10 Challenges and Way Forward

Mymensingh Strategic Development Planning (MSDP) by design is a very ambitious project which would prepare a module for mainstreaming disaster risk preventive measures into comprehensive land use development planning and management. The implementation responsibility is mainly assigned to UDD where the role of CDMP will be to provide financial, monitoring, technical and advisory support.

After the signing of MoU between CDMP-II and UDD on 21st of March, 2011, the project is now running seven months of its journey. It has been accomplishing its activities according to the approved schedule. It was very unfortunate that at the end of financial year 2010-2011, the Director of UDD, the main decision maker on project financial matter, has been changed by the Government. UDD has waited long for its head of the department and in the mean time, this financial year (June, 2011) was end. But, the project officials successfully completed pending procurement works according to the programme. The vital part of any planning project depends on the Physical feature survey of the entire project area. This part will be conducted by CDMP-II, and it is important for UDD to get close collaboration with the survey team and their method. It is advisable from UDD to use Photogrammetric method which uses satellite/aerial stereo images to create Digital Elevation Model and make geospatial database more effectively. The use of digital aerial images would be more advantageous for all maps and image production especially for Digital vector data and Orthophoto generation.

From the experiences of the Reconnaissance Survey at Mymensingh, it was felt to re-organize the agreed working-schedule, planning method and at the same time the costing of the project. The revised costing of the each item has submitted in this report in the chapter-06, named, "Changes Proposed to be made in the financial Agreement". It is hoped by UDD that authority of the CDMP-II will be kind enough to provide approval of the revised budget for the successful achievement of the project. The revised time-frame and phasing to accomplish the work are summarized in the table -10.1 below:

Table -10.1 Revised Time Frames to accomplish the work.

After the completion of each activity, UDD will provide a complete report to CDMP-II following the target date.

No.	Activities	Expected Date	Revised Expected Date	Remarks	Present Status
		of Deliverables	of Deliverables		Status
01.	Signing MoU with CDMP	21 March2011	21 March 2011	Bi-lateral agreement has been signed between CDMP and UDD at the presence of the Honorable Ministers of MOFDM and MOHPW	Done (21 March 2011)
02.	Activities and budget finalized and agreement signed	28 March 2011	12 April 2011	Finalization of financial and work plan schedule	Done (12 April 2011)
03	Submission of Inception report	5 June 2011	22 September 2011	Collection of Mouza map, selection of both consulting firm and individual consultant, PRA Session 01 which is going on.	Done (22 September
04.	Completion of Socio-Economic Survey Work and Digitization of Mouza Map	8 September 2011	17 April, 2012	Raw socio-economic data collection and completion of Mouza map digitization, PRA Session 02, Workshop 01	On Going
05.	Completion of socio-economic survey Report and Mouza database	24 January 2012	24 June, 2012	Finalization of socio-economic survey report and completion of Mouza map database (both spatial and attribute), PRA Session 03, Workshop 02, Planning Workshop 01	Pending
06.	Starting of planning phases	01 January, 2012	4 September, 2011	Rent of house, car, hiring of consultants, Other relevant survey works, PRA session, Discussion on working papers, Planning workshops, Recruitment of consultants etc., Planning workshop 02	Pending
07.	Completion of Planning phase	16 August, 2012 And 18 August 2012	13January 2013	Finalization of Final Structure Plan & Draft Urban Area Plan, Action Area Plan, Disaster and Planning Interface Report, and Planning workshop 03	Pending
08.	Finalization of Composite Planning document, Public hearing,	28 /10/ 2012 1 /11/ 2012, 30/11/ 2012 30/12/ 2012	16 April, 2013	Finalization of Composite planning documents, starting of Public Hearing	Pending
09.	Report Printing, Inauguration of Web Page and National Seminar	31/01/ 2013, 2 /02/ 2013, 10/02/ 2013	4 September, 2013	Printing of Planning Documents, WEB design, National Seminar and WEB Page inauguration	Pending