



PROMISE IN BANGLADESH

# COMMUNITY LEVEL DRM COMMITTEES

(Networking And Partnership development for  
DRR)

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BANGLADESH

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# JUSTIFICATION

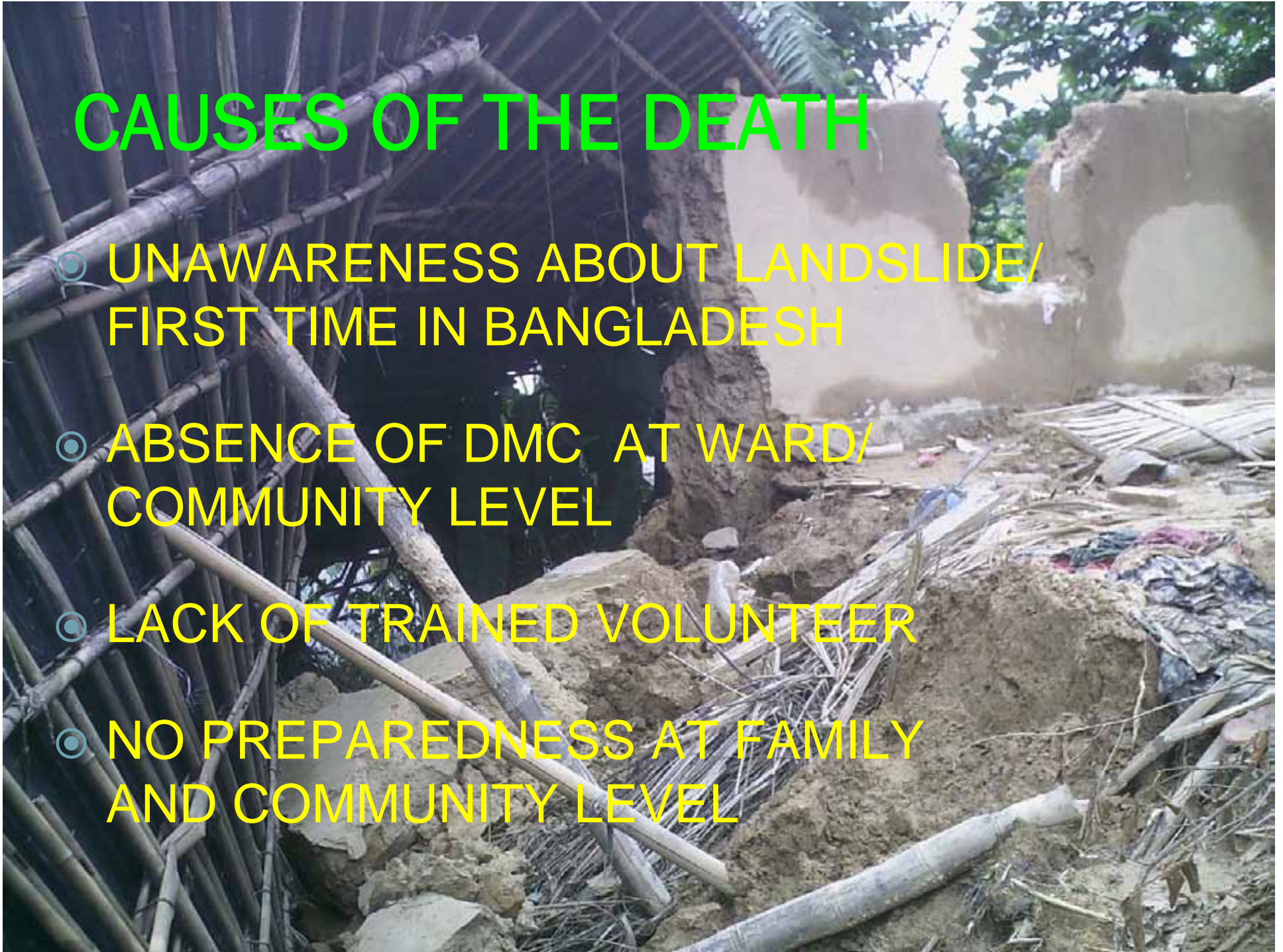
PRONENESS TO CYCLONE, TIDAL SURGE AND OTHER DISASTERS

1991 CYCLONE: 138000 KILLED

2007 LANDSLIDE: 123 KILLED

# CAUSES OF THE DEATH

- UNAWARENESS ABOUT LANDSLIDE/  
FIRST TIME IN BANGLADESH
- ABSENCE OF DMC AT WARD/  
COMMUNITY LEVEL
- LACK OF TRAINED VOLUNTEER
- NO PREPAREDNESS AT FAMILY  
AND COMMUNITY LEVEL



# NEED:

- ◎ MASSIVE AWARENESS
- ◎ WARD DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
- ◎ DISSEMINATION OF RISK REDUCTION INFORMATION

# INITIATIVES

- ① 10 WARD DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
- ① 10 VOLUNTEER/ CA GROUPS

**STEPS:**

**IDENTIFICATION  
OF 10  
VULNERABLE  
WARDS**

# STEPS:

- ① CONDUCTING INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS

# STEPS:

- ① SENSITIZATION OF THE WARD COMMISSIONERS



# SENSITIZATION MEETING

- ① FULL OWNERSHIP OF COMMUNITIES
- ① HELD IN WARD COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
- ① CONVENED BY COMMISSIONERS
- ① PARTICIPANTS SELECTION

# WARD LEVEL DRM COMMITTEES

- ◎ 10 WDRMCS (FORMAL)
- ◎ 10 VOLUNTEER/ CA GROUP (INFORMAL)

# COMPOSITION

## FORMAL DRM COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON- WARD COMMISSIONER

### MEMBERS:

SCHOOL TEACHERS

NGO REPRESENTATIVE

POLITICAL LEADERS

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

LOCAL ELITE

COMMON PEOPLE

# INFORMAL DRM COMMITTEES

## 200 CHANGE AGENTS

- ⊙ RESPECTED
- ⊙ TRUSTED
- ⊙ COMPARATIVELY YOUNG
- ⊙ ENERGETIC
- ⊙ ENTHUSIASTIC
- ⊙ WILLING TO GIVE TIME  
FOR SOCIAL WORKS

# ROLE OF FORMAL DRM COMMITTEE

- ◉ STRATEGY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT
- ◉ MONITORING OF CRA AND CBDRM
- ◉ VALIDATION OF VCA
- ◉ DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
- ◉ FINALIZATION OF COMMUNITY MITIGATION PROJECTS
- ◉ EXECUTION OF PROJECT
- ◉ ACTIVE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

# ROLE OF INFORMAL DRM COMMITTEE

- CONDUCTION OF CRA
- CONDUCTION OF VCA
- IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY MITIGATION PROJECTS
- FULLY INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF MITIGATION PROJECTS
- DISSEMINATION OF DISASTER INFORMATION
- ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ANY DISASTER RESPONSE

# ACHIEVEMENT:

- APPROVED BY WARD COMMISSIONER
- SHARING OF ALL THE DRM LIST WITH CCC
- MERGER OF FORMAL DRM COMMITTEES FORMED UNDER PROMISE IN THE CCC DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

# LESSON LEARNT:

## ENABLING:

- ◎ ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF CAS

## HINDERING:

- ◎ LACK OF ORGANIZING CAPACITY OF WDRMC
- ◎ INACTIVE IN PRE DISASTER SITUATION



# RECOMMENDATION

- ◎ CAPACITY SHOULD BE DEVELOPED OF THE COMMITTEE
- ◎ COMMITMENT
- ◎ ACCOUNTABILITY
- ◎ OWNERSHIP OF CCC

# PROMISE - Sri Lanka

Partnership Development with Stakeholders for  
long term mitigation planning

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# Changing perspectives in community development activities in Sri Lanka

Before	After
Depends on Government	Involves in decision making at community level
More criticisms	More responsibility
Governments less cooperative with other stakeholder or community resources	Partnering with stakeholders, providing guidance and coordinating
Relatively low efficiency of resources towards community development goals	Relatively efficient and effective resource management
Less government organizations in field and very few NGOs	Many organizations involved, complex systems needed for management
Feel owned by the Govt.	Feel the ownership

# Partnering with organizations: Practices used

- ➔ Regular community meetings with Local Authority representatives, technical persona and CBOs
- ➔ Sharing information with NGOs and interest groups; assess available resources
- ➔ Contingency planning with stakeholders
- ➔ Streamlining informal structures for development work
- ➔ Maintaining visibility in practice

# Why PROMISE was useful?

- ➔ Training
- ➔ Assisting for identified development projects
- ➔ affiliation between stakeholders
- ➔ More community involvement in development work with volunteering, monitoring and in decision making
- ➔ Sustainability increased
- ➔ Structural alteration for DRR
- ➔ Influence in communal social structure

# Outcome

- ➔ Emergency response plan for Kalutara
- ➔ Trained craftsmen groups for disaster resistant buildings
- ➔ Identify responsible institutions
- ➔ Networking
- ➔ Merging of Kalutara District DM plan and National Plan

# Lessons learnt

- ➔ Regular updating of information - make public concern on local government intervention; sustainability increase
- ➔ Reducing burden on Local Authorities for project initiation and maintenance - more focus on coordination and regulation
- ➔ Addressing other parallel issues such as.....
- ➔ Political will and community priority should go together



# PROMISE, Hyderabad

Presentation on  
Networking & Partnerships  
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# Media

- Contacts with local media centers are being strengthened to monitor news on multiple hazards both natural and man made.
- Local electronic news channels and news papers covered the last session of the workshop on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction

# Private Sector

- Promotion of disaster risk reduction is being made under social corporate responsibility
- A local business community has donated PKR 2.5 million for improving the drinking water supply, sewerage, and street pavements of a small settlement
- Large corporations are being approached for funding technical trainings in safe building trades

# Community Organizations

- A district wide apex body of all community-based disaster risk management committees have been planned
- All interested Citizen Community Boards will also be welcomed to the apex body
- Executive District Officer for Community Development & Social Welfare will be the Co-chair of the Apex body.
- Chair will be elected from the community organizations

# Local Government

- DRR is being incorporated at three levels in District Hyderabad
  - District Council for policy matters, beneficiary monitoring, and resource allocation
  - Tehsil Administration for undertaking projects
  - Union Council for problem identification, resource mobilization, and influencing public opinion.
- District is the prime target of the Federal Government for mainstreaming DRR

# Disaster Risk Management Committees

- These committees will become independent of the project by establishing links with other organizations especially Red Crescent Society, Building Control Authority, etc.
- Such committees provide basic platforms to local residents for volunteerism
- In true spirit these committees could also ensure transparency and accountability

# Technical Institutions

- Mehran University, Hyderabad Technical College, Ministry of Labor & Manpower affiliated Skill Development Councils, and Open Techs accredited by the Allama Iqbal Open University could all serve for training the craftsmen required for safe construction trades.
- Moreover, IUCN and WWF are being contacted for land use planning & zoning to identify safe zones and fault lines

# Lessons Learned

- Limited knowledge and ignorance about multiple hazards leads to a disaster
- Linkages amongst key relevant actors and effective communication can minimize casualties during a disaster
- Process documentation is a must!
- Inter-departmental coordination and effective decision making can maximize the benefits of networks and partnerships

# Networking and Partnership development for DRR

## ROLE OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS AND ACTORS IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

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In order to have more efficiency in the facilitation and further promotion of Disaster Risk Management within the City of Dagupan, partnership with other organizations is established. These organizations are clustered into two:

I. Volunteer Group

II. Organizational partners

A. Institutional Organizations

B. Non Government Organizations



# MOU Signing: Disaster Preparedness



# FUNCTIONS of the Volunteer Group

- Cooperate in extending and pursuing public assistance ;
- Function as an interactive team during emergencies
  - To unselfishly lend its expertise, both material and human resources;
- To abide by the Laws... on matters pertaining to peace and order, disaster control and management;



## II. ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

### A. Institutional Organizations

- Composed of National agencies, local educational institutions and health-related organizations, other LGUs
- They became our partners during preparedness and even during emergencies and rescue operations.

North Luzon Disaster Risk Reduction Network



## B. Non Government Organizations (NGOs)

–Composed of national NGOs and  
Dagupan– based civil society groups.

– Partners in

- Capacity Development and preparedness
- during emergencies in relief assistance, search and rescue
- Recovery and rehabilitation



# Lessons Learnt

- Private and public sectors' knowledge and skills in Disaster Risk Reduction should be enriched and harmonized .
- A collective and coordinated effort among varied interest stakeholders is a strength of the high risk communities and a shield to disaster .
- Responsible media can facilitate quick disaster response due to good information dissemination.

# Challenges

- Action Plans for North Luzon Disaster Risk Reduction Network should be drafted
- Continuous Capability Development for partners is a must
- Improving existing partnership and extending networks

