



The Practice of Crisis and Disasters Risk Management in Covid-19 Times: Empirical Evidence from Saudi Arabia

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Abstract

All countries all over the world strive to fight the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and their governments are facing unprecedented strains and challenges. Since COVID19 has engendered socioeconomic recession and the deterioration of health systems, Insights and lessons from some countries can illustrate various approaches designing their people-centric health and socioeconomic policies. The kingdom of Saudi Arabia has implemented various measures and strategies to mitigate the spread of pandemic and to save the lives of people. Therefore, we investigate the role of the Saudi Disaster Risk Reduction System (DRRS) to fight the virus outbreak and provide a safe environment the well-being of its inhabitants. We use a qualitative case study methodology to document and analyze the Crisis and Disasters Risk Management framework within the hazard management process. The case study methodology is suitable in investigating a phenomenon in its real- life settings and contexts. Thus, we outline lessons learned from Saudi disaster risk management experience in combating COVID-19 pandemic.

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