



# Mitigation of Natural Disasters as Efforts to Minimize Unwanted Impacts in Baleendah Sub-District, Bandung Regency, Indonesia

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## Abstract

Flood disaster is a natural event, one of which is caused by overflowing rivers. This disaster often occurs in the Majalaya area, Bandung Regency. Geographical conditions close to the Citarum River flow and the plains lower than the surrounding area causes this area to be flooded especially during the rainy season. Through the Community Service Program with the topic "training and simulation of natural disaster mitigation as an effort to minimize unwanted impacts in Majalaya sub-district" aims to increase the knowledge of the surrounding community regarding the impact of flood disasters and efforts to reduce the impact through mitigation efforts. This activity is aimed at 8th graders of SMP Negeri 1 Majalaya by using the presentation method using WhatsApp group media. This activity begins with giving questionnaire I which functions as a pre-test and ends with questionnaire II which functions as a post-test. The questionnaire was given at the beginning and at the end to see to what extent the material gave influence and new knowledge to students of SMP Negeri 1 Majalaya. The results of the questionnaire show that prior to counseling on flood disaster mitigation, the sample was categorized as having good knowledge of 87% and having poor knowledge of 13%. After counseling about flood disaster mitigation using power point media and games there was an increase in knowledge, the sample with good knowledge was 98% and those with poor knowledge were 2%. Based on the results of the pre-test and post-test, this activity proved successful in increasing the knowledge of SMP Negeri 1 Majalaya regarding flood mitigation.

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## 1. Introduction

The issue of natural disasters has always been hotly discussed, both in developed and developing countries including Indonesia. Natural disasters that occur can be in the form of floods, drought, landslides, tsunamis, earthquakes, and storms (Kusumastuti et al., 2014; Pascapurnama et al., 2018; Viverita et al., 2014). In Indonesia, the incidence of natural disasters continues to increase from year to year. West Java Province is one of the regions in Indonesia in third place, prone to natural disasters. This is based on data from the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) for the last five years (2015 /

D 2020). Based on data from BNPB, in the first place is Central Java province with 2,646 incidents, then in second place East Java with 1,592 events and for West Java there are 1,184 events. On the other hand, the topography of West Java province, which is hilly and filled with tropical rainforests, is decreasing due to land clearing and forest fires, which has the potential to produce landslides, floods and tornadoes. The consequences of these natural disasters clearly provide huge losses from a socio-economic perspective (Sattler et al., 2018; Pramono et al., 2020; Wardani and Muntohar, 2013; Mardiasmo and Barnes, 2015).

Natural disasters are a problem both in big cities and in villages. Natural disasters that occur can have a large impact on human life, in the form of damage to settlements, casualties and socio-economic impacts (Seyle et al., 2013; Rindrasih et al., 2018; Ginantra et al., 2021). In the village area, especially in Baleendah District, is one of the areas that is directly affected by natural disasters such as floods. As a result of natural disasters experienced by the local community, it has caused new problems such as damage to housing, health problems and others (Pratama and Sumitra, 2020; Kumala Dewi and Dartanto, 2019; Kurniawan et al., 2021).

To minimize the impact of natural disasters, it is necessary to provide understanding to the government and local communities regarding disaster mitigation and management (Yulianto et al., 2021; Kurniasari et al., 2019; Rush, 2018). Disaster management can be done from pre-disaster such as when a disaster does not occur with disaster risk reduction activities, disaster management planning, prevention, education and training. In situations where there is a potential for disaster, the activities carried out include early warning, disaster mitigation and preparedness, then during a disaster or disaster preparedness such as emergency response or evacuation for flood victims and emergency assistance. The last one is post-disaster such as carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation (Efendi et al., 2019; Pascapurnama et al., 2016).

Therefore, we as academics intend to socialize about disaster mitigation and management through the PPM program. Materials that will be given to PPM activities related to disaster mitigation and management. This material will be given in workshop sessions to both the community and junior high school students.

## **2. Materials and Methods**

### **2.1. Materials**

The data used in this study are primary data obtained from students of SMPN 1 Majalaya in Majalaya District, Bandung Regency, Indonesia. The data were obtained from questionnaires given to students before and after being given the material workshop. The questionnaire was given regarding students' understanding of natural disaster mitigation according to the workshop topic.

### **2.2. Methods**

The method used in this PPM is a Practical Qualitative method which means that the results of intra-campus research can be applied directly to the community practically. The understanding given is more to qualitative approaches such as discussion, consultation and joint evaluation. However, the discussion session in SMP gave a little quantitative explanation about disaster mitigation and management. The implementation of workshop activities to minimize the impact of disasters is carried out through WhatsApp group media related to the existence of school regulations in the network, by tuning the stages of activities as follows:

- a) Conduct field observations
- b) Arrangement of licenses to the related sub-district and junior high school offices in Majalaya District, Bandung Regency and requests to involve students in the implementation of activities.
- c) Implementation of activities by providing online workshop materials:
  - Disaster contributing factors, both natural and human activities
  - Impact of natural disasters from a socio-economic perspective
  - Effective disaster management strategy

- Evaluation of discussion results.

### 3. Results and Discussion

This section discusses the results of the analysis obtained from the questionnaire given to students of SMPN 1 Majalaya. From the results of the questionnaire given to students, the results are in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Sample Knowledge Value Data

No	Name	Class	<i>pre test</i>			<i>post test</i>		
			Correct	Wrong	Score	Correct	Wrong	Score
1	Alykha Reystu Halisha	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
2	Angga Ramadan	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
3	Azmi Hanan Habibah	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
4	Bunga Ayu Lestari	8A	6	4	60	8	2	80
5	Deni Kurnia Sandi	8A	5	5	50	6	4	60
6	Dinar Aura Brilian	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
7	Dinar Gina Hasanah	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
8	Dirly Muhammad Rizky	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
9	Faishal Ahmad Fauzi	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
10	Fajar Ikhsan Akbar	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
11	Kafka Adzelia Fanesha	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
12	Karin Izati	8A	9	1	90	9	1	90
13	Kirania Putri Nurhastya	8A	5	5	50	5	5	50
14	Lisda Luthfia Azahra	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
15	Mariam Anisa Sya'ban	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
16	Mellysa Nindia Zahrani	8A	6	4	60	6	4	60
17	Mochamad Raihan Kusnawan	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
18	Muhamad Rafly Framudya	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
19	Muhammad Irfan Nurrohman	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
20	Naisya Januarizqi	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
21	Nazwa Mauladina	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
22	Neng Nadia Sri Mulyani	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
23	Nurizqi Sumarni	8A	8	2	80	9	1	90
24	Rahma Anggelia	8A	5	5	50	7	3	70
25	Regi Nurdiansah	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
26	Reihan Alfarisshi	8A	5	5	50	7	3	70
27	Rendi Fadilah Kusnandar	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
28	Renren Sintya	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
29	Rifa Rizqulloh	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
30	Riffa Anugrah Muttaqin	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
31	Rinaldi Danurwenda	8A	8	2	80	9	1	90
32	Riska Aprilianti	8A	8	2	80	9	1	90

33	Rivaldi Saputra	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
34	Siti Haenah Ardi	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
35	Siti Kein Kiranty	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
36	Soni Noviansyah	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
37	Syamsul Fabio Taufik	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
38	Syauki Azkia Utama	8A	8	2	80	8	2	80
39	Taufik Jamil	8A	7	3	70	7	3	70
40	Trisha Alifvia Zahra	8A	6	4	60	6	4	60
41	Viona Herliana	8A	9	1	90	9	1	90
42	Zahra Haifa	8A	7	3	70	8	2	80
43	Khavya Rizkyan Ip	8B	4	6	40	6	4	60
44	Natasya Daffa Nabila	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
45	Meyfaaf	8B	8	2	80	9	1	90
46	Ferisa Reza Risanti	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
47	Ristry Atrianti Sagita	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
48	Tiara Aqila Zahra	8B	6	4	60	6	4	60
49	Maura Fasha Khairunnisa	8B	9	1	90	8	2	80
50	Cintami	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
51	Neng Jihan	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
52	Savira Prazendie	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
53	Arya Putra Pribadi	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
54	Farah Diva	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
55	Rovi W Mahawardhani	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
56	Adli Alghifari	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
57	Hesti Ramandhani	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
58	Neng Jihan Fertia Somantri	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
59	Senia Maulidya Rahayu	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
60	Jovinca T	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
61	Gishella Felicia	8B	6	4	60	6	4	60
62	Angga Saputra	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
63	Khairu Hilal A	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
64	Sri Siti Patimah	8B	8	2	80	9	1	90
65	M Zaldi Adenia	8B	5	5	50	7	3	70
66	Roni	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
67	Dicky Dwi Darmawan	8B	5	5	50	7	3	70
68	Silvani Rahayu	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
69	Novia Maharani	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70
70	Taufik Hidayat Ar	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
71	Ihsan A	8B	8	2	80	8	2	80
72	Nazwa Putri M	8B	8	2	80	9	1	90
73	Claresya Syarah Maudy Z	8B	6	4	60	6	4	60
74	Rovi W Mahawardhani	8B	9	1	90	9	1	90

75	Pashasukmakencana	8B	7	3	70	8	2	80
76	Arul Muhamad Kurniawan	8B	4	6	40	6	4	60
77	Koswara	8B	7	3	70	7	3	70

The average distribution of students' knowledge about natural disaster mitigation both before and after being given exposure using power point media can be seen in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Average Value of Sample Knowledge Before and After Socialization

Mean	<i>Pre-test</i>	<i>Post test</i>
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The frequency distribution of students' knowledge about disaster mitigation both before and after given an explanation using power point media can be seen in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Frequency Distribution of Sample Knowledge Before and After Socialization Using Power Point Media

Knowledge	<i>Pre-test</i>		<i>Post test</i>	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Good</b>	67	87%	76	98%
<b>Not good</b>	10	13%	1	2%
<b>Total</b>	77	100%	77	100%

The results of this study can be categorized as good if the sample has a value greater than or equal to 60 and it is not good if the sample has a value less than 60. Based on the calculation of the results of the pretest conducted, before the socialization there were 67 or about 87% had good knowledge and as many as 10 or about 13% have poor knowledge. However, after the socialization was carried out, according to the calculation of the post-test results, those who had good knowledge increased to as much as 76 or around 98%, while those who had poor knowledge were 1 or about 2%.

In the natural disaster mitigation socialization program from an early age at SMP Negeri 1 Majalaya, Majalaya District, Bandung Regency, West Java, the implementers of the activity who are members of the research working group and together with field supervisors conduct socialization using power point media. This activity is expected to have a positive impact on the students of SMP Negeri 1 Majalaya both in the short and long term.

#### 4. Conclusion

Based on the exposure to the results carried out with the indicators shown, students' knowledge has increased regarding natural disaster mitigation efforts. This is indicated by the percentage of students' knowledge before being given the material from 87%, an increase after being given an understanding of natural disaster mitigation to 98%. Increasing students' insights about natural disaster mitigation, in the long term students are ready to respond to disasters so that the impact of disasters can be minimized.

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