

National Replication and Institutionalization Workshop in Cambodia

Pact Cambodia, Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and ADPC organized a three-day workshop on National Replication and Institutionalization from 13 to 15 December 2000.

Cambodia's Community Based Flood Mitigation and Preparedness Project (CBFMP) has completed the second phase of the project and is in the process of transferring the lessons learned in the demonstration projects to other communes in 7 provinces. The sustainability of the project is its main priority area and efforts are being focused at integrating and institutionalizing CBFMP activities in CRC under the ongoing Community Based Disaster Preparedness Program (CBDP).

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To share the experiences and lessons learned including the constraints and successes of the project.
- To discuss how the lessons learned can be transferred to another context or community.
- To define how the process of Community Based Flood Mitigation Project (CBFMP) activities can be integrated and institutionalized in CRC.

There were about 50 participants representing the senior management of CRC, department heads and branch managers of CRC from all seven provinces, and Red Cross Volunteers who had already been trained and participated in CBFMP activities in Phase I & II. In addition, stakeholder institutions such as Oxfam, Church World Service, AusAid, ADPC and representatives of the National Committee of Disaster Management (NCDM) of Royal Cambodian Government also participated in the event.

The project partners presented general implementation procedure of the project and overall evaluation of the project activities under phases I and II. Case studies were also presented to reflect the lessons learned in the project under the first two phases. The participants discussed in detail the process of implementation of CBFMP in the context of CBDP highlighting the difficulties and constraints in replicating the project in a different context and under different geographical settings. The final day proceedings were devoted to identify the expectations of CRC/IFRC in different aspects of implementation of project activities beyond the AUDMP and issues such as training, project monitoring and evaluation, networking of volunteers for sharing of experiences, were discussed.



Replication Workshop



Bridge project implemented by a community

Demonstration Projects

Bangladesh Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (BUDMP)

Vulnerability Assessment

CARE Bangladesh and its partner NGOs started the vulnerability assessment of Tongi and Gaibandha municipalities. A total of 32 volunteers received a two-day training course on carrying out a vulnerability assessment. BUDMP has developed a software using the FoxPro database program for the analysis of baseline data.



BUDMP: Vulnerability Assessment by Volunteers at Gaibandha

Ward Disaster Management Committee Formed

Three Ward Disaster Management Committee, were formed with joint assistance from the Project Development Officers of CARE Bangladesh, the Commissioner of respective Wards and the Community Development Officers of partner NGOs.

Cambodian Community-Based Flood Mitigation and Preparedness Project (CBFMP)

Training Programs

A number of training courses have been conducted during the past two months including the first 5-day training in community organizing for existing Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs) in Tbong Khmum District of Kampong Cham, in collaboration with AAH.

On 17-18 November CRC and the Disaster Management Department conducted a session on review and modification of the training curriculum. The experience and lessons learned from Phase I

and II in the three provinces were shared and discussed.

DIPECHO Funding

With funding support from DIPECHO, CRC is planning to implement the following activities in January 2001:

- Recruit RCVs in 7 provinces consisting of the three pilot provinces and 4 replication provinces
- 3-day Dissemination Training
- 5-day Disaster Preparedness Training
- TOT Model in Kampot Province
- Recruit new CBDP Trainers
- Assessment of RCVs and community selection

Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project (KVERMP), Nepal

NSET-Nepal organizes Earthquake Safety Day in Kathmandu

Nepal's Earthquake Safety Day (ESD) is an annual event held in January to commemorate the devastating earthquake of 1934. ESD2001 activities included: the international symposium on Experiences in Natural Disaster Risk Management with focus on Earthquake Risk Management, an exhibition, awareness raising activities, shake table demonstration, high level meeting and handing over of retrofitted schools.

Every year the ESD attracts participation from Nepali government organizations, NGOs based in Nepal, various donor agencies, private sector from Nepal, technical and research institutions, and international organizations from all over the world.

Official Launching of Activities in Dharan

A workshop was organized in Dharan on 27 November 2000 in cooperation with the Municipality for the official launching of the Dharan Environmental Mapping Project and the replication of Earthquake Risk Management activities.

The workshop was participated by municipal councilors, leading figures of Dharan and representatives of relevant agencies. The workshop endorsed the work program suggested by NSET with the municipality pledging full support.

The following requests and recommendations were made: NSET agreed to the municipality's request to assist in conducting a building inventory. Regarding the tool for assessing earthquake risk in Dharan, NSET proposed using the RADIUS tool.

Mason Training

Apart from retrofitting and reconstructing school buildings to withstand the identified seismic forces, NSET realized that the School Earthquake Safety Program should also incorporate training on earthquake safety and preparedness for all community groups including masons, teachers, children and parents. NSET believes that such training in the long-term will lead to increased earthquake safety throughout the entire school system of Nepal.

A program for training on earthquake safe construction practices has been developed. Methods of earthquake resistance construction and retrofitting of typical Nepali schools and houses have been incorporated into the training program, using, to an extent, a "training the trainers" approach.

The training program is aimed at masons, carpenters, bar-benders, mixer operators and their helpers, as well as the school teachers, parents, homeowners and students.

Sri Lankan Urban Multi Hazard Disaster Mitigation Project (SLUMDMP)

Nawalapitiya Increases Budget for Disaster Mitigation

Nawalapitiya, a replicating town under SLUMDMP, has successfully obtained a 100 per cent increase in budget allocation of the amount SLR200,000 (USD2,366) for disaster mitigation this year (2001).

The success is due to the efforts of the Urban Council Chairman, Mr. Gemunu Sumathipala, who developed a keen interest in disaster mitigation through SLUMDMP activities.

SLUMDMP Video Selected by UNESCO

The tele-drama titled Kumarilage Kathawa produced by SLUMDMP to promote awareness on landslide hazard and disaster preparedness was selected for screening at the First Asian UNESCO/INPUT Workshop on 25-28 November in Kathmandu.

The Himal Association of Kathmandu organized this workshop in collaboration with UNESCO and International Public Television (INPUT). The director of the tele-drama, Dr. Buddhi Weerasinghe and Mr. Lionel Hewawasam, SLUMDMP Project Manager participated in this workshop together with 26 other countries of the region. Mr. Hewawasam gave a presentation on the objectives and details of producing the tele-drama and how it is being used for awareness creation among school children, professionals and other community members.

At this first workshop, the tele-drama was chosen as one of the top five to be screened in the forthcoming international seminar held in Capetown in February 2001 at a meeting of about 1000 television professionals.

SLUMDMP works with National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC)

SLUMDMP and CHPB were asked to support two activities of NDMC.

1. The Project Manager of SLUMDMP conducted a session on "Disaster Mitigation Concept" in the NDMC workshop on Disaster Management organized for Social Services Officers in the Western Province from 4 to 5 December.

2. NDMC conducted a certificate course on Community Based Disaster Management from 11 to 16 December, for a group of Divisional Secretaries and Assistant Divisional Secretaries nominated from different districts. SLUMDMP/CHPB, ITDG, Oxfam and NBRO supported this activity by delivering lectures and conducting group exercises with the intention of receiving feedback from participants of the course that will help in developing the curriculum for the proposed localization of the CBDM course conducted by ADPC in collaboration with ITDG.

The Asia Pacific Mountains Network (APMN)

SLUMDMP/CHPB received a grant from APMN's Small Grants Program 2000-2001 for a project on "Mountain Information" in Battaramulla, Sri Lanka. The objective of the project is to increase accessibility by the public to mountain related hazard information in the areas of landslide and construction, and sloping agricultural methods, etc. for urban and infrastructure development initiatives

in the hill country areas of Sri Lanka. Congratulations!

Training, Resource Materials and Continuing Education (TRMCE)

Sri Lanka's National Course on Natural Disaster Mitigation (NDM-1/SLIDA)

The Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) in collaboration with ADPC held the first national training course on Natural Disaster Mitigation (NDM-1) for senior and middle level administrators from the public sector institutions at national, provincial, district and divisional levels, on 27 November to 2 December 2000.

The course aims to enhance the capacity of national and sub-national institutions of the public sector that are involved in reducing and managing the risk from natural hazards, by introducing hazard mitigation techniques in strategic planning and administrative practices.

A network of Asian disaster mitigation training institutions (or ADMIT) was created under the AUDMP in 1999 to serve as an institutional framework beyond the life of AUDMP so that AUDMP-initiated courses will continue to be conducted and improved. In Sri Lanka, there are two official members of ADMIT – (1) SLIDA who is currently conducting NDM-1 and (2) CHPB (the Centre for Housing, Planning and Building) who has already conducted two Natural Disaster Mitigation courses in Sri Lanka in October 1999 and March 2000.

While the SLIDA course targets administrators, courses conducted by CHPB are aimed at a technical group, such as engineers, planners and architects. A third course by CHPB is scheduled for year 2001.

AUDMP News and Travels

- Josh Moga, AUDMP Program Manager visited Ratnapura, SLUMDMP's demonstration site, and made two presentations at the First Urban Disaster Mitigation Course run by SLIDA, on 3 December. The Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager of SLUMDMP accompanied him. Josh also paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Asoka Jayawardane, the newly

appointed Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province since November 2000. He was formerly Mayor of Ratnapura Municipal Council.

- Josh Moga was in the Philippines from 9-15 December to discuss the next phase of the project with Naga City.

- Josh Moga attended the First DM Committee Meeting in Vientiane in November 2000, as well as discussed the finalization of an MOU for the Lao PDR Project with the National Disaster Management Office and the Urban Research Institute.

- N.S.M.I. Arambepola, Project Manager; Zorobabel Zuniga, Training Manager; and Kishor Pradhan, Information and Networking Manager conducted a monitoring visit of CBFMP in the three provinces from 29 November – 1 December.

- Suthira Suwanarpa, Project Manager, participated in the UNCRD / Shanghai Municipal Government organized training course on sustainable urban development and disaster management in Shanghai. Suthira was granted a full fellowship for this course and was requested to make a presentation on "Issues and International Cooperation: an ADPC/AUDMP experience".

The training course was attended by 28 participants from Cambodia, China, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Taiwan and Thailand. Six participants are ADPC/AUDMP partners and alumni.

- Lionel Hewawasam, SLUMDMP Project Manager visited NSET-Nepal on 29-30 November. He met with the staff of NSET and the joint secretaries of the Ministry of Science and Technology, and visited two school sites where retrofitting work was in progress. Lionel made a presentation on the Sri Lanka Project and presented a copy of the SLUMDMP Tele-drama to NSET for use in their awareness programs.