

3cd Program
Disaster Risk Management Master Plan (DRMMP)
Implementation in Metropolitan Manila

December 2005 Fieldtrip

Background

Metropolitan Manila is the first city where a pilot implementation of its DRMMP has been initiated under the auspices of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the cities of Quezon, Makati and Marikina and the assistance of the EMI's 3cd Program along with its partners, the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), the Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Center (EdM), Kobe University and most recently, UNDP and the Provention Consortium of the World Bank.

Through a sustained consultation process that started in March 2004, three major documents that provide the foundations for the implementation process have been produced:

- A DRMMP Pilot application in Metropolitan Manila, containing a suggested initial ten point action plan for institutional development, based on findings and recommendations of previous studies in the city (S. Mattingly, April 2005)
- A Draft Work Plan 2005-2010 which incorporates a timeline for a prioritized list of objectives agreed by local stakeholders and a detailed analysis on actions items that can be undertaken in cooperation with the 3cd Program (A. Fernandez, May 2005).
- A proposal for five specific areas of cooperation between EMI and the city to accelerate the implementation process in Metropolitan Manila (MMDA-EMI Cooperation Agenda, PIT, June 2005).

On August 2005, five focus groups were integrated to address specific activities related to each one of the areas of cooperation. These groups have remained active through e-discussions and follow up meetings undertaken with the auspices of different cities and organizations. A list of the five areas of cooperation including the leading team and the points of contact (POC) in each organization follows:

1. Use of Technologies for Risk Communication and Awareness (ICT)
Leaders: Renato Solidum (PHIVOLCS), Ramon Santiago (MMDA), and Jim Buika (PDC). POCs: Arturo Daag, PHIVOLCS , Cora Medallo, MMDA
2. Incorporation of Risk Reduction Criteria in Land Use Plans (LUP)
Leaders: Mel Luna, Julie Borje (Marikina) and Jeannette Fernandez (EMI-PDC). POCs : Myla Panol, PHIVOLCS, Cora Medallo, MMDA

3. Training assessment and capacity enhancement for DRM (TNA)
Leaders: Leyo Bautista (PHIVOLCS), Susan Cruz (OCD), and Antonio Fernandez (EdM).
4. Mobilizing resources among NGOs and professional organizations in DRM process.
Leaders: Pax Maghacot (Quezon City), Benny Pacheco (Vibrametrics Corporation), and Fouad Bendimerad (EMI). POCs: Roger Mina, Makati
5. Review legal and institutional arrangements to improve DRM delivery
Leaders: Atty.Violeta Seva (Makati and EMI) and Neil Britton (EdM Team)

Purpose of the Fieldtrip

The overall purpose of each one of the fieldtrips and related activities undertaken in Metro Manila is to build partnerships and promote the development and implementation of a DRMMP for the city. The December 2005 specific objectives are:

- To conduct a seminar-workshop addressed to MMDA's directors and heads of offices on the integration of disaster risk reduction concepts on their normal operations and planning practices. Scheduled for Thursday December first and hosted by MMDA.
- To hold a second focus groups workshop to learn about their activities, consolidate specific agendas and link them to the whole DRMMP process and framework. This activity will take place on Friday, December 2 at Marikina City Hall.
- To conduct a seminar-workshop addressed to planning officers of the 17 Local Government Units comprising Metro Manila on practical tools and mechanisms to incorporate risk reduction concepts in their existing planning machinery. Scheduled for Monday December 5 and hosted by PHIVOLCS.

Finally, promoting the Megacity Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Base - MDRM-KB- and the collection of Sound Practices to enhance the data base is a must in this new visit to Metro Manila.

Structure

A plenary session to initiate the seminar/workshop or the focus groups discussions, followed by four to five small groups deliberations and another plenary to finalize the activities of the day have been considered in the design of these one-day activities.

To facilitate the clustering it is very important to have the list of participants way in advance, so each one will know which group to join for the second part of the