Involvement of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction

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About our Organization

• Established in 2014.

• Focus: the fulfilment of the right of persons with disabilities.
Aceh is a disaster-prone region of Indonesia that is particularly afflicted by tsunami and earthquake.

Persons with disabilities are often excluded from emergency registration system.

People with disabilities are often not involved in disaster response activities.

Lack of awareness of the stakeholders to pay attention to the importance of people with disabilities involvement in the planning and implementation of socialization and disaster risk reduction initiatives.
Innovative Aspects

• Ensuring persons with disabilities to actively involve in all stages of the disaster risk reduction process.

• From 2015 until October 2017, three disaster evacuation simulations for a tsunami, an earthquake, and a volcanic eruption were organized.

• 81 facilities in Aceh have been tested for the feasibility to provide accessible shelters in an emergency.
The impact of inclusive risk reduction activities in Aceh

1. The increase of capacity and knowledge of people with disabilities in understanding the disaster risk reduction.

2. Positive policy changes in government organizations and private agencies:
   • Commitment of local government.
   • The implementation of two new policies based on Articles 9 and 11 of the CRPD.
   • Disability issues become the concern of media and communities in Aceh.
We can save ourselves if we have a chance to learn

“I used to give up to escape from any disaster because I thought it only leads to a higher risk as I would hit anything in front of me. After attending the workshop held by FKM BKA, finally I understand where and how to evacuate myself. Now my neighbors also have began to accept me to be included in society and the government promised that there will be a provided assistance for the people with special needs in the refugee camp.”
Financing issues and challenges

Financing Issues:
• Limited amount of fund
• All FKM-BKA staffs are volunteer.

Challenges:
• The low acceptance of people with disabilities by society.
• The problem in the implementation of the new policy regarding fulfillment of the rights of people with disabilities.
What are we going to do next?

Ensuring the regional development planning implementation will include the rights and needs of people with disabilities in the aspects that have to be considered.

Increasing activities related to the empowerment of person with disabilities.

Enhancing the cooperation with local and international organization.
THANK YOU

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