

PROMISE PROJECT VIETNAM

NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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A. Activity Summary

For the month of March 2008 the activities of the PROMISE Vietnam team included:

- i) Continued implementation of community based disaster mitigation subprojects;
- ii) Development of Emergency rescue training manual based on ADPC's training manual;
- iii) Development of picture books for primary school pupils based on the results of drawing competition on Disaster preparedness and environment protection.

B. <u>Activities and performance:</u>

 Activity 2.4: Community Based Disaster Preparedness Plan Activity 2.4.3 Sub project implementation

- Structural small scale community based subprojects:

Construction continued to proceed. The progress was detailed as follows:

- * Upgrading inter-field dyke section 7A-7B: Construction was almost complete. Only a section of 17.5m length remained to be concreted. Total work quantity achieved 85%. Construction and completion document was expected to be completed by end of the month.
- * Upgrading inter-filed dyke section 5-6: Placement of concrete to the dyke wall was done to 175m of a total of 236m length. Total work quantity achieved 80%. Construction and completion document was expected to be completed by end of the month.
- *Upgrading evacuation bridge and road in Hoa Xuan ward: Construction was almost finished, except for filling of berms on both sides of the road. Upgrading of the whole bridge and evacuation route was complete.

Total work quantity achieved 95%.

* Upgrading flood drain for intersection 16-29-33: Placement of concrete to the deck slabs of the drain was done.

Total work quantity achieved 75%.

Non-structural small scale community based subprojects:

* Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices:

Twenty classes on Disaster Preparedness and Good Building Practices as proposed by the community were done in the six wards of Cam Le district. About six hundred community representatives attended these two day training classes, who acted as the main agents to disseminate information to other people in the community. Friendly materials with condensed content on CBDRM and safer community plans were given to local trainers to support their future training.

* Improving Emergency Response of Cam Le district:

The proposal focused on improving EOC and EWS of Cam Le district through provision of equipment and training to first responders of district and wards.

Emergency facilities: The remaining facilities to strengthen operation of ward EOC such as wireless loudspeakers and first aid bags were delivered to wards PC and emergency response teams. The equipment was of great help to strengthen access of

community in getting early warnings as well as having quick response before, during and after disasters.

Training to responders of district and wards: Training kits were delivered to local trainers to facilitate training on basic emergency response skills. Seven training classes were conducted by local trainers to the section emergency response teams, who were main actors for emergency response work at grass root levels. This is the first training classes these emergency response teams attended.

A leaflet on simple basic emergency response steps was developed and to be distributed to these local resource persons.

Activity 3.1.1: Public awareness raising at ward levels

- The campaigns for raising Public Awareness were raised in the ward preparedness plans, which included activities involving different mass organizations at ward and community level. Hoa Xuan ward initiated to hold a contest on "Women with CBDRM" on the International Women's Day 8th of March. More than two hundred women from eleven section cells attended into the contest on CBDRM knowledge. The contest was held outdoors, which attracted a lot of attendance of community people.
- PROMISE Vietnam got funding from Uniterra programme of CECI on development of 2,000 posters on "Things children should know in flooding periods" including four "do" and "don't" for children and "what the community should do before, during and after disaster" and flipcharts on CBDRM and safer community plans. These posters and flipcharts were to be distributed to schools and displayed at community meetings halls for awareness raising.

Activity 3.1.2 School programs

Picture books were developed based on the results of the drawing competition for the 4th and 5th primary school pupils. These books were to be distributed to schools and serving as a study tool for their intended integration of disaster preparedness and environment protection into the study curriculums.

Activity 3.3 Disaster Safety day events at city level:

Actvitiy 3.3.2: Radio broadcast

A training class on CBDRM was to be provided to reporters of district and ward broadcasting stations to enhance their knowledge on CBDRM as well as facilitate their dissemination of news on disaster preparedness and mitigation. The training was then to be followed by a contest on best article on disaster management and awareness raising on disaster mitigation.

C. Next month activities Plan:

- Finalization of implementation of community based disaster mitigation subprojects;
- WS on evaluation of project activities and planning at district and ward level
- WS on CBDRM institutionalization and experience sharing.
- Finalization of case study and final report.

D. Issues encountered and solutions:

No issue was encountered this month.

