Executive Summary:

According to the MoU, it is agreed to prepare a module for mainstreaming disaster risk preventive measures into comprehensive Land Use development planning and management, and as a result, one pilot project has been conceptualized by CDMP-II & UDD. The area of collaboration has been chosen to prepare an integrated development plan covering Structure Plan, Urban/Rural Area Plan and Action Area Plans, Disaster Management Plan and subsequent training module for Mymensingh (Municipality) Strategic Development Planning (MSDP) Area by including disaster (both natural and man-made) risk reduction. This "Inception Report" is the first step of the proposed module.

This report documents in details the activities undertaken and achievements made during this April-September 2011 period. It is composed of ten chapters. First two chapters deal with the background and the out-comes of agreement between CDMP-II and UDD. Chapter three basically deals with logic behind the delineation of the project boundary and its possible planning stages. The achievements of the project since its inception have been detailed out in the chapter four. Project governance, its accountability, possible changes into the financial agreement and sub-sequence working schedule have been elaborated in chapter five, chapter six and chapter seven. The vital factor of this project, the "Planning Methodology" which will act as the key for successful implementation of MSDP has been explained in detailed in chapter eight. For the successful completion of MSDP, it is a pre-requisite to engaged all together thirteen individual consultants in this project from CDMP-II part. The terms of references for those consultants have been explained in chapter nine. Chapter ten describes the future challenges and possible ways to over-come the constraints.

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