

Community-Based Disaster Preparedness Program in Aceh Province, Indonesia: A Case of Meuraxa Sub-District, Banda Aceh City, Aceh Province, Indonesia

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Abstract:

The lack of knowledge on the disaster preparedness in the community is one of the main causes of the higher victims on the last massive tsunami 2004 in Aceh Province, Indonesia. Therefore, community-based disaster preparedness is crucial especially for the vulnerable community as observed in Meuraxa sub-district, Banda Aceh City, Indonesia. The main objective of the present program is to improve skill and knowledge of villagers on the earthquake and tsunami evacuation drill management. The program was divided into two stages i.e. facilitator training for trainer and community evacuation drill. This paper presented the community based disaster preparedness program in Meuraxa sub-district, Banda Aceh City, Indonesia as a model for community-based disaster risk reduction program especially for Aceh Province and Indonesia in general.