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Title of project	Safer Communities in Oddar Meanchey through CBDRM
Duration	Start of operation: 1/12/2006 - End of operation: 29/2/2008
Country	Kingdom of Cambodia
Locations	<i>7 communes (totaling of 46 villages) of Anlong Veng and Trapeang Prasat districts of Oddar Meanchey province.</i>
Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster risk management committees established and trained in 46 target villages. 2. Village disaster management plans have been integrated into the commune development plans in the 7 target communes. 3. 30 small-scale disaster risk reduction measures identified and implemented by DRM committees. 4. Drought early warning system (DEWS) of the PCDM has ability to provide useful information to users.
Key activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Participate in national level consultations and forums related to disaster risk management. These will include the DIPECHO annual NCM, the Cambodian Disaster Risk Reduction Forum as well as other national or regional workshops organised around the theme of CBDRM. 1.2 Formation, training and ongoing support of disaster risk management committees. These include the 20 committees formed in 2005/2006 plus the 26 new committees to be formed during the course of this project. 1.3 Conduct community hazard/vulnerability/capacity assessments (HVCA) in the target villages. Although the committees formed in the older villages have already done this, as they gain more understanding of CBDRM through additional training, they may like also to review their initial results. 1.4 Facilitate DRM committees to develop/review disaster management plans. All newly formed committees will produce an initial draft which they will review after a series of trainings have been conducted. All plans will be reviewed twice a year to monitor level of implementation and level of current appropriateness. 1.5 Pilot the establishment of DRR funds at village level in one of the target communes. The lack of funds for DRR activities is often a reason for communities to be unprepared for disasters. However, as this has not yet been tried in this area, only one commune will be used as a pilot during this project phase. 2.1 Organise training for the CCDMs in cooperation with the NCDM. 2.2 Facilitate meetings in the 7 target communes to present/review the village DRM plans and integrate into the overall commune development plan 2.3 Participate in district integration workshops in the two target districts 3.1 Facilitate DRM committees to prioritise small-scale disaster risk reduction projects in their communities. 3.2 Assist DRM committees with technical design, implementation and monitoring of the selected DRR projects. 4.1 Refresher training for PCDM by NCDM 4.2 Support PCDM to improve their DEWS (drought early warning system) by adding tools for measurement of parameters other than rainfall. 4.3 Additional training of rain gauge monitors 4.4 Develop a system of feedback of information from the DEWS to the target communities. 4.5 Support PCDM member departments with any other activities to support DRR.

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Partner agencies & focal points	<p>Village Disaster Management Committees (VCDMs) – focus on HVCA at community level, development of disaster risk reduction plans and implementation & monitoring of these.</p> <p>Commune Committees for Disaster Management (CCDMs) – focus on integration of village disaster risk reduction plans into local planning process at commune level and support to VDMCs.</p> <p>Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM) – focus on support to CCDMs and coordination of Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) information.</p> <p>National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) – focus is to provide training to PCDM and CCDMs as well as disaster management coordination at national level (incl. CDRR Forum).</p> <p>Department of Water Resources & Meteorology – focus on technical support to VDMCs for implementation of water management systems for drought preparedness and management of technical aspects of DEWS.</p>
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