



Mekong River Commission

Flood Management and Mitigation Programme (FMMP)

Component

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Flood
Emergency
Management
Strengthening

The MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Programme (FMMP) aims to prevent, minimise, or mitigate people's suffering and economic losses due to floods, while preserving the environmental benefits of floods.

The FMMP has five major components:

1. Establishment of a Regional Flood Management and Mitigation Centre
2. Structural Measures and Flood Proofing
3. Mediation of Transboundary Flood Issues
4. Flood Emergency Management Strengthening
5. Land Management.

4. FLOOD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRENGTHENING

Project details

Flood Emergency Management Strengthening is being implemented by the Mekong River Commission (MRC) in collaboration with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), with funding support from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH.

Development Objective

To improve the competence of civil authorities at various levels, emergency managers and communities in flood preparedness and mitigation.

Project Objective

To see emergency management systems in the riparian countries dealing more effectively with Mekong floods.

Project Duration

September 2004 to June 2007

Partner Countries

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam (MRC member countries) with a special focus on Cambodia and Viet Nam

Pilot Provinces

Kandal & Prey Veng provinces, Cambodia
An Giang & Dong Thap provinces, Vietnam.

Component 4: Outputs & Activities

Output 1 To facilitate preparation and implementation of flood preparedness plans in selected provinces and districts in Cambodia and Viet Nam.

Activities:

- Organise and conduct training courses/workshops for selected provinces in Cambodia and Viet Nam.
- Strengthen the capacity of provincial disaster management offices of each pilot province and district disaster management offices in two districts in each province.
- Provide support to planning and development of flood preparedness programs in these provinces and districts.
- Distribute flood preparedness program documents, maps and forecasts to districts and communes in the pilot provinces.
- Support priority sub-projects including needs-based local level training courses of community leaders in community based flood management (eg safe area management, forecast boards, emergency kindergartens).
- Support the improved management of stockpiles and warehouses of selected districts of pilot provinces in Cambodia and Viet Nam.
- Support the mobilisation of sub-national/local budgetary resources for program implementation in the pilot provinces.

Output 2: Further develop national capacities in Cambodia and Viet Nam to support preparation and implementation of flood preparedness plans.

Activities:

- Support the preparation and issue of national guidelines and manuals by national disaster management offices and National Mekong Committees of Cambodia and Viet Nam for preparation of provincial and district flood preparedness programs.
- Support the gradual takeover by national agencies of the delivery of training courses in flood preparedness planning at the provincial and district levels.
- Develop institutional capacity in national disaster management offices of Cambodia and Viet Nam and other relevant agencies to provide technical support at provincial and district levels in preparing flood preparedness programs.



Output 3: Conduct flood risk awareness campaigns in two districts of each pilot province.

Activities:

- Adapt (language, cultural content) and republish booklets and posters and distribute through appropriate channels.
- Review possibilities/co-financing arrangements for using/adapting the film *Living with Floods*.
- Organise/facilitate training for children through school teachers and distribution of materials for adults through appropriate channels in the pilot provinces.



Output 4: Facilitate regional knowledge sharing.

Activities:

- Conduct and organise two regional workshops.
- Prepare and circulate good practice documents in Khmer and Vietnamese.
- Organise a study tour for provincial level officials of pilot provinces in Cambodia and Viet Nam to other Riparian countries.

Output 5: Facilitate preparation for Cambodia and Viet Nam province-to-province transboundary emergency assistance.

Activities:

- Support cooperation between selected neighbouring provinces along the Cambodia, Viet Nam and Lao-Thailand border.
- Facilitate the preparation of concrete transboundary emergency preparedness tools, such as maps and joint training.

Our partners in Cambodia

Cambodia National Mekong Committee
 National Committee on Disaster Management
 Provincial and District Committees on Disaster Management
 Department of Hydrology and River Works
 Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
 Ministry of Rural Development
 Cambodian Red Cross
 International Federation of the Red Cross

Our partners in Viet Nam

Viet Nam National Mekong Committee
 Standing Office for Central Committee of Flood and Storm Control
 Provincial and District People's Committees
 Viet Nam Hydrometeorological Services
 Institute of Water Resources Planning
 Vietnam Red Cross
 International Federation of the Red Cross
 Women's Union

Mekong River Commission (MRC)

The MRC is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1995 to promote and co-ordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for its member countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being by implementing strategic programmes and activities and providing scientific information and policy advice. The MRC member countries are Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam. The MRC is promoting a programme of regional cooperation for sustainable water resources development at basin scale in areas of basin planning, water utilisation, environment, flood management and mitigation, fisheries, agriculture, irrigation and forestry, hydropower, navigation and capacity building. (For more information, contact tien@mrcmekong.org or see the website www.mrcmekong.org).



Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)

ADPC is an independent, non-profit, inter-government foundation based in Thailand. Established in 1986, ADPC is the leading regional resource centre dedicated to creating safer communities and sustainable development through disaster reduction. ADPC's programs demonstrate a wide diversity in application, address all types of disasters, and cover all aspects of the disaster management spectrum - from prevention and mitigation, through preparedness and response, to damage and needs assessment, rehabilitation and reconstruction. ADPC's programs are implemented by four teams: Disaster Management Systems (DMS), Urban Disaster Risk Management, Climate Risk Management and Public Health and Emergencies. For more information on this project contact DMS team (mahnin@adpc.net).

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