

The Involvement of Community Organizations in Disaster Management in Indonesia: A Study on the Role of Muhammadiyah Disaster Management Center

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Abstract

Indonesia is a prone to natural and non-natural hazards due to its geographical position and the plurality of its population. Both the government and private sectors play significant roles to mitigate these hazards. Community organizations are also involved, including Muhammadiyah, one of the moderate Islamic organizations. This research aims to examine the involvement of Muhammadiyah through the Disaster Management Institute, known as the Muhammadiyah Disaster Management Center (MDMC), which was specially established to overcome hazards. Furthermore, it involves a juridical scientific procedure to determine facts based on scientific logic from the normative perspective. The results showed that Muhammadiyah through MDMC performed significantly well in optimizing disaster management networks. These include both internal Muhammadiyah networks as well as external networks with the Government, foreign donors, NGOs, and other humanitarian organizations. According to the findings of this study, Muhammadiyah's involvement and responsibility through MDMC in coping with natural hazards significantly addresses the issues associated with hazard events. It can also serve as an example for other local governments and organizations. Experts have applied disaster theory in numerous natural and non-natural management crises both inside and outside of Indonesia using the Muhammadiyah paradigm.

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