

Quarterly Report

DATE: 21/06/2013

Award ID: 57142

Description: Capacity Building for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management in Egypt

Implementing Partner: Information Decision Support Center (IDSC)

Period Covered: April 2013 To June 2013

1. Project Issues:

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| Updated Project Risks: | Updated Project Issues: |
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2. Project Performance

OUTPUT 2: National Capacities built and Institutional mechanisms supported.

Project ID: 70488

Description:

The primary aims of the project under this output are to assess the capacities of the existing department (crisis and disaster management body), to strengthen capacities in the high risk governorates, as well as to develop and execute a national multi-agency training program in crisis and disaster management. Furthermore, technical assistance in the field of institutional mechanism will be provided.

Target: Capacities of IDSC staff working in the field of Crisis Management & DRR are built, moreover the Institutional mechanism for the DRR departments', stakeholders' and beneficiaries' are strengthened.

Achievements:

1. The needs and gaps for DRR were identified through different visits to 2 governorates. The DRR units at the governorate levels were connected with the unit at central level.
2. Awareness and knowledge of maritime disasters of the staff working in the field of DRR in both Red Sea governorate and in IDSC has been increased.
3. The participants of "The Fourth Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction" were exposed to experiences from different countries and learned new techniques that have been used elsewhere in the field of DRR.
4. Development of an integrated approach to risk management, with a focus on risk reduction in Marsa Matrouh governorate.

Activity ID:

Deliverable Description:

Conducting visits to several governorates to identify gaps and needs and connecting the DRR units at the governorate levels with the unit at central level:

The PMU of the Capacity Building for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management in Egypt Project assisted the Crisis Management & DRR Sector at IDSC to visit 2 governorates (Ismailia and Port Said). The purpose of these visits was to connect the DRR units at the governorate levels with the unit at central level. Subsequently staff of the units at governorate level was trained on how to use the system, connecting the different units. Connecting these units enables the DRR sector to collect up-to-date information on crisis and disasters in the governorates and submitting accurate daily reports, including suggested actions/necessary steps, to the prime minister

Simulation of saving a ship from sinking in Red Sea governorate:

The Capacity Building for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management in Egypt Project in cooperation with the Crisis Management & DRR Unit at IDSC completed an assignment on simulation of saving a ship from sinking in Red Sea

governorate (19-23 April 2013). There was a live transmission and connection with the Central Crisis Management Room at IDSC. The exercise increased the awareness, enhanced the knowledge and skills of the staff working in the Governorates and in IDSC.

Participating of the Crisis Management and DRR staff at IDSC in international conferences and platforms:

Assistance was provided to staff in the Crisis Management & DRR Sector to participate in "The Fourth Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction" that was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 18 -24 May 2013.

Participants were exposed to experiences from different countries and learned new techniques that have been used elsewhere in the field of DRR.

The main key outcomes of the platform can be summarized as follows:

- A stronger and more sustainable world-wide movement that leads to increased responsibility for reinforcing resilience to disasters.
- A dynamic and trend-setting forum for decision makers, partners, experts and practitioners to announce initiatives, launch products, share information, promote campaigns, and provide evidence around disaster risk reduction.
- Directions and new alliances for the development and use of new tools and methodologies aimed at understanding and applying the economics and investment in disaster risk reduction.
- Discuss progress and consult over a post-Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA).

Conducting a training program on "Crisis and Conflict Management for the Crisis Rooms in Marsa Matrouh governorate:

The Capacity Building for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management in Egypt Project in cooperation with the Crisis Management & DRR Unit at IDSC completed a training program on " Negotiation, Crisis and Disaster Management" in Marsa Matrouh governorate.

The participants of the training workshop included high level managers, operational staff and officials on the local level.

The training workshop was oriented towards the development of an integrated approach to risk management, with a focus on risk reduction. It aimed at:

- Fostering a greater awareness of the scope, key concepts and principles of negotiation, crisis management and DRR;
- Enhancing participants' understanding of their role in the local system for crisis management and DRR;
- Cultivating a better appreciation of the institutional mechanisms operating at different levels for the purposes of advanced crisis prevention and DRR;
- Encouraging an exchange of views and lessons learned and identifying challenges and priority areas for future actions.

Different tabletop exercises have been implemented during the training workshop. These exercises are designed to test the theoretical ability of the participants to respond to a situation. One of the big advantages of tabletop exercises is that it can allow people to test a hypothetical situation without causing disruption in the community.

Start and End Date: April 2013 To June 2013

100 % Progress to date according to AWP

Financial Summary

| Account | Fund | Donor | R. Party | Budget (USD) | Expenditure | Balance |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 71600 | 04170 | BCPR | IDSC | 20000 | 11,449 USD | |
| 72500 | 04170 | BCPR | IDSC | 30000 | 612.46 USD | |
| 72700 | 04170 | BCPR | IDSC | 20000 | 4098.55 USD | |
| 72200 | 04170 | BCPR | IDSC | 45000 | 1717.39 USD | |

3. Challenges and Lessons Learned:

1. Conducting different visits to the governorates showed some challenges the project faces as well as the importance of the work that lays ahead:
 - The importance of establishing a unified and integrated institutional framework including clearly defined organizational structure, objectives and responsibilities.
 - The need to enhance and develop existing human resource capacities through training.
 - The need to upgrade and develop the current technical infrastructure to meet the requirements of developing the national system for crisis management and disaster risk reduction.
2. The simulation exercise has shown 1) the need to repeat such training exercises with more integrated and effective coordination of relevant stakeholders and 2) that media programs have to be developed.
3. The crisis management training has shown 1) The need to enhance and develop existing capacities of human resources through training and education and 2) The need to upgrade and develop the current technical infrastructure of local crisis and disaster management unit in Matrouh governorate.