

PROMISE PHILIPPINES
2nd Quarter Report
for the period of April to June 2010

I. BACKGROUND

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 disaster risk reduction (DRR).

The activities from April to June 2010 were anchored on the gains achieved during the first five months of project implementation (November 2009 to March 2010). Since the key city officials were already oriented on the key concepts of DRR, the activities for the last quarter focused on strengthening the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the Pasig City Government, expanding the its network through participation and sharing of experiences in national and international conferences, and launching DRR campaigns with other stakeholders in the city. The experience of CDP with the Dagupan City Government in implementing PROMISE provided a wealth of lessons which facilitated the activities from April to June.

II. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE REPORTING QUARTER

A. Training and Workshop

Sharing of DRR Promise Experience with the North Philippine Union Conference

CDP was invited to be one of the resource persons for the LEAD Camp of the Adventist University of the Philippines in Silang, Cavite, Philippines on April 2, 2010. The LEAD Camp aims to develop the youth and harness their leadership skills. It was sponsored by the North Philippine Union Conference (NPUC) of the Seventh Day Adventist.

Ms. Mayfourth Luneta shared preparedness tips and the CBDRRM PROMISE experience in the event. It was attended by youth leaders, teachers, and master guides of the NPUC from different parts of Luzon.

Sharing of DRR PROMISE Experience with the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs

Ms. Luneta again shared the DRR PROMISE experience to the participants of the RESCUE 101 CAMP of the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs in Tagaytay on April 9, 2010. It was attended by students and teachers from different schools all over the Philippines. This CAMP aimed to orient young scientists on and involve them in DRR.

DRR Orientation of PHILSSA for its Pangasinan Partners

CDP and the Dagupan City Government were invited by the Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) to serve as resource speakers for its DRR Orientation on June 4, 2010 in La Union. It was attended by different CSOs and LGUs. Ms. Luneta shared the community-based DRRM experience of Dagupan City, while Ms. Emma J. Molina discussed how DRRM has been integrated in the city planning process.

Disaster Preparedness and Management Training for PACT

The Philippines against Child Trafficking (PACT), a national network of multi-sectoral advocates committed to end child trafficking, invited CDP and its PROMISE partners to serve as resource persons for its Disaster Preparedness and Management Training. The training is part of a six-month psycho-social intervention and relief project of PACT in partnership with the Philippine Education and Theater Association (PETA), Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA), and Medical Action Group (MAG). The project is intended to benefit the children and their families who were affected by Typhoons *Ondoy* (Ketsana) and *Pepeng* (Parma). CDP and Dagupan City shared their PROMISE and other DRR experiences while the Pasig City Government gave copies of their Emergency Handbook.

Disaster Preparedness Orientation for the Pasig Pathfinder Club Trainees

CDP gave an orientation for the Master Guide trainees of the Pasig Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinder Club on June 13, 2010. The Club is a worldwide program organized and directed by the Youth Department of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (often compared to Scouting). CDP, through Ms. Luneta, gave disaster preparedness tips shown promoted the Pasig City hot lines (numbers to call during emergencies).

DRR Orientation for the Municipality of San Mateo

On June 24, 2010, CDP conducted a DRR Orientation for the Municipality of San Mateo as requested by City Administrator Ricardo Gomez. CDP also invited the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) to discuss the features of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 or RA 10121. It was attended by the BDCCs and the rescue teams of the 15 barangays of San Mateo. Ms. Luneta served as the resource speaker from CDP while Director Susan Cruz represented OCD.

After the orientation, the Municipality gave emergency preparedness gadgets and materials (like boat, life vest, rope, and boots) while CDP and OCD distributed IEC materials on disaster preparedness and management.

B. Information Sharing and Networking

Safe Schools and Hospital Campaign

Pasig City hospital administrators and Pasig TWG members, Dr. Paul Castro and Mr. Horacio Apuyan Jr., participated in the global launch of the “One Million Safe Schools and Hospital Campaign” at the Manila Hotel, Philippines on April 8, 2010. It was hosted by the Philippine Government through the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Health (DoH), and Department of Education (DepEd). CDP served as Secretariat while UNISDR and the ASEAN initiated the event.

The event was attended by 200 participants from ASEAN countries representing the education and health sectors. They have all pledged to make their hospitals and schools safer. At present, the campaign continued and updates can be accessed through <http://www.safe-schools-hospitals.com>.

PROVENTION Forum

On April 13, 2010, ADPC sponsored the Provention Forum on “Programme Sharing Amongst ProVention Consortium Research and Action Grantees in the Philippines.” The forum enabled the speakers and participants to share good DRR practices, tools, and methodologies. One of the presenters, Mr. Jake Carandang of PAMAMRISK, shared the P3Dmap of Barangay Mangin made for the PROMISE project in Dagupan.

Assistance in the Banaba Disaster Risk Reduction Project

Buklod Tao, a long time partner of CDP, is implementing the Banaba Disaster Risk Reduction Project. CDP assisted Buklod Tao in developing the proposal for the project. At the same time, the Center has been tasked to help in the capability development component of the project. This component includes a training on search and rescue which will involve the Pasig City Rescuers as resource persons. Another component of the project is mainstreaming DRR in local governance through the replication of the PROMISE experience at the *barangay* and municipal levels.

National Consultation on Strengthening Climate Resilience

CDP shared its experience on DRR and climate change adaptation during the National Consultation on Strengthening Climate Resilience on April 18-19, 2010. The Dagupan experience was cited not only as a DRR example but also as an example for strengthening climate resilience. This event was attended by different government agencies, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and people's organizations. Laws on DRR and Climate Change Adaptation were scrutinized. Moreover, the participants provided suggestions on how to improve these laws how to strengthen climate resilience.

The Filipino Nurse Today Magazine –CDP and PROMISE Promotion

CDP will be featured in the maiden issue of the Filipino Nurse Today Magazine, a nationally circulated magazine solely intended to update nurses on areas they could focus on. CDP was invited by the magazine to write an article about the Center's involvement in DRR work. The article is published for free and the PROMISE project experience is featured.

DepEd Consultation

Ms. Luneta and Ms. Candy de Juan of DepEd had a consultation on May 25, 2010 regarding a division-wide DRR orientation for Pasig City as part of PROMISE. Ms. De Juan was delighted with the plan thus she will convey to Pasig City Division the PROMISE Project activity.

C. CBDRM Demo Projects

Coordination with TWG

Coordination with department heads of the Pasig City Government was done all throughout the quarter. However, it was difficult to set a meeting among them because majority of them were busy with the May 2010 national elections. The TWG meeting finally pushed through on June 2, 2010 and the community training for the high risk barangays of Pasig City was on top of the agenda. As a result, the schedule for the training in seven high risk *barangays* was set.

CDP was also able to coordinate the flash flood incident in Arkong Bato, Kapitolyo, and Pasig City with City officials in May. The City Government immediately responded and assessed the situation. Nonetheless, the people affected already solved the problem by cleaning their drainage system.

Pasig City Earth Day Celebration

On April 22, 2010, Ms. Raquel Naciongayo, the head of the Pasig City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), led the Pasig City Earth Day Celebration. The theme was: "I vote to run" "Takbo laban sa Climate Change at Disaster – Let's advocate 101 ways towards a Greener Lifestyle" (EARTH FUN RUN CUM REPLANTING). CDP and other Pasig City partners and stakeholders attended the said event.

Second Mom Consultation

Ms. Jennifer Banal, the Principal of Pasig City-based pre- and primary school Second Mom, had a meeting with Ms. Luneta on May 25, 2010. The Principal sought CDP's help in improving the school's DRR plan. CDP then coordinated with Pasig City TWG Rescue for preparation for actual drill through Mr. Richie Angeles and with Ms. Candy De Juan for school building assessment. A follow up meeting is expected soon.

Pasig City Participated in a Nationwide Drill

The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) spearheaded a nationwide drill on June 18, 2010. Baguio, Olongapo, Makati City (school) and Pasig City (business district) participated in the said event.*

The Pasig City Rescue Team actively participated in the business district drill in Ortigas Center. The team was headed by Ritchie Van Angeles, a member of the Pasig CBDRRM Team. The Pasig City Rescue Team is currently nominated as a Kalasag Awardee for NCR and is competing for the National Award for Kalasag (Rescue Category).

III. PLANNED VS. ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

All the planned activities for the quarter pushed through.

* Aben, Elena. Manila Bulletin, June 18, 2010.

IV. LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Adjusting the Schedules

The May 2010 Elections really became the focus of most city officials from April to May. Hence, the schedule of key activities for the PROMISE Project was moved for the next quarter. CDP adjusted by continuing to coordinate with the individual members of TWG for updating.

Applying the Lessons from PROMISE-Dagupan

The lessons learned from PROMISE-Dagupan have inspired other communities and partners to replicate the experience. These have been constantly shared through sharing of experiences and publications. The more people and organizations reached, the more likely that the PROMISE experience would be replicated.

Sharing of Resources with Partners

The limited resources for the project are augmented by the coordinating with other partners. Hence, expertise, material, and financial resources are shared in the process. Still, more time should be allotted to sustain meaningful partnerships.

Taking Advantage of RA 10121

The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA 10121) can be used to encourage Local Government Units to implement DRR initiatives. While the Implementing Rules and Regulation for the law is being formulated, active awareness building is already being done.

V. ACHIEVEMENT OVER PROJECT OBJECTIVE INDICATORS

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

- ⇒ Final plan of the TWG to enhance the capacities of eight pilot barangays drafted
- ⇒ PROMISE Experience shared with partners and other groups involved in disaster risk reduction.

- ⇒ Participation of TWG and key stakeholders in Pasig City in DRR campaigns and initiatives

VI. PLANNED ACTION FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

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

- ⇒ TWG Review of RA 10121
- ⇒ 7 Community-Based DRR Training and Planning in the most vulnerable areas of Pasig City

VII. PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS

Please refer to attached forms 4 and 5.