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DECISION

APPROVING THE SCHEME ON IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY-BASED MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL DISASTER RISKS

THE PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the December 25, 2001 Law on Organization of the Government;
Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decision No. 172/2007/QD-TTg of November 16, 2007, approving and issuing the national strategy on natural disaster prevention, combat and mitigation till 2020;
At the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development who is also Head of the Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Prevention and Control,

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To approve the Scheme on improvement of community awareness and community-based management of natural disaster risks, with the following principal contents:

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

Overall objectives:

To improve community awareness and apply effective models of community-based management of natural disaster risks at all levels and in all sectors, especially among administrations and people of villages and communes, in order to minimize human and property losses, restrict the deterioration of natural resources, the environment and cultural heritages caused by natural disasters, contributing to ensuring national sustainable development, defense and security.

Specific objectives:

- To perfect mechanisms and policies on community-based management of natural disaster risks from central to local levels.

- To improve capacity of local administration officials who are directly involved in natural disaster prevention and combat, ensuring that by 2020 100% of these officials will be trained to improve their capacity and knowledge on natural disaster prevention, combat and mitigation.

- All villages and communes in areas highly prone to natural disasters to have disaster prevention plans, information and communication systems, core forces specializing in natural disaster
mitigation, and a contingent of volunteers to guide and assist people in natural disaster prevention, combat and mitigation.

+ To disseminate knowledge about flood and storm prevention and control and natural disaster mitigation to 70% of population in communes in natural disaster-frequented areas.
+ To include knowledge on natural disaster prevention and mitigation in general schools' curricula.

II. TASKS AND SCALE OF THE SCHEME

To ensure synchronism and maximize investment effectiveness, the Scheme consists of two closely interrelated components, including:

a/ Component 1: Improving capacity of administration officials at all levels to manage and carry out community-based natural disaster management activities.

This component aims at ensuring that 100% of officials at all levels who are directly involved in community-based natural disaster management be trained to improve their community-based natural disaster management capacity and skills. It covers the following activities:
- Formulating legal documents, unifying the management, and guiding and carrying out community-based natural disaster management activities at all levels and in communities.


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