

Quarterly Report No. 1
CASITA II – Sustainable Capacity Building on Urban Disaster Mitigation in Asia using IT&C Learning Tools (CASITA)

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Project Title: CASITA II	
Name of the Beneficiary: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)	
Period covered by this Quarterly Update: 20 December 2004 – 31 March 2005	
Due date of this Quarterly Update: 15 April 2005	
Project Budget	EUR 411,346.00
Funds disbursed by Commission to date	EUR 93,490.00
Expenditure Incurred by project to date	EUR 1,496.00

I. Introduction

Provide an executive summary of your report highlighting:

- *The main activities that have been implemented and the main results achieved according to the initial work plan and logical framework. Highlight and justify any divergence and difficulties encountered*

The overall progress of the project has been as planned and it is foreseen that the project will clearly contribute towards the aim of Asia IT&C Programme. In the first three months of the project, the activities were implemented as planned, i.e. the kick-off workshop, needs assessment of the four selected universities, adoption of a communication strategy for the project and implementation of a short course on GIS and remote sensing for natural hazard and risk assessment at ITC, the Netherlands. Due to the Dec 2004 Asian tsunami and to allow participation of all partners, it was decided to organize the kick-off workshop in February 2005 to coincide with the start of the short course at ITC.

In addition and as per the need expressed by the partner universities during the kick-off workshop in view of the December 2004 tsunami, a regional training course on “Tsunami wave modeling & multi-temporal satellite image processing and analysis of the impact of the December 26th event” was organized by the ADPC in collaboration with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand, ITC the Netherlands and Institute of Technology Bandung (ITB) Indonesia.

II. Implementation of Activities

Describe the activities implemented in relation to the activities described in your work plan and logical framework:

- *Quantify activities and outputs where applicable, according to the logical framework and the objective verifiable indicators included*
- *Explain any divergences between planned and actual activities*
- *Describe the actual resources used compared to planned*
- *Highlight any changes to the logical framework, if any*

Before the kick-off workshop, ADPC finalized and signed agreements each of the four partner universities for implementation of the project activities. Sub-contracts with ITC and BU were discussed and finalized at the kick-off workshop at ITC.

Activities	Indicators	Means of verification
The kick-off workshop on 14-15 February at ITC, Netherlands	Ten Participants from ADPC, BU, ITC, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Norway.	Proceedings of the workshop

Needs assessment workshop of project partners and universities	- Electronic distribution list - Preliminary assessments and interviews - Questionnaires sent to the universities	Needs assessment report to be prepared by 30 April 2005
A strategy for implementation of effective communication, between partners and beneficiaries, was adopted	- ADPC website - Emails to CASITA network	- CASITA II website (being developed) - Regular updates on CASITA II activities in ADPC's monthly e-News - Second ProVention Applied Research grant for disaster reduction was advertised - Web Based virtual platform for e-learning is in the process
Short course on GIS and Remote Sensing for Natural Hazard and Risk Assessment at ITC started on 14 th February at ITC and will end in May 2005 as scheduled	One participant from each of the four university received fellowship from the project to attend the short course at ITC.	Each of the four participants has been requested to prepare a report on the course which will end in May 2005.
Development of guidelines for a Joint research program	Joint research undertaken by partner universities.	Guidelines to be developed in close consultation with the four universities' representatives attending the short course at ITC.
Regional training course on "Tsunami wave modeling & multi-temporal satellite image processing and analysis of the impact of the December 26 th event" organized by ADPC in partnership with AIT, ITC and ITB Indonesia	12 participants from 6 countries - India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines.	Report of the training course.

The regional training course on "Tsunami wave modeling & multi-temporal satellite image processing and analysis of the impact of the December 26th event" was organized due to the need expressed by the four universities.

There have been no changes to the logical framework.

III. Partnership

Information on the functioning of the partnership

- *What has been the main role of each partner in implementing the activities described*
- *What have been the main strength and weaknesses of the partnership during this period*

The partnership between ADPC, ITC and BU has been very fruitful in implementing various activities according to time plan as can be seen from the table below:

Activity	Responsible Partner(s)
Kick-off workshop Organization	ITC (lead) with inputs from ADPC
Planning of activities in the project	ITC, ADPC, BU with 04 partner universities
Setting up of electronic distribution list	ADPC
Needs assessment of the universities Short Description of the project information for distribution through e-newsletter	ADPC and ITC ADPC/ITC/BU
Setting up of CASITA II website on ADPC server	ADPC with inputs from ITC and BU
Setting of space on blackboard environment	ITC
Regular updates on CASITA II activities in ADPC's monthly electronic newsletter	ADPC with inputs from ITC and BU
Identification of representatives for the short course from the four universities and organization of the course	ITC with support from ADPC
Guidelines for Joint Research Programme	ITC
Regional Training course on Tsunami Wave Modeling	ITC and ADPC

- The main strength of the partnership has been the excellent collaboration and communication between the partner organizations. No weaknesses have been found till now.

IV. Methodology

Describe the methodology applied and if any change has occurred from the initial methodology proposed:

- *Management structure, showing current management capacity and technical capacity and technical expertise of the partnership*
- *Any changed needs or circumstances that have forced a change in management approach and the methodology*

The methodology proposed in the project proposal have been followed:

1. Joint brainstorming session during the kick-off workshop at ITC on 14-15 February were very effective in planning and discussing the activities and division of tasks and responsibilities among the partners.
2. The four selected participants from the universities, currently undergoing the short course on GIS and remote sensing for natural Hazard and risk assessment at ITC consists of an intensive tailor made course on application of IT&C tools for hazard and risk assessment and data capturing, data analysis and data presentation. All the four participants also will be required to use blackboard actively during their stay at ITC, which would greatly enhance their skills and provide them opportunities for learning by doing.
3. Training of faculty and participatory approach in training was used at the regional training course on “Tsunami wave modeling & multi-temporal satellite image processing and analysis of the impact of the December 26th event”, which was organized by the ADPC in collaboration with AIT. The faculty members from ITC, ITB and ADPC contributed in training and there was sharing of data and experiences among the participants
4. Strengthening of network of participating universities established under CASITA I has been done by regular updates on CASITA II activities in its monthly electronic newsletter which is sent to about 2,500 subscribers including past and present CASITA network partners.

There is no change in the management approach and methodology during the reporting period. The technical capacity and technical expertise envisaged in the proposal are adequate and no changes were made during the reporting period.

V. Other issues

- *Mention any other issues you deem relevant*
None.

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