

# Advocacy for Mainstreaming Risk Management

Program for Hydro Meteorological Disaster Mitigation in Secondary Cities in Asia

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# Local Government Setup in Pakistan

- Three tiers of Government
  - Federal
  - Provincial
  - District
- District is the main administrative tier
- District is headed by a Nazim (Administrator) elected by Union Council (basic administrative unit) Nazims (Administrator)
- District coordination officer (DCO) works under District Nazim



# Local Government Setup in Pakistan

- About 11 Executive District Officers (EDOs) (department heads such as Health, Revenue, Agriculture) work under DCO
- A district has a number of Talukas (sub district level unit above the UCs) which have similar elected Nazims and govt. Officials system as the District for localized services

# About the Project Area

- District Hyderabad: Four Talukas
  - Hyderabad City
  - Latifabad (Project Intervention Area)
  - Qasimabad
  - Hyderabad Rural
- Taluka Latifabad comprising 17 Union Councils
- Three Union Council selected being very low lying areas



# Advocacy/Communications Target Institutions

- Provincial and Local Government
- Local Communities
- NGOs/CBO Institutions
- Technical and Research Institutions

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# Strategy for Local Govt. Interaction

- Regular Meetings/Information sharing sessions with the Nazim and district officials to gain their support and confidence.
- Regular participation of LG officials in meetings and trainings
- Discussions on mutual identification in gaps and rules, regulations policies for incorporating disaster management in development planning

# Strategy for NGOs/CBOs Interaction

- Regular Meetings/Information sharing sessions to NGOs/CBOs for hazard sensitization and obtaining support
- Participation in existing networks for hazard information sharing
- Development and dissemination of written materials: brochures, pamphlets etc
- Participation in workshops, trainings, hazard mapping, vulnerability assessment



# Strategy for Communities

- Information exchange sessions with communities
- Information material sharing in local language
- Participation in workshops, trainings, hazard mapping, vulnerability assessment
- Linkages with line departments for planning and response
- Participatory mapping of community development plans





# Strategy for Technical Research Institutions

- Disaster information exchange
- Technical Assistance from Experts
- Participation in disaster relevant Days
- Dissemination of written materials: brochures, pamphlets etc

# Activities Accomplished

- Potential NGO/CBO partners identified
- Stakeholders (NGOs/CBOs, Local Government) given orientation on project purpose, objectives and activities
- Some partners involved in training process also
- Sharing of information with partner organizations



# Activities Planned for Phase II

- Networking of Related and Interested Organizations to:
  - Continue dialogues and discussions
  - Lobby for policy level changes
  - Allocation of funds by District Government for disaster interventions
  - Develop collaborative projects
- Partner Organizations Conference (Annual Working Group Meeting)
- Documentation of Lessons Learnt
- Dissemination Workshop



## Activities within AKPBSPP for Mainstreaming Risk Management

- Training of one staff in CBDRM as resource for organizational activities
- Training of AKPBSPP staff in GIS for improved disaster related information collection and management
- Participation in Governance & risk management training for improved understanding and application of risk management (planned national training – regional training could not be attended)
- Part of larger AKPBSPP Habitat Risk Management Program



## Opportunities, difficulties and lessons learnt

- Positive response of LG and all the major stake holders
- Change in perception of LG from hardware based solutions to software based approach requires consistent efforts
- Introducing new ideas in development planning process requires sustained interventions and back up at all levels
- Advocacy for changing attitudes is a long term process

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# Thanks

