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ABSTRACT

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This study concentrated on assessing the community disaster preparedness in barangay Lumbac, Buadiposo-Buntong, Lanao del Sur and determining the level of preparedness of Barangay Lumbac in relation to the RA 10121 and the status of the members of the local government unit of the barangay. The nature of this study is a descriptive research design and quantitative data collection method to come up with the implication of the study. The respondents of this study were all the household heads in barangay Lumbac, Buadiposo Buntong, Lanao del Sur as well as the members of the barangay disaster risk reduction and management committee (BDRRMC) in the barangay. The findings of the study shows that the earned points on the preparedness in the rating survey, a total of 6/30 points or 20% earned in the actual status. According to the given points, 6 points was referring to defective. It means that the preparedness of the members of the barangay disaster risk reduction and management committee was defective. Also, in determining the level of preparedness of the household heads, 52 out of 59 household heads responded and most of them are female (69%). Furthermore, the result of the survey in measuring the level of disaster preparedness of the residents in barangay Lumbac is that in terms of the risk assessment, overall, it was calculated as "3.57, somewhat prepared". For the emergency plan, it was calculated as a 3.69, "somewhat prepared". "1.94, slightly prepared" for the warning system, "3.58, somewhat prepared" for search and rescue, "1.80, slightly prepared" for the infrastructure and "3.26, moderately prepared" for the education. Overall, the total of all calculated totals on every table is "2.97, moderately prepared". The level of preparedness of the household heads in the barangay was moderately prepared.

The study concluded that the status of disaster preparedness of the local government unit of the barangay was defective since they lack in the barangay disaster risk reduction and management equipment, and facilities like the barangay disaster risk reduction and management (BDRRM) Office. Regarding to the level of preparedness of the household heads, it was measured as moderately prepared when there is a disaster. They are somewhat prepared in terms of the risk assessment, emergency plan, and search and rescue while they are slightly prepared in terms of warning system and infrastructure.

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