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2. Evacuation Management Unit members meet to discuss evacuation procedures for Iloilo barangays

Two meetings were held on April 11th and 20th by the Assistant Department Head and Focal Person of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) to discuss their evacuation management experiences in managing evacuations during disasters with the Social Welfare Officers (SWO) III, Department of Education of the Philippines (DepEd), and the Community Based Adaptation and Resilience Against Disasters (CBARAD) pilot barangays.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Disaster Cluster Seminar and Survey

The 9th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar will be taking place in Taipei over three days beginning on September 22nd. The seminars include sessions and site visits related to Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM). The seminar will have four thematic areas focused on disaster medicine, disaster preparedness, disaster reduction and disaster recovery. Invitations will be sent on June 6th along with a survey on DRRM. Further details on the 9th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar will be disseminated to members and published in the next e-news.

b. CITYNET Yokohama Project Office Environment Fund Grant Contest

CITYNET Yokohama Project office will be holding a contest for innovative environmental projects focused on solid waste management; one project will be chosen from the applicants to receive the CYO Environment Fund Grant. The contest is open to all members including associate members. Details will be announced in early June.



Evacuation Management Unit members meet for the first time to discuss evacuation procedures.

The discussions focused on the lessons learned from the ground workers and how to improve service delivery. Unfortunately the service providers are unfamiliar on the provisions of the Republic Act 10121, particularly on its guidelines in utilizing the Local DRRM Fund, which makes lobbying for key projects during DRR planning and budgeting difficult. In order to initiate better understanding of the laws, policies and guidelines, the group agreed to meet every Tuesday to discuss DRR related topics. In addition a rapid assessment on the evacuation practices will be organized in communities that are in high risk of fires, floods, typhoon and storm

surges. The activity is expected to identify interventions to strengthen evacuation management, identify points relevant to the development of evacuation management protocols, and identify points for the development of the Early Warning Systems (EWS) per hazard, as well as to establish evacuation practices.

3. CBARAD - II Project Orientation for 50 barangays in Iloilo, Philippeans

A meeting of the Community Based Risk Assessment (CBRA) Facilitators was conducted as part of the CBARAD - II Project in Iloilo, Philippines on April 27th. The 2016 DRRM Funds of the City included an allocation of funds for the conduct of the CRBA for 50 barangays in three batches. At least 15 barangays will be chosen every quarter starting in April 2016. Currently, there are 48 trained facilitators composed of barangay leaders, city government employees, PWDs, seniors, school teachers, police and youth. The City Planning and Development Office conducted the briefing in order to help the city conduct the CBRA to the first batch of barangays on May 16-20.



CBARAD orientation briefing of facilitators



Denver Acapulco and Franco Agudo meet the barangay leaders of San Antonio, Molo to conduct a quick overview on CBDRRMfor DRR education

The orientation process educated the barangay leaders on community based DRRM, the conduct of CBRA and the creation of GIS-based maps of the selected barangays. The chosen barangays were visited by the team to explain the background of the activities and relevance of this on the DRR efforts of the city government. The barangay leaders welcomed the training stating that there are not many organizations that go to the grassroots level to educate them in these matters. They are looking forward to the conduct of the community assessment since more participants from the barangays are participating as well as requesting future training on City Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CDRRM).

4. CYO welcomes a new intern

Starting May 2016, CITYNET Yokohama Project Office welcomes a new intern to support our office activities.



Ms. Sophia Mayen
Intern: Program Assistant

Ms. Sophia Mayen will be a part of CYO for the next four months. She originally comes from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada and is studying Geography with a concentration in Geomatics at UVic. She was a member and president of the international development association at her university, which focused largely on south eastern Africa. Her interests are rooted in international development and environmental awareness which drew her to this office. She wishes to apply her skills outside of the classroom and learn from expert professionals in project management and disaster preparedness. She is excited to learn more about community collaboration from CITYNET's ongoing projects and how they can be applied world-wide.