

AUDMP Core Group Meeting, 30-31 October, 2000, Bangkok, Thailand

The Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program's (AUDMP) Core Group Meeting (CGM) was held at the ADPC, Bangkok, during 30-31 October 2000 to review the progress of AUDMP.

The meeting was attended by the AUDMP Core Group members from Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, USA, and its regional offices in Philippines and Nepal; and Regional Urban Development Office (RUDO) of the USAID in India.

From OFDA/USAID, Mr. Thomas Brennan, Senior Regional Advisor based in Philippines, Ms. Stephanie Fritz, Regional Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific based in Washington, USA and Mr. Bill Berger, Regional Advisor based in Nepal, attended the meeting. From Regional Urban Development Office (RUDO)/South Asia, Mr. James Stein, Director and Mr. A.S. Dasgupta, Project Management Specialist participated in the meeting. Ms. Stephanie Wilcock from Urban Programs Office of USAID in Washington also joined meeting.

Dr. Suvit Yodmani, Executive Director of ADPC and other senior staff members of ADPC also took part in the discussions during the meeting.

In addition to reviewing the national demonstration projects and progress of the other two components, namely, Training, Resource Materials and Continuing Education (TRMCE) and Information and Networking, the Core Group also discussed the progress on expansion of the AUDMP to Thailand and Vietnam.

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Demonstration Projects

Bangladesh Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (BUDMP)

Foundation Training Course Organized

The Bangladesh Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (BUDMP) in collaboration with AUDMP/ADPC conducted a Foundation Training for key officials involved in implementation of BUDMP in Gaibanda from 4-12 October, 2000. The staff members associated with the project from both Tongi and Gaibanda municipalities and representatives from each of the partners NGOs (Gana Utthan Kendra and Association of Rural Development) participated in the training. Both Tongi and Gaibanda municipalities are sites for AUDMP national demonstration project in Bangladesh.

The training modules were prepared by CARE-Disaster Management Program training division to fulfill the needs of the project staff for execution of activities under BUDMP. The training facilitated deeper understanding on the subject matters, such as concepts of disaster management, community based approaches to hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) mapping tools and techniques, disaster mitigation, etc. The participants were given basic training on the adult learning methods, participatory training methods, teaching techniques. In order to improve the training of trainer skills of project staff and key partners in the implementation of project activities.

In addition, the AUDMP/ADPC staff presented the approaches and strategies adopted by other AUDMP project partners in implementation of country projects. Emphasis was given on the community based approaches adopted by the Cambodian Community Based Flood Mitigation Project under AUDMP.

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

Emergency Response Group (ERG) Meeting Held

A meeting of Emergency Response Group was held jointly by Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) and National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) of Cambodia on 5 October, 2000 to share information

on the flood situation in Cambodia with NGO representatives and government officials.

The ERG was created in mid-1990 to enable CRC to better co-ordinate with international organizations involved in disaster emergency response. In July 2000, CRC and the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) convened ERG with the NCDM and Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MWRM). The NDMC formalized its role in ERG as the convenor and assumed responsibilities on 2 August, 2000 with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CRC and NCDM, emphasizing data gathering and sharing, joint damage/needs assessment team, and scheduling regular coordination meetings.

The Emergency Response Group is the key co-ordination body including relevant staff from the NCDM, CRC, the MWRM and many other organizations that are involved in disaster management in Cambodia.

India Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (IUDMP), India

The Calcutta and Baroda demonstration projects have been concluded and a trip will be planned to explore the next steps.

Indonesian Urban Disaster Mitigation Project (IUDMP), Indonesia

Community Based Earthquake Building Project Completed and Workshop Organized in Bengkulu

The Community Based Earthquake Building Project, the purpose of which was to construct an earthquake safety model building, was completed. The earthquake safety building design suits the construction trends in Bengkulu with the seismic resistant features.

Following this, to socialize the earthquake safety building design a workshop on the importance of earthquake safety buildings was conducted on 31 October, 2000 at the City Parliament in Bengkulu. This workshop was inaugurated by the Minister, the Governor and the Mayor of Bengkulu.

It was attended by about 200 people from the Bengkulu Province who were legislators, the

municipality offices, representatives of schools, including the teachers and students, local contractors and consultants, local NGOs and local and national journalists and representatives from communities.

In addition, the education campaign and earthquake drill promoted in Bandung was introduced during the workshop.

Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project (KVERMP)

School Earthquake Safety Program

The retrofit and reconstruction work of the four schools selected for the School Earthquake Safety Program in the year 2000 has started.

KVERMP/Nepal Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) is providing technical assistance to the School Building Committees. Construction Engineers from KVERMP/NSET supervise the retrofitting work of the schools.

These four schools are 1) Vaishnavi Secondary School, Kirtipur, Kathmandu District, 2) Bal Bikash Secondary School, Alapot, Kathmandu District, 3) Upayogi Primary School, Sirutar, Bhaktapur District, and 4) Gadgade Primary School, Nagarkot, Bhaktapur District.

The reconstruction and retrofitting work of the schools are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Earthquake Safety Day (ESD) 2001 Preparation

Preparatory work for conducting awareness raising programs on the occasion of the earthquake safety day is in progress. The Earthquake Safety Day will be celebrated on 15 January, 2001, along with the opening of a week long exhibition on the same day. School children and other organizations working in the disaster management area will be invited to participate in these events. Awareness raising materials such as calendar, flier's, etc. with earthquake preparedness messages and on earthquake safety construction are being prepared for the EAS 2001. Please visit the website for accessing the on-line photo journal on the ESD 2000 at:

<http://www.adpc.ait.ac.th/audmp/projectoutputs/nepal/photo-ESD.html>

Preparatory work for high level donor meeting

Arrangements are being made for a high level meeting with government officials and donors for creating environment for the implementation of the Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Action Plan activities. The meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2001.

Assistance to Developing Community-Based Disaster Management Model

KVERMP is providing assistance to the Disaster Management Committee of Ward Number 34 of Kathmandu Municipal Corporation to develop a working model of community-based disaster management program and, to conduct neighborhood level survey on disaster management capability and to analyze the data.

Philippine Cities Disaster Mitigation Project (PCDMP)

AUDMP is reviewing the Phase II proposal. A trip will be planned to finalize the proposal.

Sri Lankan Urban Multi Hazard Disaster Mitigation Project (SLUMDMP)

Teledrama Kumarilage Kathawa (Of an event foretold) Produced by the SLUMDMP Selected for First Asian UNESCO/INPUT Workshop

A selection committee made up of television professionals of the International Public Television (INPUT), who met in Rotterdam on 23 and 24 October 2000 has selected the tele drama "Kumarilage Kathawa" ("Of an event foretold") produced by the SLUMDMP for the UNESCO/INPUT Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal, 25 – 28 November, 2000.

Preparation of Emergency Plan for Colombo Municipal Council

A follow-up meeting was organized to discuss the preparation of Emergency Management Plan for Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) on 20 October, 2000.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Department of Irrigation, Ceylon Electricity Board and Colombo Municipal Council. In the next meeting on this CMC will prepare and submit the structure and a draft plan for discussion.

SLUDMP Participates in Techno 2000

Exposition

The various publications of the SLUDMP, such as the Guidelines for Construction Considerations in Hazard Prone Areas, Planning Workbook, were displayed during the Annual Session of the Institute of Engineers, Sri Lanka and Techno Exhibition, 2000. SLUDMP participated in this event with a view to disseminate its outputs and public awareness raising.

Natural Disaster Mitigation Course to be Organised

The Sri Lankan Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), one of the National Partner Training Institutes (NPTIs) of AUDMP/ADPC is organizing the Natural Disaster Management course from 27 November to 2 December, 2000. It is to be noted here that Center for Housing Planning and Building (CHPB), another NPTI in Sri Lanka, has already organized two NDM courses in the past.

Training on Geo Positioning System (GPS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) for Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Officers

Training on GPS and GIS for six Landuse Planning Officers and fifteen Technical Officers from the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council was conducted by the National Building Research Organization (NBRO)/SLUDMP during the month of October. The training modules contained theory and practical sessions. This training was a follow-up to the awareness program organized earlier for Land Use Planners and Divisional Secretaries by SLUDMP in the Sabragamuwa Province.

Training, Resource Materials and Continuing Education (TRMCE)

Training of Trainers on Community Based Disaster Management Held at Kampong Chnnang, Cambodia

In response to the proposal by *Vadhanakh*, a non-governmental training institute involved in conducting training courses for NGOs and community leaders since 1996 on various development areas, for Community Based Disaster Mitigation Course in Cambodia in order to build the capacity of communities to respond to the growing disaster risks in Cambodia, a training of trainers course was organised at Kampong Chnnang by

AUDMP in collaboration with *Vadhanakh*, from 23-27 October, 2000.

The purpose of this course was to train participants from the community level to be able to design and conduct community based disaster management course in Cambodia. The course was attended by 14 participants including 4 trainers from Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), 3 from Pact/Cambodia, and 7 from *Vadhanakh*, including 3 trainers.

Three resource persons from the AUDMP/ADPC conducted the course with the assistance of two local trainers from CRC and *Vadhanakh*, who had earlier attended the CBDM-5 course organized by AUDMP/ADPC in Bangkok. The course design was developed by AUDMP/ADPC on the basis of needs expressed by the *Vadhanakh* and Pact/Cambodia.

AUDMP News/Travels

N.S.M.I. Arambepola, Project Manager, AUDMP, and Zorobabel Zuniga, Training Manager, AUDMP were in Bangladesh to attend the Foundation Training Course organized by the Bangladesh Urban Disaster Mitigation Program from 8-13 October, 2000.

Zorobabel Zuniga was in Cambodia 23-27 October, 2000, as a resource person in the Training of Trainers on Community Based Disaster Management held in Kampong Chnnang province in Cambodia.

Josh Moga, Program Manager, AUDMP visited the Philippines from 25-27 October, 2000 to attend the SAGIP 2000, where he made a presentation on AUDMP.

AUDMP Core Group Meeting

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