

COLLECTIVE MEMORIES OF WEST-SUMATRAN EARTHQUAKE AND THEIR RELATION TO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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Abstract

Indonesia's geographical conditions are in the high earthquake-prone that requires a serious effort in disaster mitigation, so that the losses inflicted disasters both physically and psychologically can be minimized. This study aims to find out the positive aspects of experiencing traumatic event in community that experienced natural disasters, in which with these memories help the community become more resilient. In this study, interview conducted after Padang earthquake (West Sumatra) on September 2009. The participants were 7 adults, whom experiencing the event directly. Interview conducted in Indonesian or Minang language. The approach was narrative, asked participants to tell their story of the disaster and how the disaster has changed their community. Analysis was performed with a qualitative approach. From the interviews conducted, the finding obtained is the theme of narrative given by participants can be grouped into two categories; the strategy of evacuation and things that minimize the impact.

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