



LEVEL OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DISASTER RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

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ABSTRACT

Globally, natural disasters have been a significant cause of death for humankind. The casualties are becoming increasingly severe due to the adverse effects of climate change. In fact, on average, natural disasters account for tens of thousands of deaths each year. The Philippines, situated at the epicenter of a typhoon belt and on the edge of two major tectonic plates, is among the most vulnerable to natural disasters worldwide. In this regard, effective disaster response and recovery are crucial, requiring the active participation of various societal segments, including the youth, who may contribute meaningfully to disaster response efforts. Thus, this study aims to assess the level of youth involvement in disaster response activities, identify key factors influencing their participation, and identify problems they encountered in involving the youth in such activities. Furthermore, it employs a descriptive quantitative method for data analysis and presentation, as well as stratified random sampling to identify the study's participants.

Furthermore, the findings revealed that while youth have a high awareness of the disaster response activities of the Local Government Unit (LGU), they often need to put this awareness into practice, with the majority of respondents showing minimal involvement in

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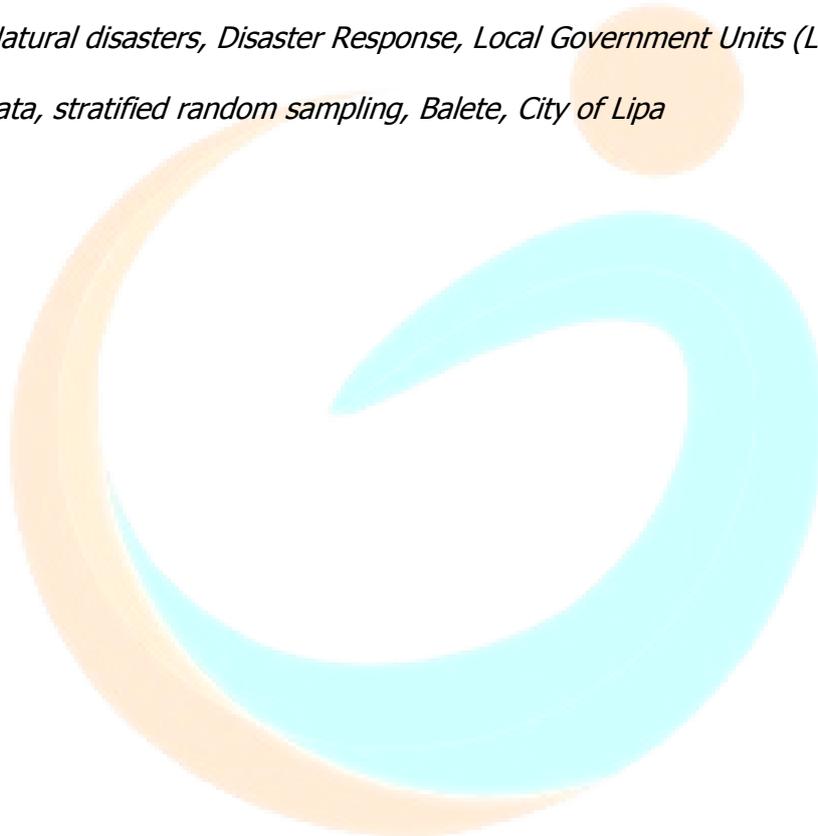
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these identified activities. Similarly, it rejects the hypotheses regarding the relationship between the problem of youth involvement and the extent of their involvement in disaster response activities.

Consequently, the research urges policymakers, educators, and stakeholders to prioritize youth empowerment programs and engage them in disaster risk reduction efforts.

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