



# PROMISE PROJECT

## Philippines

### NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

**Implemented By:**

*Center for Disaster Preparedness*

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**ADPC**

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## **A. Activity Summary**

Objectives and the corresponding activities for this month:

1. Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in Dagupan City.
  - PROMISE Disaster Preparedness Experience Orientation to the Other 23 Barangays
  - Cancellation of Procurement of the Software for the Disaster Information Management System
  - Sharing of Dagupan PROMISE Experience through the Pro Vention Forum in Tanzania
  - Avian Influenza Meeting with Civic Organizations
2. Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools, and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities
  - Meet with USAID: Giving of Sample Public Awareness Calendars and Updates
  - PROMISE Disaster Preparedness Experience Orientation to the Other 23 Barangays
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3. Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.
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4. Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/ organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.
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**Activity 1:** Meet with USAID: Giving of Sample Public Awareness Calendars and Updates

On February 1, 2007 a meeting was set with USAID to give them samples of Public Awareness Calendars and to give also the photo and video documentation of the turnover of disaster risk management books and materials as well as the preparedness gadgets for emergency where Mr. Kevin Donahue USAID Communication Specialist attended. Updates of the PROMISE project were done by Ms. Mayfourth Luneta to Ms. Laura Coughlin and Ms. Boyet Abanilla. Positive feedbacks reached Ms. Coughlin's knowledge even before Ms. Luneta shared her updates.

**Activity 2:** PROMISE Disaster Preparedness Experience Orientation to the Other 23 Barangays

The PROMISE Disaster Preparedness Experience Orientation to the other 23 barangays of Dagupan City last February 6, 2007 in the City Museum proved to be successful. Though not all 23 barangays attended, the event still made a positive impact to the non pilot barangays who attended. They were able to see the PROMISE experience of Dagupan City through the presentation of Ms. Emma Molina and the testimony of Barangay Captain Robert Abalos (head of one of the pilot community). There were also some question and answer regarding the project and was handled by Ms. Mayfourth Luneta. There were also some public awareness materials distributed through the event, some posters from Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology and Filipino version of the book *Christian Perspective on Disaster Management* from Center for Disaster Preparedness. This activity was done to initiate the involvement of the other barangays in Disaster Preparedness in Dagupan City. This also aims to inspire them to duplicate the experience of the pilot barangays in their own barangays.

**Activity 3:** Cancellation of Procurement of the Software for the Disaster Information Management System

Cancellation of the Software for the DIMS was done after a series of consultation with ADPC. Ms. Eufemia Andaya made a letter to Ms. Dayrit of Geodata to cancel the procurement of the ArcGIS software. The procurement of the computer did not push through. Arrangement with Mr. Baldo as the GIS consultant for the DIMS was also cancelled. ADPC advised CDP that they will be the one to give technical assistance with regards to GIS. As for the procurement of software and hardware, they told CDP that it is not allowed in the project. The budget for DIMS was allocated to other components. Lesson learned from this experience is that there should always be constant and close consultation with PROMISE partners, CDP, ADPC, and Dagupan City.

**Activity 4:** Sharing of Dagupan PROMISE Experience through the ProVention Forum in Tanzania

During the ProVention Consortium Forum 2007 last February 13-15, 2007 with the theme "Making Disaster Risk Reduction Work" Center for Disaster Preparedness was invited. Around 111 participants attended the forum. Ms. Luneta was given a chance to share the Dagupan PROMISE experience during the Partners Presentation and during the presentation of her paper Child Oriented Participatory Risk Assessment and Planning. There was also an exhibit where Public Awareness materials from the Project PROMISE in Dagupan was shown as well as the local early warning device used in the City called

“kalungkong” (made from bamboo) was displayed. Participants were intrigued and amazed with the said exhibit.

**Activity 5:** Avian Influenza Meeting with Civic Organizations

Ms. Luneta attended the Avian Influenza Meeting of Civic Organizations where sharing of AI activities of the different COs was encouraged. USAID and AUS AID also came to explore possibilities of helping each other fight avian influenza. Dagupan City will be having a Medical Responders Training and possible inclusion of different hazards such as AI can be seen.

**B. Next month activities Plan**

- TWG meetings for adjustments of plans and budget
- Preparation for the Search and Rescue Training
- Preparation and Actual Sharing of Learning in Disaster Risk Management with Baguio City Disaster Coordinating Council of Benguet Province
- Attend ADPC Training in Hydro-Meteorological Risk Assessment in Bangkok

**C. Issues encountered and solutions**

Lack of consultation with ADPC regarding the procurement of the ArcGIS Software did not help in the proper expenditure for the DIMS budget. ADPC advised CDP to cancel the procurement of the software and CDP followed.

Delay of fund requests was another hard issue for CDP, this was probably due to the confusion of the forms submitted and the transition period from phase 1 to 2. CDP tried to comply with the forms asked.

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