

**Sri Lanka Urban Multi-hazard Disaster Mitigation Project (SLUMDMP)  
Extension Phase 2004**

**Quarterly Progress Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004**

**1. *Project Objective***

Establishment of sustainable mechanisms for disaster mitigation in Sri Lanka through continuation and strengthening of public and private sector activities, methodologies and concepts already developed and field-tested.

**2. *Accomplishments of the reporting period***

**2.1 *Activities Identified in the Work Plan – Extension Phase 2004***

**I Mitigation Work (Project Proposal Ref. 3.3.1)**

- (i) **Activity I (1) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Community based structural initiatives in a selected Urban Settlement – 06 Disaster resistant model houses.**

NBRO, SLUMDMP project partner has completed the land survey after taking over of the land from Divisional Secretary Ratnapura. The Community Based Organization (CBO), namely Eksath Subasadaka Sangamaya (United Welfare Society) was also formed during the period under review.

There was a discussion with the CBO members who are being resettled in the land and they requested slope stabilization of their land with drains and other applications in landslide mitigation. The need of a community well for drinking water was also brought up, which requires careful identification of the location and adopting necessary techniques, which will not only give a community a safer well but also give a device to reduce the pore pressure development of the area so that landslide potential is reduced. In the land now vested in NBRO the community is proposing to build a community hall. This proposal by the community is far better than the earlier proposal which would only benefit limited families (26 families benefit through this proposal against 6 families in the original proposal). The proposal can be executed with the

money identified for this activity under the project as community has given an undertaking that they will give voluntary labour and collect locally available material for construction. The amended proposal has been submitted to ADPC. Designs of the flood resistant house and drainage lay out have been completed. The construction work could commence once the concurrence is given by ADPC. This activity is planned to be completed by end of October, as in the original schedule.

**(ii) Activity I (2) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Mitigating structures to promote safety of vulnerable communities –**

**(a) Structures in flood/drought prone area, Puttalam District –** Construction of rainwater harvesting tanks – Out of eight tanks identified 5 tanks have been completed and balance is nearing completion. Progress achieved during the period under review was around 85%.

**(iii) Activity I (3) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Mitigating structures to promote safety of vulnerable communities – Structure in flood/landslides prone area in an affected district –** A section of the site selected (Palm Garden Estate in Ratnapura) for community based initiatives in disaster resistant housing has been earmarked to put this structure. This activity was combined with the Activity I (i) above and work is simultaneously in progress.

**II Consolidation of activities undertaken earlier (Project Proposal Ref. 3.3.2)**

**Activity II (1) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Finalizing the EMRP at Local Authorities (LAA) along Kelani River prone to floods (Project Proposal Ref. 3.3.2.1)**

Work continued during the period under review. Meetings/workshops with 12 local authorities have been carried out according to schedule. Three EMRP had been finalized and ready for printing and others, except three local authorities, are nearing completion. Draft EMRP's of these three local authorities is scheduled to be discussed during the last week of August.

**Activity II (2) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) -Finalizing the EMRP for Kandy MC**

The EMRP prepared for Kandy MC was presented. Kandy MC was in the process of revising the draft. It is planned to conduct a workshop during September to get this activity finalized.

**Activity II (3) – (Ref. given in Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Revitalizing the EMRP of Ratnapura MC**

Simplified version of the EMRP has been drafted. Introduction of EMRP to RMC and other stakeholders is scheduled for September 2004 in concurrence with the Mayor and the Acting Municipal Commissioner of RMC.

**Activity II (4) – (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Strengthening of EIA Process through introduction of disaster management**

Preliminary discussions the Central Environmental Authority have taken place during the period under review. Meetings were in progress. Workshops under this activity have been planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

**Activity II (5) – (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Upgrading the present Websites of CHPB and NBRO**

NBRO Website has been completed. Comments were invited from user organization and ADPC.

Upgrading the CHPB Website is nearing completion.

**Activity II (7) – (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Support for integration of Natural Disaster Mitigation subject in school curricula**

One workshop planned has been successfully completed with the assistance of the Ministry of Education and National Institute of Education (NIE). It was suggested to integrate Disaster aspect into the subject of Geography for Grades VII, XII and XII. SLUMDMP and NIE jointly met expenditure involved. NIE contribution was amounted to Rs. 42,648.00 in this workshop. Balance work i.e. completion of the integration will be

undertaken by NIE. Teachers Guide for Grade VII was completed and it will be printed through NIE funds. Teachers Guide for Grades XII and XIII being prepared by Team of NIE officials. NIE needs three more months to complete this work.

Further follow up and monitoring this activity will be carried out by SLUMDMP.

### **III Social Marketing (Project Proposal Ref. 3.3.3)**

**Activity III (1) – (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Proposal for segment targeted social marketing campaign – Formation of Vipath Nivarana Kawa (Disaster Mitigation Circles)**

Establishment of Vipath Nivarana Kawa (Disaster Mitigation Circles) Selection of Animators (50 students from each school selected) have been completed in concurrence with the Principals of respective schools during the period under review.

**Activity III (2) – Information Products - (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) -**

Two leaflets have been completed. Others are in the process of preparation. One case study was also started. One news letter has been completed and one sent for printing.

Video Clips – Initial information gathering and scripting were started. Dr. Buddhi Weerasinghe of ADPC staff supported SLUMDMP to initiate this activity by way of providing necessary guidance.

### **IV Training and Capacity Building (Project Proposal Ref. 3.3.4)**

**Activity IV (1) – (Ref. given in the Progress and Disbursement Details Format) - Training Courses for officials of selected backward Local Authorities**

Preparatory activities to conduct three courses were started and completed with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG). Three (03) courses have been planned for September and October 2004.

#### **2.1 *SLUMDMP participation in ADPC/AUDMP related other activities carried out during the period under review –***

2.1.1 A team of SLUMDMP staff including a representative of the line ministry (Mr. P.W. Kodippili - Ministry representative, Mr. Lionel Hewawasam and Mr. R.M.S. Bandara – SLUMDMP staff) participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting held during 3-5 April in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**2.2 *Disaster Mitigation related other activities carried out during the month of January, which are outside the SLUMDMP work plan***

2.2.1 SLUMDMP participated in the Workshop held on 27 and 28 April at Kegalle for the preparation of Development Plan for Deraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha, which is one of the 25 backward Local Authorities identified by the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG).

2.2.2 Mr. Lionel Hewawasam, Project Manager, Mr. R.M.S. Bandara, Assistant Project Manager of SLUMDMP participated and provided resource inputs in the Workshop held on 18<sup>th</sup> May on Lessons Learnt during floods and landslides occurred in May 2003 in Kalutara District. This session was organized by District Secretariat, Kalutara in collaboration with National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

2.2.3 A landslide was occurred in Ginigathena on 03<sup>rd</sup> July 2004. NBRO started investigation on possible landslide threats in the area in future and submitted a report to the relevant ministries.

2.2.4 Mr. R.M.S. Bandara, Assistant Project Manager, SLUMDMP represented the project in the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the impact of Upper Kothmale Hydropower Project.

2.2.5 SLUMDMP representative (Mr. R.M.S. Bandara) participated in the discussion held on 11<sup>th</sup> June at the National Physical Planning Department (NPPD) on Preparation of fragile area map for Sri Lanka.

2.2.6 SLUMDMP representatives (Mr. R.M.S. Bandara and Mr. K.N.Bandara) Participated and provided resource input in the Workshop on Landslides held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at Neboda Vidyalaya, Kalutara. This Workshop was organized by the National Science and Technology Commission.

2.2.7 Mr. L.G. Hewawasam, Project Manager, SLUMDMP, provided resource input to the Certificate Course on Disaster Management Conducted by National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare from 21 – 26 June at CHPB for Social Services Officers attached to the Sabaragamuwa Province.

### **3. Planned vs Actual**

Most of the activities planned for the period have been started and continued. Physical Progress during the period is around 80%.

### **4. Problems encountered / New opportunities / Lessons Learnt**

#### **4.1 Problems encountered**

- (a) Some of the activities could not be carried out as planned due to two elections (unanticipated) General Election and Provincial Council Elections fallen within the period under review. Political Heads of the Local Authorities were involved with election campaigns and Divisional and District level administrators were involved with the duties related to two elections, which were held during this period.
- (b) Working on partnership with other organizations such as local authorities, Divisional secretaries, Schools etc. hinder progress and disturb work schedule due to priorities fixed by them in their own work plans.

#### **4.2 New opportunities**

Nothing to report as far as this period is concerned.

#### **4.3 Lessons Learnt**

Work carried out through community based initiatives should concentrate on what people want. Human capital can not be attracted if we do not positively respond to needs of the community. (E.g. Mitigation Work – Ratnapura).

### **5. Achievements towards project objective indicators (AUDMP Form 6)**

Work is in progress. Refer AUDMP Form 6 for details.

### **6. Planned Activities for Next Quarter**

Activities planned for next Quarter are given in the Format titled “Progress and Disbursement Details”

- Continuation of activities started under “Mitigation Work”
- Continuation of activities under “Consolidation of Activities Undertaken Earlier”
- Continuation of activities started under “Social Marketing”
- Continuation of activities started under “Training and Capacity Building”

## **7. Participating Organizations and Individuals**

- Ministry of Housing and Construction Industries, Eastern Province Education and Irrigation Development
- National Housing Development Authority
- Ratnapura Municipal Council (RMC)
- Kandy Municipal Council (KMC)
- Local Authorities along Kelani River from Avissawella to Colombo
- Ministry of Education
- National Institute of Education (NIE)
- Provincial Directors of Education
- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRC)
- Integrated Health Organization (IHO), Puttalam
- Social Service Participatory Development Foundation (SEPA), Kurunegala
- UNDP, Colombo
- USAID, Colombo
- ITDG South Asia Colombo
- Central Environment Authority (CEA)
- District and Divisional Secretaries, Ratnapura
- University of Moratuwa
- University of Ruhuna
- University of Peradeniya
- Human Disaster Management Council (HDMC), President’s Office

## **8. Other information**

General Election of Sri Lanka was scheduled on 02<sup>nd</sup> April. Therefore, Local Authorities and other stakeholder organizations were officially involved in General Election related duties. Some of the activities were postponed due to this situation. Consequently, Work Plan will have to be revised from April. Revised Plan will be forwarded to ADPC separately.

**9. Project financial status:**

Line Items	Obligation to Date	Expenditure up to the Quarter	Planned Counterpart Contribution	Actual Contribution up to the Quarter
I. Mitigation Work	764,000	412,526.00	229,200	142,475.00
II. Consolidation of Activities	792,650	43,281.00	358,125	318,448.00
III. Social Marketing	1,279,700	62,823.00	148,025	35,500.00
IV. Training and Capacity Building	334,250	--	47,750	--
V. Project Management	1,604,400	791,868.00	1,146,000	670,535.56
Total	4,775,000	1,310,497.00	1,929,100	1,087,958.56