

## Quarterly Report No. 5 CASITA II – Sustainable Capacity Building on Urban Disaster Mitigation in Asia using IT&C Learning Tools (CASITA)

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Project Title: CASITA II	
Name of the Beneficiary: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)	
Period covered by this Quarterly Update: 1 January 2006 – 31 March 2006	
Due date of this Quarterly Update: 15 April 2006	
Project Budget	<i>EUR 411,346.00</i>
Funds disbursed by Commission to date	EUR 93,490.00+EUR
Expenditure Incurred by project to date	EU 315,231.96

### I. Introduction

*Provide an executive summary of your report highlighting:*

- *The main activities that have been implemented and the main results achieved according to the initial work plan and logical framework. Highlight and justify any divergence and difficulties encountered*

The overall progress of the project has been as planned and it is foreseen that the project will clearly contribute towards the aim of Asia IT&C Programme. In the fifth quarter of the project, the activities were implemented as planned, i.e. visit by ITC and Bonn university faculty to all the partner universities for research collaboration feedback, further website development and uploading of files on the CASITA website, Disburse of the second installment to the partner universities and conduct of course on 'Community Based Disaster Risk Management' by ADPC staff.

### II. Implementation of Activities

*Describe the activities implemented in relation to the activities described in your work plan and logical framework:*

- *Quantify activities and outputs where applicable, according to the logical framework and the objective verifiable indicators included*
- *Explain any divergences between planned and actual activities*
- *Describe the actual resources used compared to planned*
- *Highlight any changes to the logical framework, if any*

Activities	Indicators	Means of verification
Preparation and submission of the Interim Report-technical and financial as well as the action plan for next year	Start of the activities for the second year of CASITA II	The interim report submitted and accepted by EU
Disbursement of second installment	Funds disbursed to the partners and start of activities	The cheque request for ITC and BU by ADPC

A strategy for implementation of effective communication, between partners and beneficiaries, was adopted in the first quarter which would be implemented throughout the project	ADPC website Emails to CASITA network ITC Blackboard site	CASITA II website ( <a href="http://www.adpc.net/CASITA/default.html">www.adpc.net/CASITA/default.html</a> ) Regular updates on CASITA II activities in ADPC's monthly e-News CASITA II information is also available on the ITC blackboard distance learning platform- <a href="http://bb.itc.nl">http://bb.itc.nl</a> Scholarship announcements in CASITA II website <a href="http://www.adpc.net/casita/casita_researchscholarship.html">http://www.adpc.net/casita/casita_researchscholarship.html</a> Web Based virtual platform for e-learning is in the process
Visit by Dr. Cees van Westen of ITC to Gadjah Mada University	Further curriculum development of the M.Sc course on Geoinformatics for Disaster Management	Mission Report by ITC
Teaching contribution of Prof. Dr. Thomas Glade of Bonn University to the Training Cum Field Workshop on Application of High Resolution Imagery for Landslide Inventory, Hazard and Risk Assessment on 27 February – 17 March 2006	Enhancement of skills and knowledge development for the selected staff from different Indian offices of Geological Survey of India (GSI) Training Institute in the area of remote sensing techniques and its application to landslide hazard and risk issues	Mission Report by Bonn University
Preparation and development of the second trial run of the distance education course on "Multi-hazard risk analysis" at ITC from 25 <sup>th</sup> April to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	Task force for development of the distance education course	Presentation of the distance education course at the Refresher course in at ITC
Preparation of 'CBDRM" course at UGM from 21-23 March 2006	Finalization of the course	E-mails and agenda of the workshop
Conduct of the 'CBDRM" course at UGM from 21-23 March 2006	Knowledge development and enhancement of skills of the students of UGM	Presentations, training course report, evaluation by the participants
Preparation of conduct of training courses in University of Ruhuna and IIRS, India started	Finalization of the courses for Knowledge development and enhancement of skills of the students	E-mail exchanges between ADPC and partner universities

There have been no changes to the logical framework.

### III. Partnership

#### *Information on the functioning of the partnership*

- *What has been the main role of each partner in implementing the activities described*
- *What have been the main strength and weaknesses of the partnership during this period*

The partnership between ADPC, ITC and BU has been very fruitful in implementing various activities according to time plan as can be seen from the table below:

Activity	Responsible Partner(s)
Preparation and submission of Interim report and action plan for second year of CASITA	ADPC with inputs from ITC and BU
Disbursement of the second installment to ITC and BU	ADPC
Planning of activities in the project	ITC, ADPC, BU with 4 partner universities
On Going Work on CASITA II Website	ADPC with inputs from ITC and BU
Uploading of files and Ongoing work on blackboard environment	ITC
Regular updates on CASITA II activities in ADPC's monthly electronic newsletter	ADPC with inputs from ITC and BU
Visit to UGM for further curriculum development	ITC and UGM
Preparation and development of the second trial run of the distance education course on "Multi-hazard risk analysis" at ITC from 25 <sup>th</sup> April to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	ITC with inputs from ADPC, BU and partner Universities
Conduct of the 'CBDRM" course at UGM from 21-23 March 2006	ADPC and UGM

Teaching contribution to the Training Cum Field Workshop on Application of High Resolution Imagery for Landslide, Hazard and Risk Assessment on 27 February-17 March 2006 in Hyderabad, India and Field visit to East India	BU with inputs from ITC
Preparation of conduct of training courses in University of Ruhuna and IIRS, India started	ADPC , University of Ruhuna and IIRS

The main strength of the partnership has been the excellent collaboration and communication between the partner organizations. No weaknesses have been found till now.

#### IV. Methodology

*Describe the methodology applied and if any change has occurred from the initial methodology proposed:*

- *Management structure, showing current management capacity and technical capacity and technical expertise of the partnership*
- *Any changed needs or circumstances that have forced a change in management approach and the methodology*

The methodology proposed in the project proposal has been followed:

1. Joint brainstorming sessions and participatory approach was used were used with the partner universities in order to find out their needs for curriculum development and joint research work.
2. Strengthening of network of participating universities established under CASITA I has been done by regular updates on CASITA II activities in its monthly electronic newsletter which is sent to about 2,500 subscribers including past and present CASITA network partners.
3. Joint Brainstorming sessions were held out discuss the development of the distance education course on "Multi-hazard risk Assessment".
4. Training of students on "CBDRM" was undertaken at the UGM by the ADPC staff so as to enhance their knowledge
5. Enhancement of knowledge and strengthening of network through teaching contribution by BU to the selected staff of Geological Survey of India (GSI) Training Institute

There is no change in the management approach and methodology during the reporting period. The technical capacity and technical expertise envisaged in the proposal are adequate and no changes were made during the reporting period.

#### V. Other issues

- *Mention any other issues you deem relevant - None*

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