

PROMISE PHILIPPINES
1st Quarter Report
for the period of January to March 2010

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The implementation of PROMISE in Pasig City started in November 2009 and will end in August 2010. It is being implemented by the Pasig City Government in partnership with the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) as implementing agency, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) as regional coordinating institution, and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as funding support arm.

Project PROMISE involves the accomplishment of the following key activities in the City's most vulnerable areas:

1. Participatory risk assessment and action plan development;
2. Mitigation and preparedness through a review of the city's SOPs and disaster risk management plans
3. Capacity building of the Barangay Disaster Coordinating Council (BDCC), city emergency responders, and awareness-raising in schools; and
4. Advocacy through workshops for mainstreaming DRR.

The foregoing activities are all geared towards the achievement of the following objectives:

- ⇒ Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk;
- ⇒ Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters;
- ⇒ Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities are in accord with USAID country and regional strategies; and
- ⇒ Strengthened networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

II. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE REPORTING QUARTER

A. Training and Workshop

DRR Orientation for the Adventist Community

A DRR orientation for the Adventist Community Service (ACS) in Pasig City was conducted on January 24. ACS is one of the civil society organizations that helped the Pasig City Government during the disaster response to Typhoon *Ondoy* (Ketsana) in September 2009. There were 17 participants in the orientation that featured basic DRR concepts, and an orientation on Pasig City's hazards and emergency response handbook. Moreover, the one-day activity enabled the participants to form a committee that will focus on DRR.

Participation in the Regional Course on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction IV

CDP and the Pasig City Government contributed to the preparations for ADPC's regional course on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction-4 (MDRR-4) held in Pasig City from January 25 to 29. Four Pasig City officials attended the activity: Mr. Greg Evangelista, PROMISE focal point person and Head of the Barangay Affairs Office; Mr. Alen Alendri, Head of Waste Management; Engineer -- Romila; and Mr. Rommel ---. Ms. Maribel Eusebio, Chairperson of the Pasig Livelihood Foundation, also attended the course as a participant from Pasig. Pasig City Mayor Bobby Eusebio hosted a dinner for the participants, and organized a study tour to the city's Emergency Operations Headquarters and other facilities. CDP also assisted ADPC by organizing field visits to Marikina and Makati cities.

CBDRRM Training of Trainers

The Training of Trainers on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CBDRRM) was conducted for the Pasig City Technical Working Group (TWG) on February 15 to 17, 2010 at the Makiling Highlands Resort in Los Banos, Laguna. Sponsored by the Pasig City Government and Project PROMISE, fifty two (52) participants from key City Government Offices participated. It was facilitated by Ms. Mayfourth Lunet of CDP while inputs were provided by Mr. Nino Relox of PAGASA and Ms. Lynn Melosantos from the Philippine Volcanology and Seismology Institute (PhiVolcS). Social Work professors from a university in Japan also observed the training.

The highlight of the training was the division of the participants into four groups. Each group was assigned to assist and train two of the eight pilot barangays covered by PROMISE. At the same time, the participants were able to identify different public awareness activities that can be used for earthquake preparedness.

The result of the training evaluation revealed that the time allotted for the sessions was not sufficient. A longer period for the training was not feasible because of the hectic schedule of City officials and employees. Nonetheless, the participants related how happy and inspired they were to train the vulnerable areas in the city.

Santolan CBDRRM Training

Barangay Santolan was the first pilot community to conduct the CBDRRM Training. The training was held on March 18 to 19, 2010 with 40 participants representing the different sectors of the community. The members of the Barangay Disaster Coordinating Council (BDCC) were also present. The AVATAR group of the TWG was in-charge of facilitating and managing the training activity.





The training was financed by the PROMISE project and Barangay Council. Moreover, the Adventist Community Service (ACS) of Pasig SDA Church sponsored the snacks for the last session. Being one of the partner organizations of Barangay Santolan, the ACS readily volunteered to sponsor and promote healthy vegetarian food.

Through the two-day activity, the participants came up with simple hazard maps and action plans. The appreciation of the participants for the training was expressed in the positive ratings they gave in the training evaluation.

B. Information Sharing and Network

Participation in the Regional Consultative Committee Meeting

CDP attended the Regional Consultative Meeting (RCC) on 22 to 24 February 2010. Ms. Luneta accompanied the participants from East Timor and Sri Lanka to visit Pasig City after the RCC. The visitors saw the modern Command Communication Control Center (C3) and emergency equipment of the City. Moreover, Mr. Ritchie Angeles, the Head of C3, oriented them on the objectives and activities of C3.

Meeting Among the PROMISE Stakeholders

Mr. --- Arambe and Dr. --- Bitchit invited the representatives of the Pasig City Government and CDP for a luncheon meeting on February 24, 2010. The meeting became a venue to discuss deeper partnership and future collaboration among ADPC, CDP and the City Government. Mr. Greg Evangelista (Head of the Barangay Affairs Office and PROMISE focal person), Mr. Ritchie Angeles (Head of C3), and some of their staff represented the City Government while Ms. Luneta and Ms. Maria Cagay represented CDP.

Courtesy Call to the City Mayor

Dr. Bitchit, Dr. -- Krasae, Mr. Loy Rego, and Mr. --- Arambepola gave Pasig City Mayor, Roberto Eusebio, a courtesy call on 25 February 2010. Mayor Eusebio readily agreed on the prospect of a stronger and longer partnership with CDP and ADPC on the implementation of Project PROMISE. The visitors also went to C3 and to the command post to witness Pasig City's capacity in emergency preparedness. Mr, Angeles Gin gave a brief orientation on the function of C3.

Participation in AADMER National Consultation

A National Consultation of AADMER was conducted on March 2, 2010 in Manila, Philippines. It was attended by 83 participants from national agencies (led by the National Disaster Coordinating Council or NDCC), non-government organizations (NGOs), technical agencies, and local government units (LGUs). Funded by Oxfam-Great Britain, the consultation sought to generate awareness and discussions regarding the work plan of AADMER. CDP was one of the participating organizations and even facilitated some of the sessions. Likewise, Mr. Ritchie Angeles of the Pasig City Government was present.

After the consultation, the book Integrating Gender into CBDRM was launched by the Training Learning Circle (TLC) headed by Ms. Lorna Victoria. The Office of Civil Defense also participated in the Launch by distributing SNAP materials to the participants.

Education Cluster Meeting

The members of the Education Cluster met on March 23, 2010 to discuss the guidelines for displacement camps. The experiences of members from Typhoons Ketsana and Parma helped improve the guidelines. CDP shared its rich experience in camp management and emergency response derived from implementing PROMISE in Dagupan and Pasig Cities.

C. CBDRM Demo Projects

TWG Meeting and CBDRM Review and Planning

The key members of the TWG and Ms. Luneta met on March 10, 2010 in Pasig City Hall to discuss the preparation for the review of CBDRM concepts and conduct of community training activities. The review of CBDRM concepts was conducted on March 16. It facilitated by Ms. Luneta and participated in by the representatives of the four groups that make up the TWG. Moreover, the participants were able to plan for the Santolan community training.

III. PLANNED VS. ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

All the planned activities for the quarter pushed through.

IV. LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Importance of Leveling off on Tasks and Expectations

The series of meetings conducted by the key stakeholders (Pasig City Government, ADPC, and CDP) of Project PROMISE revealed the significance of discussing each organization's tasks and expectations at the onset of the project. Such activities clarified the directions of the partnership and the contributions of each group in realizing these directions.

Importance of Resource Sharing

The budget for the CBDRM Training in Barangay Santolan was insufficient to cover all the training cost. Nonetheless, the PROMISE team was able to solicit the assistance of the Santolan Barangay Council to provide three sets of snacks; and ACS to shoulder one set of snacks for the training. On the other hand, the funds from the PROMISE project paid for the materials and two sets of lunch while the Pasig City Government shouldered the transportation of the TWG members.

Using Existing Training Materials

One can save time and does not need to develop new presentations and handouts in conducting CBDRM training activities. This was demonstrated by the Pasig City PROMISE Team when it improved and "recycled" the materials used by the Dagupan City Government under PROMISE for the community training in Santolan.

V. ACHIEVEMENT OVER PROJECT OBJECTIVE INDICATORS

The indicators for the quarter showing the progress of the project include the following:

- ⇒ Technical Working Group (TWG) trained and capable of training communities on CBDRRM
- ⇒ Initial plan of the TWG to enhance the capacities of eight pilot barangays drafted
- ⇒ One vulnerable barangay with Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Risk Assessment and Plan
- ⇒ Terms of the partnership among the City Government, ADPC, and CDP in implementing PROMISE clarified and strengthened
- ⇒ PROMISE Experience shared with partners and other groups involved in disaster risk reduction.

VI. PLANNED ACTION FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

The activities from April to June 2010 will entail the following:

- ⇒ TWG Meetings and Preparations
- ⇒ Conduct of Safe Schools and Hospital Campaign
- ⇒ Sharing of CBDRRM Promise Experience for North Philippine Union Conference
- ⇒ Sharing of CBDRRM PROMISE Experience for the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs
- ⇒ Evaluation of the Public Health and Emergency Management in East Asia and the Pacific (PHEMAP) Program of ADPC
- ⇒ PROVENTION Forum
- ⇒ Pasig City Earth day Celebration

VII. PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS

Please refer to attached forms 4 and 5.