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**Monthly Progress Report (January 2008) for the
Program for Hydro-Meteorological Risk Mitigation in Secondary cities in Asia
(PROMISE), Hyderabad**

The monthly summary report for January, 2008 is as under:

Component 1: Hazard Mapping and Vulnerability Study

Demo Projects

- The physical implementation on following demo projects have been started:

1. Street Raising and Improving Drainage Lines in Aliabad Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Raising streets with earth filling
- Installing covered drains
- Mobilizing communities for maintenance of the schemes
- Monitoring and supervision

The project is expected to be completed in second week of March 2008.

2. Reducing Physical Vulnerability through Developing Flood Mitigation Infrastructure in Ghera Sudhar Community, Hyderabad

The main activities being carried out under the project are:

- Earth filling in the streets of Ghera Hindu Basti
- Improving sanitation system through installing communal latrines

The project is expected to be completed by end of March 2008.

The terms of partnership with the respective communities have already been signed with these communities.

Component 2: Training and Capacity Building

- The team organized one health and hygiene workshop in Maheshwari Colony on January 17, 2008. In the workshop 28 females participated. The resource persons highlighted the importance of different components of hygiene including:

- Personal Hygiene
 - Domestic Hygiene
 - Environmental Hygiene
 - Food Hygiene
- An orientation program for the school children was organized in Government High School, GOR Colony, Hyderabad. Thirty two students participated in the event. At the end of session the children were able to understand basic causes of the disasters and their effects of human lives and livelihoods.



The resource persons involved the trainees in playing roles on the causes of diseases.

- An advocacy and mobilization seminar was organized by PROMISE team in collaboration with SAFWCO, local NGO partner at Hyderabad on January 23, 2008. The purpose of the workshop was to orient the stakeholders about terms of reference of District Disaster Management Authority exposure level of different localities of city Hyderabad against different hazards and share a vulnerability analysis of various social groups, properties and environmental resources. More than 200 people from the District participated in the seminar. Deputy District Nazim, Mr Zafar Rajput was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Representatives from Government, civil society organizations and members of District Disaster Management Authority participated in the event. On the occasion Mr Suleman G Abro, CEO, SAFWCO, Mr Shalim Kamran Dost from UNDP, Mr Ghulam Mustafa Nangraj from Agricultural Extension Department, Ms Farzana Panhwar, Agricultural Scientist and Masood A Mahesar, Country Coordinator, PROMISE spoke on the occasion.



Component 3: Networking

Networking with local organizations:

A meeting with Deputy District Nazim, Mr Zafar Rajput, who is also the convenor of the District Assembly Hyderabad, was held on January 25, 2008 with the objective of sharing the progress of the PROMISE project, as well as offering services to District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). The idea of forming a technical working group for the city Government was floated. The District representative appreciated the efforts being taken for the city and it was decided to convene a follow up meeting in this regard on February 6, 2008 with the DDMA to further explore areas of cooperation and finalize formation of technical working group.

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