



Knowing public's Perspectives on Implementation of Disaster Risk Assessments in Quetta, Balochistan

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Abstract—The natural destructive occurrences such as flow of debris, typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and famines have happened to be having far reaching impacts due to their unimaginable nature. As there are 1.4 and more devastating shakes on this planet each year and above 4 thousand each day. Nonetheless, this particular paper attempts to know public's perspective on disasters risk assessments implementations in Quetta district of Balochistan and also to see if there is any correlation between respondents' education and their opinions. For knowing it, the study took simple random size of 193 respondents whose perspectives were assessed via a questionnaire containing dichotomous questions "YES" or "NO". The study's results revealed that majority of people are interested to fully participate in disasters risks assessments implementations programs and lay stress on that government and non-government institutions must get public involved in similar activities. Among other challenges one of the most noticeable challenges is communication between institutions and communities, as general public particularly people with low educational level fail to understand the essence of disasters risk assessment implementations and then they are the people who commonly resist implementation plans and cause trouble to NGOs and to other governmental institution. Hence, public education is indispensable in case of disasters risk assessments implementations and therefore; it is highly recommended that NGOs and government sectors must carry out programs for the purpose of educating public regarding risks and disaster management plans which can help public identify vulnerable sites before any development.

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