

**REPORT COVERING THE FIRST NATIONAL COURSE ON
GOVERNANCE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
3-6 June 2008, Sulo Hotel Quezon City**

The First National Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction was held on 3-6 June 2008 at the Sulo Hotel, Quezon City. The Course is one of the last activities of the PROMISE-Philippines Project. The Course is a customized version of the Regional Course designed and facilitated by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center-Urban Disaster Mitigation Team together with the five PROMISE country partners. The First National Course is also a customized version of the First LGU Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction in Dagupan City conducted by PROMISE-Philippines on 8-10 April 2008.

Course Objectives

The general objectives of the First National Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction were:

1. To strengthen the capacity of local government officers in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and
2. To provide the framework and tools in integrating DRR in local governance.

At the end of the course, the participants were expected to be able to:

1. Explain basic concepts in disaster risk management and governance
2. Describe framework for integrating disaster risk reduction in development planning and implementation
3. Explain applicable strategies, methods and tools in risk sensitive development planning and implementation
4. Relate experiences and practice shared in integrating disaster risk reduction in local governance to applications in back to workplace/local conditions

To meet these objectives, the course was divided into 3 course modules with 12 key sessions.

- Module 1 - Framework and Challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction and Development
- Module 2 - Risk Sensitive Spatial and Sectoral Planning and Development
- Module 3 - Learning from Good Practice Study Visits

Course Programme and Schedule

The following course programme was basically followed. Instead of the original study visit to Dagupan City and the pilot barangays covered by the PROMISE project, the learning from good practice study visit was conducted in Metro Manila.

DATE & TIME	TOPICS / ACTIVITIES
June 3 (Tuesday) 9:00 -10:00	Course Overview, Expectation Check, Ground Rules
10:00 -10:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
10:15 -12:15	Philippines Disaster Situation, Disaster Risk Management System, DRM Programs and Challenges – OIC Director Susan Cruz, Office of Civil Defense – National Capital Region
12:15 -1:00	<i>L U N C H B R E A K</i>
1:00 -3:00	Basic Concepts: DRM & Governance -PROMISE Team: Dagupan City Agriculture Office Head Emma Molina and Mayfourth Luneta
3:00 -3:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
3:15 -4:45	DRM & the Millennium Development Goals – P. Penaflor, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction
4:45 -5:30	Rights Based MDGs -M. Padilla, LSIG & PAEPI, Inc.
5:30 -6:00	Evaluation and Synthesis
June 4 (Wed.) 8:30 -9:00	Recap and Overview of Day 2
9:00 -10:00	Comprehensive Land Use Planning: Ecological Profile Prof. Ernest oSerote
10:00 -10:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
10:15 -12:00	Continuation of CLUP -Prof. E. Serote
12:00 -1:00	<i>L U N C H B R E A K</i>
1:00 -3:00	Community-Based Monitoring System and Comprehensive Development Plan –Ms. Priscilla Mejillano, Bureau of Local Government Development, DILG and Ms. Liza Elum
3:00 -3:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
3:15 -4:30	Continuation of CDP and Local Development Investment Programming – Ms. Liza Elum
4:30 -6:00	Participatory Risk Assessment and Action Planning: Experience of Dagupan -PROMISE Team
6:00 -6:30	Learning Log and Synthesis

DATE & TIME	TOPICS / ACTIVITIES
June 5 (Thursday) 8:30 - 9:00	Recap and Overview of Day 3
9:00 - 10:00	Safe Cities: Risk Profiling and Risk Reduction – Kris Berse of Earthquake Megacities Initiatives and Ms. PAGASA
10:00 - 10:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
10:15 - 12:15	Continuation of Risk Profiling Risk Reduction
12:15 - 1:00	<i>L U N C H B R E A K</i>
1:00 - 3:00	Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction - Ms Jessica Dator-Bercilla, Christian Aid for Coastal Core
3:00 - 3:15	<i>B R E A K</i>
3:15 - 4:15	Child-Oriented Disaster Risk Reduction –Ms. Nikki de Vera of UNICEF and Baltz Tribunalo of Plan
4:15 - 6:00	Environmental Management and Sustainable Livelihood – Alan Cajes, Development Academy of the Philippines
6:00 - 6:30	Learning Log and Action Plan
June 6 (Friday) 7:30 - 8: 30	Travel for Study Visit
	Makati City, Metro Manila Development Authority
	PAGASE, Marikina City
	Closing Activities

Participants

Twenty eight participants from LGUs and NGOs attended the First National Course on Governance and DRR. A few participants from the LGUs were not able to join the Study Visit since their travel authorization was only up to July 9.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	POSITION
Rodrigo D. Dela Roca	CDMCC Batangas City	SWO-1
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Rey G. Magbanua	RDISK	Executive Director
Jose Marie L. Gonzalez Jr.	Action Against Hunger (ACF)	Head of DRR Project Bicol
Azeem Paterson	Mercy Malaysia	Program Officer DRR Department
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Henry M. Buzar	PDCC Quezon	HRMO
Marita C. Santos	CDP	CBDRM Trainer and Consultant

Course Sessions

Buklod Tao – Kabataan ‘s performance was the highlight of the Opening Activities. After the introduction of each participant, Ms. Susan Cruz of the Office of Civil Defense started with the presentations for June 6.

At the end of the day, participants noted many learnings but suggested better seating arrangement and more interactive activities for the next day.

Module 1 - Framework and Challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction and Development

- Session 1: Philippines Disaster Situation, Disaster Risk Management System, DRR Programs and Challenges
- Session 2: Basic Concepts: DRM and Governance
- Session 3: DRM and the Millennium Development Goals
- Session 4: Rights Based MDGs



Mayfourth Luneta discusses basic concepts of DRM

Module 2 - Risk Sensitive Spatial and Sectoral Planning and Development

- Session 1: Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- Session 2: Community Based Monitoring System
- Session 3: Comprehensive Development Planning
- Session 4: Participatory Risk Assessment and Action Planning
- Session 5: Safe Cities: Risk Profiling and Risk Reduction for Geological and Hydro-met Hazards



Session 6: Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction
 Session 7: Child-Oriented Disaster Risk Reduction
 Session 8: Environmental Management & Sustainable Livelihood
 The first four sessions of Module 2 were taken up on the 2nd Day of the four on the June 5.

Dagupan City Administrator Alvin Fernandez drops by to address the course participants



Prof. Serote of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, Ms. Mejillano, Division Chief of the Bureau of Local Government Development and Ms. Liza Elum, DILG Consultant of the Comprehensive Development Planning Guidelines discuss disaster risk sensitive land use and development planning at the local level



PROMISE – Philippines Team facilitate group work on Local Disaster Situation prior to sharing the Dagupan City Participatory Risk Assessment and Action Planning process and results.



PAGASA’s discusses flood risk profiling and risk reduction while EMI’s Kris Berse tackles earthquakes. Alan Cajes shares international and local examples and cases of environmental management and

Module 3 - Learning from Good Practice Study Visits



Course Participants were impressed with Makati City's high tech C3 and its very professional personnel



Course Participants are shown how the Metro Manila Development Authority has taken on the results of the MMEIRS and its Metro Safe Program



Participants sit in weather forecast preparation and look at flood monitoring at PAGASA



Briefing on Marikina City Safety Program and audience with Mayor Marides Fernando.

Course Evaluation

During the Closing Activities, Participants' indicated appreciation for many learnings during the training. Aside from course hand-outs, pdf files of the powerpoint presentations were provided to the participants in a CD together with other relevant materials. sMany asked when the next course will be offered so they can refer participants to attend.

A more detailed evaluation will follow upon retrieval and collation of filled out evaluation forms.