

The World Bank mission visited Andhra Pradesh and Odisha between 30th November and 5th December, 2009 . the two states under Phase I of the proposed Adaptable Program Loan (APL) and held further discussions in Delhi with NDMA, NIDM and DEA. Based on the discussions and review of the project documentation, the mission concluded that the proposed project (NCRMP) meets the quality and readiness criteria for launching the implementation of Phase I to be implemented between 2010 and 2015. Technical discussions on the project documents were held between 16th to 18th February, 2010. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) of Govt. of India considered the NCRMP on 7.4.2010 and decided to recommend for approval by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. The final negotiations for the project were held between GOI, the two states of A.P. and Odisha and World Bank on 17.5.2010.

The Board of Executive Directors of the International Development Association (IDA) approved to fund NCRMP Phase I at a total cost of US \$ 319 million with the Bank contribution of US \$ 255 million at its meeting held on 22.6.2010. The full Planning Commission under the chairmanship of the Hon^{ble} Prime Minister approved the project as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 8.11.2010.

Other World Missions:

Second Implementation Support Mission from 9th to 13th April, 2012: The 2nd Project Implementation Support Mission of The World Bank visited the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha from 9th April, 2012 to 13th April, 2012 to assess the current status of implementation and identify appropriate actions for gearing up the implementation of the Project. The main observations of the Mission are as under:

After almost two years of implementation, overall progress is behind schedule. Further :

i) Component A has yet to begin, which is vital for achieving the Project Development Objectives.

ii) In Component B, only about 20% of the contracts have been awarded and

iii) In Component C, on the vulnerability assessment, which is of critical importance to this project, procurement still needs to be initiated. Although actual expenditures have reached a level of about US \$ 10 million there has been no disbursement till date. As a result the rating on implementation progress has been changed to ~~Moderately unsatisfactory~~

Third Implementation Support Mission from 19th to 23rd November, 2012: The World Bank Mission visited the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha from 19th to 23rd November, 2012, to review the status of implementation of NCRMP. The observations of the Mission are as under: After more than two years of implementation the overall progress is slow and behind schedule

(i) Component A (early warning system) is yet to take off;

(ii) Component B (risk mitigation infrastructure) only about 35% of the contracts have been awarded; and

(iii) Component C (technical studies) the important study of Vulnerability Assessment is yet to be awarded. Actual expenditures is only US \$ 26 million mainly on account of expenditure under Component B. They have observed that the project needs to start disbursing at a much higher rate to meet its development objective of reducing the vulnerability of coastal communities to cyclones and other hydro-meteorological disasters, within the project period. As a result, both the progress on meeting project development objectives and the implementation progress rating have been rated as ~~Moderately Satisfactory~~. The Mid Term Appraisal of the Project is due in April-May, 2013 where the up to date achievement under the Project will be reviewed.

Mid Term Review Mission during April 22- May 3, 2013

The World Bank Mission visited the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha during **April 22- May 3, 2013**, to undertake Mid-term Review of the NCRMP-1 and to help resolve issues that are impacting implementation progress. The observations of the Mission are as under:

(i) Component A (early warning system) is yet to take off;

(ii) Component B (risk mitigation infrastructure) 80% of contract with contract award value of about 57% have been awarded.

Odisha has awarded all of its multi-purpose cyclone shelters (MPCS) and road contracts while Andhra Pradesh still has quite a few MPCS, roads and bridges contracts that are at tendering stage. The progress on award of saline embankments work is on schedule in Odisha. In Andhra Pradesh, however, the Kruthivenu embankment project is still under preparation. A decision to retain or drop this work from the project will need to be taken in the near future. **(iii) Component C** (technical studies)

(a) Vulnerability Assessment Study: The important study of Vulnerability Assessment is under award negotiation. The technical bids are under evaluation and final contract award is expected by July, 2013

(b) Capacity Building and Strategic Study already stand awarded in August 2012 and work is in progress.

(c) Post Disaster Needs Assessment Study - NIDM has issued the RFP and the consultant is expected to be on board by mid June, 2013.

(iv) Component D (Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation (BME) Study: Technical evaluation is under way and consultant will be on board by 30.06.2013.