

2nd Year of DiMCEP Started

The 2nd year of DiMCEP (Project Period: 3 years) has started in April 2011. On this occasion, JICA Expert Team has decided to start to publish the Newsletter to record the activity and share the progress of the project.

This newsletter features the outline of the project, the counterpart meeting, and landslide and flood assessment mission by short term expert team.

More detailed information is available in the Project Office in Disaster Management Centre (DMC).

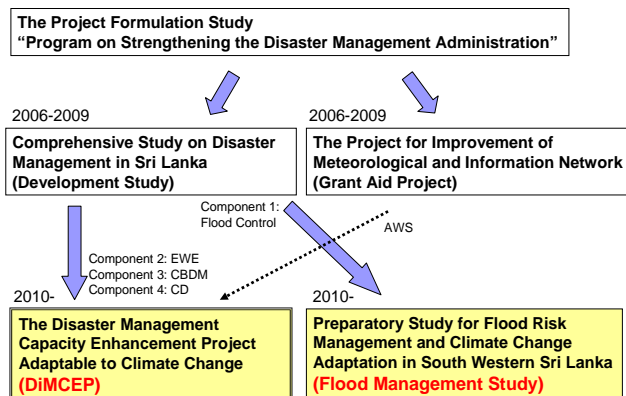
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Outline of Project

Background

Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster in 2004 inflicted a massive damage on Sri Lanka. Taking this opportunity, GOSL (Government of Sri Lanka) enacted the Disaster Management Act, No.13 of 2005 and established the National Council for Disaster Management, Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights and Disaster Management Centre based on the Act. GOJ (Government of Japan) has supported these efforts of GOSL from both structural and non-structural aspects. Responding the requests by GOSL, several projects have been organized and implemented by JICA so far since 2005. The Disaster Management Capacity Enhancement Project Adaptable to Climate Change (DiMCEP) is one of these projects.



Background of DiMCEP

Objective

【Overall Goal】

The disaster management model is disseminated

【Project Purpose】

A model for complete communication network in disaster observation, forecasting & community level activities including evacuation in the pilot areas are prepared

Output and Activity

Output 1	Leadership and coordination capacity of Disaster Management Centre (DMC) is strengthened.
[Activity]	Activation of DM Committees, Preparation of NEOP, Improvement of Annual Report, Establishment of DIA system, Preparation of Training Program
Output 2	Analysis and monitoring capacity of Department of Meteorology (DOM) is enhanced.
[Activity]	Operation and Maintenance of AWS, Preparation of Local Level Warning Criteria, Trial of NWP Model
Output 3	Analysis and monitoring capacity of National Building Research Organization (NBRO) is enhanced.
[Activity]	Monitoring and Analysis of Landslide Behavior, Implementation of Low-Cost Countermeasure, Preparation of Landslide Warning Criteria
Output 4	Disaster Management information is regularly transferred.
[Activity]	Preparation of rules for warning issuance and information transfer, Implementation of information transfer exercise
Output 5	Disaster management capacities of districts, divisions and communities in pilot areas are improved.
[Activity]	Activation of local level DM committee, Implementation of CBDM activity

DiMCEP is implemented based on the Project Design Matrix (PDM). More detail information on DiMCEP such as PDM, progress in the first year, and the plan of second year are available in the Project Office at DMC.

Counterpart Meeting

The counterpart meeting (CP Meeting) will be held every two weeks to share the progress of the project among counterpart members and JICA expert team members. The tentative schedule of the meeting is shown below.

No.	Date	Theme
1	June 9	Basic Approach for Implementation
2	June 22	Activity 1.4: Disaster Impact Assessment
3	July 6	Output 3: Landslide Monitoring
4	July 20	Output 2: AWS Condition
5	August 3	Output 4: Information Transfer Exercise
6	August 17	Output 5: District Level DM Committee
7	August 31	Output 1: Disaster Analysis
8	September 21	Activity1-4 / Output 2: DIA / Short Term Weather Forecasting
9	October 5	Output 4: Intra-Governmental Network
10	October 26	Output 1: Training Program
11	November 9	Output 3: Landslide Countermeasures
12	November 23	Activity1-4 / Output 2: DIA / AWS
13	December 7	Output 5: Community Activity

The First CP Meeting was held in June 9th. Basic approach to implement the 2nd year of DiMCEP was discussed and agreed.

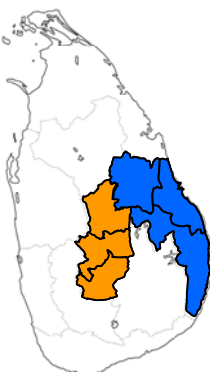


Landslide and Flood Assessment Mission

For an encouragement of the activities related to the Output 1 "Leadership and coordination capacity of DMC is strengthened", JICA arranged the additional assignment of short term experts to survey and assess the landslide and flood disaster occurred in Eastern and Central Provinces. The objective of this mission is to survey damages and responses of government organizations, and to make recommendations for the better preparation and response to the disasters in the future. Mission Schedule is as follows:

1st batch: April 26-May 3
Field Survey for Landslide
(Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Matale)

2nd batch: May 24-June 1
Field Survey for Flood
(Ampara, Batticaloa, Polonnaruwa)



1st batch conducted the field survey not only at the landslide sites but also steep slope failure and rock fall sites in the central province. The efforts conducted by NBRO for the hazard mapping and low cost mitigation works were highly evaluated. At the same time, preparation of categorized hazard map was recommended.



Photos at Central Province

2nd batch carried out the field survey at the flood sites in Eastern province. The short term expert team recommended the necessity of integrated flood management, institutional arrangement, and tank management etc.



Photos at Eastern Province

The short term expert team held the debrief session in June 3rd at the conference room in the Ministry of Disaster Management inviting the Secretary of Ministry. Several recommendations such as revision of local level Preparedness and Response Plan, promotion of CBDM activities at the affected area etc. were made in the session.



Debriefing Session

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- Output 2: Short Term Forecasting
- Output 4: IGN Meeting
- 2nd Counterpart Meeting

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