

Development of Local Flood Early Warning and Dissemination System

PROVATi3 Project-DDM Component

October 2023

Monthly Report

Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES)

Section A

Progress Summary

- 7th Quarterly meeting at DDM of PROVATi3 Project-DDM Component
- Voice message broadcast for Sundarganj, Gaibandha
- Training on Flood Early Warning and Risk Management at Jamalpur
- Training on the DMC portal at Jamalpur
- DMC members WhatsApp number collection from the project area
- IFAD mission documentary preparation support

Section B

Activity I. 7th Quarterly meeting (July-September 23) of PROVATi3 Project-DDM Component

Progress

7th quarterly meeting was held at DDM on 29 October 2023 with DDM, LGED, and RIMES professionals. The meeting took place to identify and discuss project progress and the issues, emerged as challenges in various activities of “Development of Local Flood Early Warning and Dissemination System”. Md Mijanur Rahman, Director General of DDM chaired the meeting. Project Coordinator, Deputy Project Coordinators (GIS & RM), Team leader, Program Manager, and other RIMES personnel joined the meeting. Field facilitators and LGED representatives attended the meeting via online. In the meeting, Program Manager discussed the activities of previous quarter, and then different project related issues such installation of river and land gauge, development of voice message portal, training on DMC portal, IEC material finalization etc were discussed in detail. Future activities that need to be accomplished by the next quarter were also discussed in the meeting.



Activity 2. Training on DMC portal at Bakshigonj and Madargonj, Jamalpur

Progress

A Disaster Management Committee database was developed under this project with the technical support of RIMES containing the information (Name, phone no, designation, affiliation and email) of all level DMC members. Now, it contains all the DMC members' information of the project area which will be updated with the 64 district DMC member information. As this DMC committee reforms every year, it is important to update them from the root level or by respective DMC member. For this reason, representatives of each DMC members need to be trained on how to search for DMC members list; update, edit or delete information, upload DMC meeting resolution or additional things of the portal. Two (02) training sessions held at Bakshigonj and Madargonj upazila on 18 and 19 October 2023. These programs were chaired by Netai Chandra Dey Sarkar, Director (MIM) and Project Coordinator of the PROVATI³ project-DDM component. Mobinur Rahman, ICT specialist demonstrated the portal use. Participants of the training were UP secretary of respective unions, their office assistants, PIOs of respective upazilas and their secretaries, and UDC entrepreneur. Additional participants were DRRO and the secretary of the DRROs office, Paura Nirbahi Officer (PNO) and secretary of the PNOs office.



Activity 3. Training on Flood Early Warning and Risk Management at Jamalpur

Progress

Two training have been held in Bakshigonj and Madargonj upazila of Jamalpur district on 18 and 19 October 2023. Honourable DG MD. Mijanur Rahman was the chief guest of the training and inaugurated the training session via online platform. The program was chaired by Netai Chandra Dey Sarkar, Director (MIM) and Project Coordinator of PROVATI³ project-DDM part. The training sessions were continued with upazila-level DMC members as participants including UNO, DRRO, UP chairman of respective upazilas and other members of union and upazila level DMC. DDM, BWDB and RIMES representatives serve there as

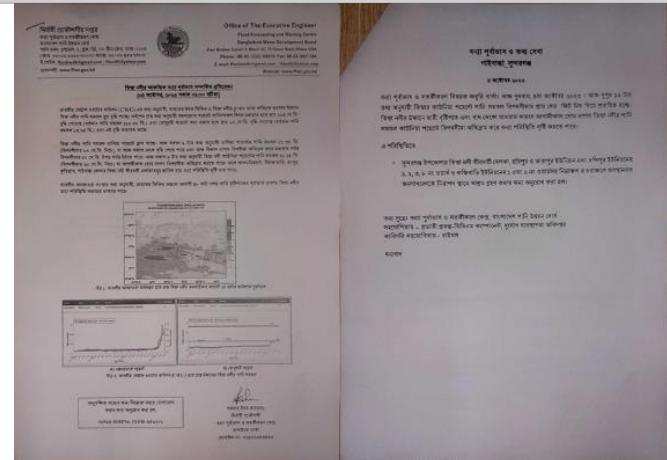
trainers in different sessions. DMC members are trained up on basic disaster terminologies, flood early warning and their roles and responsibilities during disaster.



Activity 4. Voice message broadcast for Sundarganj, Gaibandha

Progress

Due to heavy rainfall in upper catchment area, flood occurred in areas closed to Teesta river. Belka, Haripur, Tarapur and Chandipur unions of Sundarganj upazila under Gaibandha district was also forecasted as flood risk zone. First ever voice message from this project was disseminated for this flood situation in Gaibandha district on 4 October 2023.



Then 2nd voice message was disseminated on 5 October on current flood situation. Early warning was generated using the information from FFWC and was sent to the DMC members, PIO of respective unions.

Activity 5. DMC members WhatsApp number collection from the project area

Progress

DMC members play crucial role in pre and post disaster activities. Under this project, DMC have been formed at every level according to Standing Order on Disaster 2019. But to maintain internal communication with warning dissemination team and other DMC member a common platform is needed. It will ensure timely and effective EWS and avoid information loss. So, It was decided to create whatsapp group for district and upazila level to maintain such communication. Whatsapp number of the project areas DMC members were collected by Field facilitators to create separate whatsapp group for separate zone.

District Level Whatsapp Group (Gaibandha District)					
SL. NO	Name	Designation	Whatsapp number	Remarks	
1	MD. Jewel Mia	NDC (Acting DRRO), Gaibandha	01700-716734		
2	MD. Zindar Ali	PIO, Gaibandha Sadar Upazila	01711-739542		
3	MD. Shahidujaman	PIO, Fulchari Upazila	01724-094525		
4	Mithun Kundu	PIO, Saghata Upazila	01736-616044		
5	MD. Rezaul Karim	PIO, Sadullapur Upazila	01716-975467		
6	MD. Walif Mondal	PIO, Sundarganj Upazila	01700-717170		
7	MD. Nahiduzzaman	PIO, Polashbari Upazila	01716-611303		
8	MD. Zindar Ali	PIO, Gobindaganj Upazila	01711-739542		
9	Md. Fazrul Arefin	Program Manager, Provat3 Project	01776-893896		
10	Md. Asif Mahmud Anik	GIS Specialist, Provat3 Project	01730-663184		
11	Anonna Roy	Communication Officer, Provat3	01568-067394		
12	Md. Sajidur Rahman Khan	Regional Coordinator, Provat3 Project	01676-839331		
13	Jayed Hossain	Field Facilitator, Provat3 Project	01681-796413		
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Fulchari Upazila DMC Whatsapp Group					
SL. NO	Name	Designation	Whatsapp number	Remarks	
20	G.M Selim Parvej	Upazila Chairman	01723-817511		
21	MD. Shahidujaman	PIO	01724-094525		
22	3 MD. Sajidur Rahman Khan	Regional Coordinator, Provat3 Project	01676-839331		
23	Al Imran Hossain	Field Facilitator (Gaibandha District Project)	01681-796413		
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Activity 6. IFAD mission documentary preparation support

Progress

IFAD team was preparing a documentary on field level project activities. As a part of their visit to Bangladesh, the team visited DDM and received a hands-on demonstration on how topographic survey data is being processed, and how voice messages are recorded and disseminated. They made a video shoot on project activities for documentary.



Section C

Challenges & Overcome Strategy

- Topographic survey remained paused from July as monsoon has started and the water level are changing which will cause error in DEM data.

Section D

Work plan for November 2023

- Conducting of training on flood early warning and risk management for DMCs in project area
- DMC portal training continuation
- Land gauge location finalization
- Resume of Topographic survey