

**TOWARDS COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM
A Model Case: Localizing Disaster Simulation and Response Drills through
Iza!Kaeru Caravan in Yogyakarta-Indonesia**

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SUMMARY

Indonesia has been ranked at 4th for the World most disaster events occurred country recently, from Tsunami at Sumatra, earthquakes at various places, and Mount Eruption at the World most active vulcan—the Mount Merapi in Java last year. Indonesia has experiences to manage the post disaster activities—from Emergency stage (survive at basic), Transitional stage (strive to normality), as well as Rehabilitation stage (reconstruction of live post disaster). However, almost all Disaster Management Cycles end up at “Rehabilitation Stage.” The post disaster management and policy, is often neglected the important stage following up the rehabilitation one, that is, “Disaster preparedness or Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)” Stage. The lack of references and practices within the community and lack of supports (government, donors, etc), is main issues why the such demand is not well developed. Three strategies should take into account to cope with the issues: (1) Learning from other country Program (to introduce references on DRR), (2) Localizing the Program (to Create Sense of Belonging and relevance), (3) Sustaining the program (by giving trust & role to community to manage). A program related to Disaster Risk Reduction focussing on children, family, and community, has been introduced and developed in Yogyakarta city since 2008. A process from introducing original foreign program so called *Iza!Kaeru Caravan* (IKC-Japan) to a localized program known as *Inisiatif Kanca Cilik* (IKC-Indonesia) is one of models in sharing experience between Japan and Indonesia on the DRR program for community.