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I. IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Output 1: Afghanistan Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and key ministries disaster management professional/ organizational capacity built.

During third quarter the project continued to support implementation of the capacity building activities target the ANDMA staff. The activities included School Safety, Provincial Disaster Management Planning, Disaster Management Information System, etc.

CDRRP provided logistic and administrative support and coordinated the trainings aimed at enhancement and facilitation of the performance, learning and development of ANDMA staff as part of Afghan Civil Service. The trainings were conducted by one international and two national advisors, who have been recruited through the Afghan Public Service (CAP) Project to work with ANDMA. The advisors also provide coaching to ANDMA staff on common functions of policy formulation, project management, financial management, procurement, human resource management, training and development of the future trainers, who can help ANDMA and key ministries in coordination and implementation of the HRD guidelines. Of note the Human Resources Management (HRM) has been identified as key learning priority for ANDMA staff. Until end of 3rd quarter 11 ANDMA staff members received training on project management and proposal writing. In addition 30 ANDMA staff members received training in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Awareness, Human Resources Management (HRM), Financial Management, Report Writing, and Time Management, which are at different stages of completion. It is expected that the trained ANDMA staff members transfer the knowledge and skills gained through these trainings to others staff members in the organization at national and sub-national levels.

Support implementation of ANDMA Business plan.

The process to develop ANDMA Business Plan initiated in the first quarter. During quarter one and two business planning introduction workshop followed by a series of workshops conducted to initiate the formulation and development of the ANDMA Business Plan. These workshops focused on presentation of the ANDS benchmarks and indicators for Disaster Management pillar within the Social Protection sector that needed to be considered as basis for development of the business plan.

Building on the successes and achievements in quarter one and two, and substantial consultation between the project and ANDMA the Business Plan (2008-2010) has been finalized and put forward for the implementation. The formal implementation process of the Business Plan (2008-2011) will commence in the next quarter, CDRRP will continue to support the process by monitoring the implementation and provide recommendations and advice to ANDMA on various aspects i.e. implementation challenges amendments and revisions, .

Make formal agreement with government training institutions

Pursuant to the discussions that has taken place with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for assisting the Ministry of Higher Education to launch DRM course in the Kabul University. an introductory meeting on establishment of Department of Environmental Science and Disaster Management under the faculty of Geosciences (Kabul University) was held with Chancellor of Kabul University. The Chancellor welcomed the initiative by UNDP and showed Kabul University's commitment to support the establishment of such department within the faculty of Geosciences. This achievement stands as a remarkable progress made by the project in this quarter. The Kabul University Chancellor has advised his team to form a committee to develop the curriculum and identify the resources needed to establish the

department. CDRRP will continue to focus on full establishment and capacity building of the mentioned department. Once formally established, capacity of the department will be utilized to undertake some training, capacity building and public awareness activities related to disaster management along with formal academic course to be offered by the faculty.

UNDP has received a proposal by the committee requesting for the provision of necessary equipments to establish the faculty. The proposal is under consideration by UNDP.

Conduct gender training and develop tools for gendering? Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Approaches

To enhance the knowledge base of ANDMA staff regarding gendering sensitization and maximize their exposure to both in house and external trainings of the subject matter, CDRRP has introduced three trainers from Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) to participate in the one day TOT workshop conducted by Gender Mainstreaming Project of UNDP Afghanistan

The TOT workshop focus was on Conceptual framework of gender, implications in the context of Afghanistan, Trainer skills – group dynamics, group facilitation, training design, use of methods and Online clinic for designing training modules, preparing training materials and implementing sessions/workshops was conducted. The ANDMA trainers will be used to cascade the training on gender sensitization to national and sub-national levels particularly in gendering aspects of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Review existing DM Law and recommend changes

Existing DM law reviewed and updated. The draft Disaster Management Law received from ANDMA and Ministry of Justice was translated to English and sent to the UNAMA legal department for review. CDRRP is playing a leading role in the whole process in terms of speeding up and coordination of the review process. As such it has submitted the comments from UNAMA to ANMDA DG for further action, and circulated to related departments of ANDMA to review and request changes. Currently the law is under review by the relevant ANDMA Departments and it is expected to have all the comments and inputs collected during third quarter. Following the completion of this process, CDRRP will recruit legal experts to finalize the development of the law which will be eventually submitted for legal process.

Output 2: Natural disaster preparedness and response capacity strengthened at government, institutional, and community level

Community based DRM programme initiated

The Community Based Disaster Management Programme (CBDRM) TOR was developed and announced through UNDP procurement. It is expected to open the bid in fourth quarter. Based on the results of the bid it is expected to outsource CBDRM to winner NGOs for implementation. The CBDRM projects will contribute to achieve specific outputs i.e. District Disaster Management Plan, Awareness and Capacity Building of communities to manage and respond to disasters, establishment of local migration and setting up traditional early warning systems.

Develop national hazard –specific programme

National level hazards are specified as flood, earthquake, landslide, drought, and locust infestation. Taking these hazards into consideration public awareness programme (posters, TV and radio spots) was developed by the contracted companies. Fifty thousand posters, TV and radio spots have been developed. During 3rd Quarter 22000 posters were distributed in

Northern provinces through ANDMA. Targeting the local population, distribution of posters with the message on mitigation and response to disasters in local languages (Dari and Pashto) will impact on perceptions and knowledge of the communities about disasters.

Replicate school safety programme

Based on the successful implementation of the school safety project which was piloted in Durkhani Girls School in Kabul city in October 2007, the program was replicated in five other schools in Kabul city in partnership with the Ministry of Education and ANDMA. The project delivered the first aid kit practical training sessions for school teachers and students of Setara High School-Rahman Mina, Ala Uldin High Schools, Sayed al Shohada Secondary and Mosood Sad Primary School. 250 students and teacher of the mentioned schools benefited from the training sessions. The participants of these sessions learned how to use the first aid kit, conduct evacuation operation during emergencies i.e. earth quake, use fire extinguisher, safely extinguish fire by means available and do the search and rescue operation. The aforementioned schools will assign the trainees in the relevant teams (First Aid Kit, Evacuation, Fire Fight and Search and Rescue) that have been formed under Disaster Risk Management Committees in each school.

Improve ANDMA internet/website

The proposed layout of the website has been presented to ANDMA staff for final review and inputs. AIMSCDRRP has contracted AIMS to work on development of the website of ANDMA which will be completed in October 2008. The old version of the website was static which did not allow certain features i.e. databases to embed whereas the new version will a user friendly dynamic website with many new features added. The dynamic website will allow linkage to Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) which will prove crucial to DRM an DDR activities by ANDMA and other stakeholders. CDRRP has developed a TOR for ICT trainer / technician to collect required data for website and train ANDMA staff for proper usage of ICT equipment and keeping the website updated. It is expected to have the ICT trainer in post in third quarter.



Establish Local Risk Reduction Fund and Management Mechanisms

The TOR for the Local Risk Reduction Fund and Management Mechanism has been developed and shared with BCPR, UNDP CO and UNAMA Humanitarian Coordinators and feedbacks are incorporated. The Local Risk Reduction Fund will be operationalized upon mobilization of additional project funds and after further assessment of community capacity to undertake such community projects. The District Development Assembly (DDAs) established under the UNDP's National Area Based Development Programme seem to be as a feasible option.

Make formal agreement with Education Ministry

Following the study tour to India in December 2007 and presentation of the recommendations, in partnership with Ministry of Education a drawing competition has been planned for school students to be conducted in October, which will be a step toward making students familiar with common types of disaster Afghanistan is prone to. Students had received posters of disasters and its preparedness to give them idea of drawing posters and write down awareness messages which will be put for competition between 6 schools under school safety program.

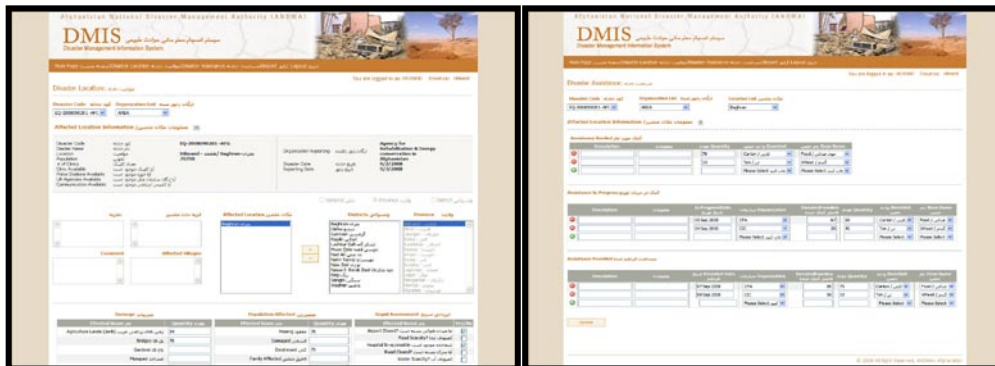
Seek support of key agencies

A partnership has been established with UNAMA, European Commission for Humanitarian Aid Organization ECHO partners in Afghanistan (FOCUS and ActionAid) and United State Agency for International Development USAID (Local Governance and Capacity Development LGCD). Regular meeting are being held with these agencies together with ANDMA. Areas of collaboration include the community response training, public awareness and education, school safety, hazard vulnerability assessment and provincial disaster management plan.

Output 3: Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) established and strengthened in Afghanistan

Implementation of DMIS Programme

A DMIS prototype has been developed by AIMS in close collaboration with ANDMA. The prototype DMIS database was presented to the head of departments and Director General of ANDMA for their review and feedback. Ideas and suggestions have been collected and incorporated in the database. Software Requirement Specification document has been signed by CDRRP, the DMIS test launched in ANDMA and problems have been identified during practical data entry of the disaster information. Three days workshop was conducted on DMIS maintenance and data entry to ANDMA head office, regional office staff and Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation staff.



Output 4: Disaster response system developed

Finalization and dissemination of the PDMP guideline

A TOT workshop was organized on 30 June, where officials from ANDMA, Provincial Emergency Commission, UNAMA and USAID/ Local Governance Community Development (LGCD) Programme implemented by Development Alternative Inc DAI were trained on formulating provincial DM plans. The provincial DM plan will be replicated in 23 provinces by 2009 (10 provinces funded by CDRRP and 13 provinces funded by the LGCD Programme). Guideline for the formulation of Provincial Disaster Management Plan was developed and submitted to the office of H.E second vice president and ANDMA for comments. Comments have been received and the guideline will be finalized soon.

Formulate/finalize PDMPs (Heart, Badakshan, Nangahar)

The Provincial Disaster Management Planning has been initiated in Herat province, followed by a three-day training workshop in April. The draft plan is completed and is translated to English. Three days workshop on finalization of the provincial disaster management plan for Herat province was conducted from 27 to 30th August 2008 where comments have been collected and incorporated. The final plan was submitted to ANDMA for review and comments.



Herat Provincial Disaster Management plan formulation workshop on 27 August

II. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

Updated Project Risks and Actions

Limited financial resources to implement the planned activities.

Lack of adequate financial resources is a major risk for the successful implementation of the planned activities for 2009 and beyond. BCPR funding supplemented by UNDP core resources for 2007/08 have been crucial for the implementation of 2007 Annual Work Plan. A partnership has also been established with USAID/LGCD Programme. The LGCD, through its ongoing programme in the provinces, has agreed to replicate the pilot project in Kunduz to the 13 provinces in the South and East of Afghanistan. This will enable CDRRP to focus the limited available resources for other planned activities, as per the prodoc.

Negotiation is also underway with the Norwegian Embassy for financing the unfunded CDRRP activities. ECHO has approved the Second Phase proposal during third quarter. It is expected to complete formal agreement processes in 4th Quarter so funds can be released and made available to the project. Based on the disaster profile of the country and the weak capacity of the Afghan Government institutions particularly ANDMA as the apex body to manage disasters risk including response and mitigation, the completion of all activities and outputs as per the Prodoc will play crucial role in overcoming these capacity gaps. Thus the project will need additional funding of (USD 7,285,459) to continue until 2011.

Updated Project Issues and Actions

Lack of competent bidders for community based disaster risk reduction program

TOR has been developed for community based disaster risk reduction program and were announced through UNDP procurement but had to be re-announced for the second time due to lack of competent bidder.

Security Situation in the Provinces, particularly Kunduz

While Kunduz has been relatively safe in the past, there has been a few insurgency cases reported in the recent past. This is not a major issue at the moment; however, it can affect the project implementation if the situation worsens in the near future. Meanwhile as a mitigation measure, the capacity of ANDMA zonal office will be further strengthened so that the ANDMA staff based in Kunduz can assist with implementation of the activities in the field. The ANDMA zonal office has been established (June 2008) in Kunduz to cover the north-east zone.

The provincial disaster management plans (PDMP) are to be completed in at least 5 provinces by the end of 2008. So far Kunduz and Herat PDMPs have been completed. The disaster management training workshop in DaiKundi had to be suspended and ANDMA trainers brought back to Kabul due to security problem. The training will be resumed during the coming months, if the security situation improves.

Quality translation of documents

CDRRP staff continued to face a major problem due to lack of competent and professional translation services to provide quality translation English to Dari and vice versa. This has resulted in substantial delays in of the activities as staff has been diverted to review the translated material. This issue has been brought to the notice of UNDP CO and appropriate solution is being explored.

III FINANCIAL STATUS AND UTILIZATION

Financial Status

Table 1: Contribution Overview [January 2007 – December 2011]

Donor	Contributions USD		Contribution Balance
	Committed	Received	
ECHO	478,127	380,445	97,682
UNDP TRAC 1.1	3000,00	3000,00	0
UNDP TRAC 1.3	650,000	407,000	243,000
Total	1,428,127	1,087,445	340,682

Financial Utilization

Table 2: Quarterly Expenditure by Activity [1 July 2008 – 30 September 2008]

Activity	Budget (2008)	Quarterly Expenditure to 30 Sep 2008	Balance as of 30 Sep 2008	Delivery Rate	Quarterly Expenditure from July-Sep 2008
Activity 1: institutional DM Capacity Building	81,400.00	8,067.74	73,332.26	0.10	12.50
Activity 2: Public Awareness and Education	372,917.00	119,585.38	253,331.62	0.32	9,561.75
Activity 3: DMIS	104,000.00	844.42	103,155.58	0.01	341.00
Activity 4 :DM Prep and Response Plan development	112,871.00	50,208.82	62,662.18	0.44	34,529.75
Activity 5: Project Personnel	249,318.00	255,652.90	(6,334.90)	1.03	71,204.85
Activity 6 :Operational Costs	48,011.00	26,391.93	21,619.07	0.55	700.28
Activity 7: Project Com. Monitoring .& Reporting	35,465.00	17,317.10	18,147.90	0.49	1,976.52
Total	1,003,982.00	478,068.29	525,913.71	47.62%	118,326.65

Table 3: Quarterly Expenditure by Donor

Donor	Activity	Budget (2008)	2008 Expenditures	Balance as of 30 June 2008	Delivery Rate %	Quarterly Expenditure from July-Sep 2008
UNDP	Activity 1: institutional DM Capacity Building	21,400.00	(15,942.26)	37,342.26		12.50
	Activity 2: Public Awareness and Education	10,200.00	6,799.97	3,400.03		6,799.97
	Activity 3: DMIS	34,000.00	844.42	33,155.58		341.00
	Activity 4: DM Prep and	10,500.00	572.00	9,928.00		572.00

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	Response development Plan					
	Activity 5: Project Personnel	219,490.00	223,796.27	(4,306.27)		70,005.64
	Activity 6 : Operational Costs	-	-	-		-
	Activity 7: Project Com. Monitoring .& Reporting	4,410.00	332.44	4,077.56		332.44
Sub-total UNDP (TRAC 1.1)		300,000.00	216,402.84	83,597.16	72.13%	78,063.55
UNDP	Activity 1: institutional DM Capacity Building	60,000.00	-	60,000.00		-
	Activity 2: Public Awareness and Education	232,000.00	-	232,000.00		-
	Activity 3: DMIS	70,000.00	-	70,000.00		-
	Activity 4: DM Prep and Response Plan development	45,000.00	21,458.45	23,541.55		21,458.45
	Activity 5: Project Personnel	-	-	-		-
	Activity 6 : Operational Costs	-	-	-		-
	Activity 7: Project Com. Monitoring .& Reporting	-	-	-		-
Sub-total UNDP (TRAC 1.3)		407,000.00	21,458.45	385,541.55	5.27%	21,458.45
ECHO	Activity 1: institutional DM Capacity Building	-	24,010.00	(24,010.00)		
	Activity 2: Public Awareness and Education	130,717.00	112,785.41	17,931.59		2,761.78
	Activity 3: DMIS	-	-	-		
	Activity 4: DM Prep and Response Plan development	57,371.00	28,178.37	29,192.63		12,499.30
	Activity 5: Project Personnel	29,828.00	31,856.63	(2,028.63)		1,199.21
	Activity 6 : Operational Costs	48,011.00	26,391.93	21,619.07		700.28
	Activity 7: Project Com. Monitoring .& Reporting	31,055.00	16,984.66	14,070.34		1,644.08
Sub-total ECHO		296,982.00	240,207.00	56,775.00	80.88%	18,804.65
TOTAL		1,003,982.00	478,068.29	525,913.71	47.62%	118,326.65