

**A Critical Analysis of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Policies
in the Health Sector in the Philippines and Indonesia
From 2004 - 2013: in Compliance with WHO Recommendation
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Abstract

Introduction

Both the Philippines and Indonesia are prone to emergencies and disasters. This study focused on the DRRM policies in the health sector in both countries to critically analyze the policies in use. In order to accomplish this objective, the present study was guided by the following questions: (1) How do the DRRM policies in the health sector of the Philippines and Indonesia comply with international DRRM standards set by the WHO using the 6 building blocks of health system as a framework?; (2) What are the similarities and differences?; and (3) What are the good practices on the DRRM policies in the health sector of both countries?

Method

A critical review of the literature and key documents was conducted in Manila, the Philippines in July – August 2013. Techniques used for information retrieval were mainly internet-based searches using different databases based on search terms.

Result

Both countries have extensive, complete and comprehensive DRRM policies in the health sector in compliance with WHO recommendation under 6 building blocks of health system. The similarities and difference of policies have been underlined and good practices from both countries have been recognized mostly in information system areas.

Conclusion

Both countries have formulated extensive and comprehensive DRRM policies in the health sector. Further study could be conducted to assess actual implementation of the existing policies.