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## **REPORT**

### **Quang Ngai Disaster Management Workshop**

On September 16 and 17, 2008, the Quang Ngai Disaster Management Workshop was jointly organized by Natural Disaster Mitigation Partnership (NDMP), Quang Ngai Natural Disaster Mitigation Project (QNNDMP) and Provincial People's Committee in Quang Ngai Province

The Workshop was co-chaired by Mr. Nguyen Si Nuoi, Deputy Director General of Department of Dyke Management and Flood and Storm Control (DDMFSC) and NDMP Director, Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg, First Secretary of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and Mr. Truong Ngoc Nhi, Deputy Chairman of Provincial People's Committee of Quang Ngai.

**The objective of the workshop** was to discuss and share experiences, good practices and the lessons learnt from the Quang Ngai Natural Disaster Mitigation Project and to demonstrate how elements of the project could have widespread application in other provinces, in line with the *National Strategy for Natural Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation to 2020*.

Participants of the workshop included representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and DDMFSC, AusAID, Representatives from twelve Central Provinces from Nghe An to Binh Thuan and QNNDMP's technical team. *See attached participant list.*

#### **I. Opening Remarks:**

**Mr. Nguyen Si Nuoi:** In his opening remarks, Mr. Nguyen Si Nuoi emphasized the objective of the workshop and the reasons why NDMP chose QNNDMP to be the main topic of the workshop (as mentioned above). He noted that information sharing among different provinces in the field of disaster management should be enhanced and that the model of the Quang Ngai project should be replicated in other provinces in Vietnam.

**Mr. Truong Ngoc Nhi** gave a brief introduction on QNNDMP and emphasized the success of the project. The Center for Management and Mitigation of Natural Disaster - one of the outcomes of the QNNDMP - has become an effective model for disaster management. This kind of centre should also be replicated in other coastal provinces in Vietnam.

**Mr. Andreas Zurbrugg** welcomed participants of the workshop and hoped that the workshop would be successful. He also noted that AusAID would welcome any comments and feedback on the project, its outcomes and its achievement.

#### **II. Presentations and topics discussed at the workshop:**

- Overview of Quang Ngai project (Tom Connor – KBR Technical Assistance Team)

- Part A: Structural measures and how they relate to overall risk management (Mr. Ngo Huan, Director of Project Management Board)
- Part B: Non-structural measures: Flood plain planning and modeling (Ian Wood - KBR Technical Assistance Team)
- Part C: Non-structural measures: Community Based Disaster Risk Management (Ian Wood - KBR Technical Assistance Team)

Three representatives from Provincial Department of Education and Training Ngai and Woman Union of Quang Ngai also presented at the workshop to share experience in CBDRM.

- Part D: The Centre for Management and Mitigation of Natural Disaster and its role in coordination, planning and support to Provincial Committee for Flood and Storm Control (Mr. On – Provincial Committee for Flood and Storm Control of Quang Ngai)
- New initiatives in the central region under Natural Disaster Management Project (Ian Wood – NDRMP)
- Three pilot flood modeling project for provincial risk management plans (Ian Wood – NDRMP)
- Climate change impacts on disaster management in central Vietnam and current Government Initiatives (Mr. Tran Thuc, MONRE)
- Presentation on Disaster Management project formulation and management (Ms. Tran Nhu Trang – VietInsight)

### **III. Discussion:**

At the end of the second day of the workshop, there was a discussion session among participants. Participants raised their opinions on the Quang Ngai workshop and the Quang Ngai's Disaster Center.

Comments from participants included:

- QNNDMP was a very comprehensive project, components of which have so far met the needs of disaster management in Quang Ngai Province.
- The disaster center and the flood mapping aspects of the project should be replicated for coastal provinces in the central region of Vietnam in order to minimize the losses caused by natural disaster.
- Quang Ngai project made great achievements in CBDRM activities in the province and it was proposed that NDMP on its side should build up a document kit on CBDRM so that they could be used for training in other provinces.
- Quang Ngai has done its job well in boat and vessel management with a very effective communication network between the disaster center and fishing vessels operating on the sea in times of flood and storm.

- The project was successful with the support from International Experts. It would be good if more training on how to utilize new technology, such as that used in the disaster centre, could be provided by International Experts to other provinces in the central region. This would help to enhance the capacity of people in charge of disaster management and further promote replication of the Quang Ngai project's success.

#### **IV. Closing Remarks:**

**Mr. Nuoi:** In his conclusion, Mr. Nuoi went through the workshop agenda and highlighted that the objective of the workshop was to share experiences, good practices and the lessons learnt from the Quang Ngai Natural Disaster Mitigation Project so that the experience of Quang Ngai project could be used and applied in other provinces.

He also requested that the PPC of Quang Ngai, the Technical Team (NDRMP) and AusAID continue to support the province and the people working at the center to be fully equipped with the necessary knowledge and understanding to continue operation of the center.