Municipal Council, The Asia Foundation, National Building Research Organization and Disaster Management Center of Sri Lanka. Members from city political authority, city officials, Ward based community leaders and District and Divisional Secretary and the officials of the Disaster Management Centre have attended on the invitation by Hon. Mayor of Matara, Mr.Upul Nishantha.

Ms Athukorala- District Secretary, Matara , Mr.Thusitha.P.Wanasinghe,- Divisional Secretary, Mr.R.K.R.R.Ranaweera, Municipal Commissioner, Mr. N M S I Arambepola, Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Mr.Kishan Sugathapala- Human Settlement Planning Division of NBRO, Mr. S.M.K.B.Nandarathne -Director , Training & Public Awareness Division -DMC were among the guests and about 50 participants comprising 15 - Ward officers, 14 - Government Officials Community Service Assistants and 15 - Citizen Committee members have attended for the event.



• **Activity3:** Ward Level Community workshop for hazard mapping (19th December 2009)

This event was organized by the Asia Foundation and the Municipal Council of Matara while technical inputs were provided by the resource persons from the National Building Research organization and the Disaster Management Center.

First community workshop to develop ward based hazard maps and action plans for Ward No 2,3 and 4 was conducted on 19th December 2009 at the Sri Sudassananda Temple, Matara. There were 30 participants for the first workshop representing the members from citizen committees, ward officers and other representative from the respective wards. As a pre-requisite to this workshop, a study was conducted to collect the secondary information relating to hazard history.. Outputs expected in this community workshop was; verification of the secondary information relating to hazard history, hazard vulnerability assessment, analysis of futuristic risks and identification of vulnerable communities and capacity assessment of the community. Pre-printed ward maps were used to mark vulnerable locations and areas in group work to prepare hazard maps. Each group representing a ward presented their outputs by using the pre-printed maps during final discussion in concluding session



Project Component 4 **Advocacy for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction**

Activity 4: National Symposium on Disaster Risk Reduction 18th December 2009

National Symposium on Disaster Risk Reduction was held in the Colombo Hilton to mark the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) under the patronage of Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Disaster Management & Human Rights in collaboration with UNDP, ADPC and co-sponsored by Geo-informatics International, Asia Power, The Asia Foundation, CECB, Ruwan Construction and LT & CC.

An inaugural session followed by three technical sessions were held during the day including the Key note Speech by Dr. R. K. Bandhari, former CTA in NBRO on “Disaster Free Sri Lanka – Vision, Strategy and Action Plan”.

Scientists and other eminent experts presented papers under the following three different themes:

Technical sessions

Technical session I – Theme -Strategy for Building Safer Shelter and Human Settlements and the session has chaired by Prof. Emeritus Willie Mendis, University of Moratuwa and session key note address was delivered by him.

Mr. Sunil Jayaweera and Ms. Savitha Gunarathne; Scientists of the NBRO and Mr. Piyal Ganepola Program Manager , The Asia Foundation presented their technical papers in this session.

Technical session II – Theme Importance of Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Local Government Sector Mr. N M S I Arambepola, Director Urban Disaster Risk Management in ADPC chaired this session and session addresses also delivered by him.

Mr. H.D.S. Premasiri-Scientist NBRO, Mr. Sudaraman Siripala, Managing director-Geo Informatics International, Mr. Missaka Hettiarachchi- Programme Manager, WWF-EFL-AMROS Partnership, Environmental Foundation limited presented their technical papers during this session.

Technical session III- Theme- Approaches for Landslide Disaster Risk Reduction and Making Communities Resilient. Session was chaired by Prof. Kapila Dahanayake and delivered session keynote address considering Landslide Hazard Zonation as a Tool for Land Use Planning in the Hill Country with Special Reference to a Selected Areas in the Upper Watershed in Sri Lanka.

Mr. H.R. Maduranga- Scientist, NBRO presented a paper on Design of the Surface & Sub Surface Drainage Systems at Johnston Estate Resettlement Site – Nuwara Eliya.

3. Planned vs Actual Achievements

As per the activity plan, following activities have been identified for the reporting quarter under each project component:

Project Component 1 **Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment and Development of City Hazard Map**

Activity 1: Orientation meeting for finalize project inception meeting

Activity 2: Project Inception Meeting- 13th November 2009 at Samanmal Hotel Matara

Activity3: Ward Level Community workshop for hazard map

Project Component 4 **Advocacy for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction**

Activity 4: National Symposium on Disaster Risk Reduction

Activities identified for the reporting quarter have been completed as planned except the second and third community workshop for the hazard mapping under activity 3 have been brought forward to 16th and 17th January 2010

1 HVR Assessment and City Hazard Mapping		OCT				NOV				DEC			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1.1	Inception Meeting with City Officials												
	Achievement												
1.2	Ward level hazard Mapping and Action Plan												
	Achievement												
2 Training and Public Awareness													
3.2	Seminar on Urban Governance and DRR												
	Achievement												

4. Problems Encountered, New Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Ward level community workshops, except the first one had to be postponed due to reasons beyond the control of the project management. Forthcoming presidential election has caused uncertainties on planned activities. Municipal political authority is heavily involved in political campaigning. Situation may improve after the election fixed for January 26th.

5. Achievement Towards Project Objective Indicators

The inception meeting and the subsequent ward level hazard mapping workshops resulted in increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and hydro-meteorological disaster mitigation in communities

6. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

1 HVR Assessment and City Hazard Mapping		JAN				FEB				MAR			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1.2	Ward level hazard Mapping and Action Plan												
1.3	Drafting City Hazard Map and Action Plan												
1.4	City Action Plan WS												
1.5	MOU bet MMC and communities												
1.6	Hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessment report.												
1.7	Analyzing the land use pattern and reporting												
2 Mitigation and Preparedness													
2.1	Implementing mitigation activities with communities												
2.2	Fire emergency response plan												

7. An Update on Participating Organizations and Individuals

The main government institution mandated for disaster management, Disaster Management Centre (DMC) has recognized the project and participating in project activities. National Building Research Organization participates as technical partner of the project and entered into an agreement with The Asia Foundation to provide consultancy to the project in the project component 1. Matara Municipal Council is supporting the project by organizing communities around project activities and in providing venues for the workshops. H.W. the Mayor is very supportive of the project activities.

8. Other information

9. **Project Financial Status**

Amounts in United States Dollars(US\$)

Line Items	Obligation To Date	Expenditures up to the Quarter	Planned Counterpart Contribution (Matara Municipal Council)	Actual Contribution up to the Quarter
Work Done Prior to the Effective Date	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hazard, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	240	240	175	175
Mitigation and Preparedness	-	-	-	-
Training and Public Awareness	-	-	-	-
Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management in Urban Governance	1500	1500	-	-
Project Implementation Support	48	35	-	-
TOTAL	1788	1775	175	175