
Hanoi, 13th July 2009

DECISION

To approve the Project:

Community awareness raising and community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM)

PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the Law on Organization of the Government dated 25th December 2001;

Pursuant to the Decision ref. 172/2007/QĐ-TTg dated 16 November 2007 by the Prime Minister to approve the National Strategy for Natural Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation to 2020;

Having considered the request of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development cum Chairman of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control;

DECIDES:

Article 1: To approve the Project: *Community awareness raising and community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM)* with the main contents as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

General objectives:

To raise community awareness and effectively organize the model of CBDRM for all levels and line agencies, particularly for the local authorities and residents at village and commune levels; to minimize fatalities and property loss; to limit the natural resource, environmental and cultural heritage destruction caused by disasters that contribute to guaranteeing national sustainable development, national defense and security.

Specific objectives:

- § To complete the mechanism and policy of CBDRM thoroughly from central to provincial levels;
- § To strengthen capacity for authorities at all levels directly involved in the duties of natural disaster prevention and response: ensuring that by 2020, 100 percent of officers will be trained and their capacities and expertise strengthened for natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation;
- § All villages and communes in high risk areas for disaster occurrence will be able to develop natural disaster (prevention) risk reduction and response preparedness plans, possess communication systems and build up core manpower with disaster mitigation expertise and volunteer forces to guide and support residents in disaster prevention, response and mitigation:
 - 70 percent of the inhabitants in disaster-prone areas will be disseminated with knowledge of flood and storm control and disaster mitigation;
 - Knowledge of disaster prevention, response and mitigation will be taken up into the teaching curriculum at schools.

II. ASSIGNMENTS AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

To assure the consistency and to maximize the investment efficiency, the project comprises of two mutually linked components including:

- a. **Component I:** strengthening capacity for managing and implementing CBDRM for local officers at all levels.

The target of Component I is to ensure that 100 percent of officers at all levels, directly involved in the duties of CBDRM, will be trained, and capacity and expertise strengthened in CBDRM.

This includes the following activities:

- § Develop legal documents, unify management, guidelines, and the implementation of CBDRM at all levels – and within the communities;
- § Complete the system of natural disaster prevention, response and management of responsible agencies at provinces and cities under the Central level;
- § Develop a CBDRM training system at all levels;
- § Develop training materials for CBDRM policy, mechanism and management at all levels (including packages of training materials for trainers and trainees);
- § Organize training courses on CBDRM policy, mechanism and steps for implementation for trainers, agencies, local officers and those at all levels directly involved in the duties of CBDRM;
- § Take the training curriculum for strengthening the capacity for local authorities and professional trainers engaged in CBDRM as a crucial activity of natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation annual plans, at all levels;
- § Equip agencies and authorities at all levels with flood and storm control tools or facilities and with CBDRM training tool kits for professional trainers;
- § Upgrade, improve and build new head offices for the responsible agencies operating in flood, storm control and natural disaster mitigation at the provincial levels and in cities.

- b. **Component II:** improving communication and education, enhancing the capacity of community in disaster risk management.

The target of the Component II is to enhance the capacity of the community in natural disaster mitigation; more than 70 percent of residents living in disaster prone areas will be (disseminated) provided with knowledge of flood and storm control and disaster mitigation. They include the following activities:

- § Set up an implementing group for CBDRM activities at the community level (the group members to be selected by the community);
- § Make hazard and vulnerability maps for each community (maps to be made by the people in the community themselves based on the guidance of the CBDRM implementing group), develop posters, maps and notice boards providing guidance on steps for disaster preparedness, response and recovery, which will be located at a central locality in each community);
- § Develop a handbook to provide guidance on the implementation of essential activities of the community for disaster preparedness, response and recovery respectively for different phases: pre-, during and post-disaster, that are suitable for each community in terms of (specific) tradition, culture and socio-economic conditions;
- § Annually, community members collect and update information for the hazard and vulnerability maps;

- § Annually, community members develop a plan for disaster risk prevention, response and management with the integration of adaptation to anticipated climate change impacts;
- § Community members (put together a development plan, integrating disaster risk prevention, response and mitigation) integrate disaster risk prevention, response and mitigation into the community development plan ;
- § Annually, at the community level, conduct a simulation exercise to practice natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation (including utilization of equipment and supporting tools);
- § Set up a system of early warning and communication about natural disaster in the community (including equipment and supporting tools);
- § Establish a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system for natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation in the community;
- § Information of CBDRM activities are constantly communicated via mass media, i.e. through the internet, television, radio, press and banners, posters and leaflets;
- § Develop training materials in community based natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation for the community (these materials will provide an understanding of the process of DRM, such as preparation, planning, emergency response activities during-disaster and post-disaster recovery);
- § Annually, organize training courses for the community on each of the activities related to DRM in the community (these training courses should be organized specifically for different target groups for both men and women, school pupils and the elderly);
- § Organize performances and plays on disaster prevention, response and management in the community on the occasion of community festival days;
- § Develop small-scale works for disaster prevention, response and management in community (e.g. flood evacuation routes, schools, health stations and water sanitation facilities, etc.).

The Action framework, work plan and budget are presented in Annex I, II and III are issued together with the Decision.

III. DURATION AND LOCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT

The project will be implemented over a twelve (12) year period, starting in 2009 and finishing in 2020 and is expected to target about 6.000 communes and villages frequently affected by disasters in the country.

IV. TOTAL INVESTMENT

The total investment fund requested for the Project is about 988, 7 billion VND that will be allocated to the Components as follows:

- § Component 1: strengthening capacity for managing and implementing CBDRM for local officers at all levels and to carry out CBDRM activities: 182,9 billion VND;
 - § Component 2: improving the capacity of the communities in CBDRM: 805,8 billion VND;
- a. Financial mechanism:
- With the total investment fund for the Project implementation, the estimated fund is expected (identified) from the following financial sources:
- § State Budget: 546, 9 billion VND (55%)
 - § Fund from residents: 45,322 billion VND (5%)
 - § Grants (ODA fund) from other Governments and international organizations: 395, 48 (40%).

- b. Phases of implementation and investment:

- § Phase I (2009-2010): 75,4 billion VND
- § Phase II (2011 – 2015): 366,4 billion VND
- § Phase III (2016 – 2020): 546,9 billion VND.

Article 2: Organization for the project implementation

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control will be the focal points for the implementation the Project and be responsible for:
 - § Identifying objectives, approving contents, calculate necessary budge and proposing solutions for annual and every five-year implementation; collaborating with the Ministry of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of Finance for fund preparation, proposing the fund allocation for ministries, line agencies, provinces, and cities to be submitted to the Prime Minister for approval;
 - § Guiding, checking and supporting the project implementation; acting as the national focal point to contact international organizations relating to this field;
 - § Based on the portfolio of action plans of the provinces and cities, reviewing, developing detailed action plans, identifying priorities and assigning the implementation responsibilities for ministries, line agencies and to the local authorities;
 - § Conducting inspections and monitoring (checking) the project implementation in the localities; undertaking an annual preliminary review and evaluation for learning lessons.
2. The Ministry of Planning and Investment: takes the lead and works in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, for balancing and managing the investment from the State Budget and looking for other funding sources to effectively carry out the project.
3. The Ministry of Education and Training: works in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control, to prepare teaching materials that integrates natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation into subjects to be taught at primary level and in high schools as parts of formal curricular or as extracurricular learning activities.
4. Other line Ministries and sectors: according to their respective roles and responsibilities, collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control, the Provincial People’s Committee to implement the Project well.
5. Provinces and cities directly under the authority of the Central level:
 - § Develop and implement the respective project plans for their localities;
 - § Organize the implementation of the related activities approved in the Project proposal;
 - § Ensure the effective utilization of the project funds in accordance with the project objectives, implement anti-corruption measures and ensure that that there is no loss of the Project funds;
 - § Be proactive in mobilizing more resources and integrating with those related activities of other programmes implemented locally to achieve the objectives of the Project;
 - § Prepare locations for the Project implementation; report periodically on the achievement progress of (implementing) the objectives and tasks, in the areas of provinces and cities.
6. Socio-political organizations, Civil societies, the private sector and people:
 - § Activities to raise the community awareness and to implement CBDRM activities are the cause of the whole society. During the process of making policies, organizing and carrying

out the Project's activities, apart from the State's investment, it is essential to encourage the engagement of the socio-political organizations civil societies, the private sector and people.

Article 3: This decision takes effect from the date of signing.

Article 4: Ministers, heads of ministry-level agencies, Directors of governmental departments and Chairmen of People's Committees of provinces and cities under the Central are responsible for executing this decision.

For the PRIME MINISTER
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

(Signed and Stamped)

Hoang Trung Hai

Recipients:

- *Prime Minister*
- *Deputy Prime Ministers*
- *Ministries, Line agencies, Governmental Departments*
- *People's Committees of provinces and cities under the Central*
- *Central Government Office and Party committees*
- *President's Office*
- *National Assembly Office*
- *The Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee*
- *Central agencies of mass organizations;*
- *Government office: Chairman, Deputy Chairmen, government website, departments, affiliate units, officials gazette*
- *Filing*