



## THE RELATIONSHIP OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES TO STUDENTS' PREPAREDNESS IN THE FACE OF DISASTER AND THE ROLE OF NURSES IN PREPAREDNESS

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Infrastructure and facilities is an important aspect of disaster management especially in areas with high Tsunami potential such as Mentawai Islands. One of the groups which are vulnerable to Tsunami is students. This vulnerability is due to the low preparedness of *Sekolah Siaga Bencana* (School-Based Disaster Preparedness, abbreviated as SBB) students in disaster risk reduction. **Objective:** This study aims to analyze the relationship of infrastructure and facilities to the preparedness of SSB students in disaster risk reduction especially tsunami. **Methods:** This study is a quantitative research conducted by using a correlative-analytic observational design and cross-sectional approach with a sample of 109 students taken from 5th and 6th grader in 3 *Sekolah Dasar Negeri* (Elementary School or SDN) namely SDN 13, SDN 16 and SDN 17 in Sipora District, Mentawai Islands. **Result:** There is a significant relationship between infrastructure-facilities and the preparedness of SBB students towards the reduction of Tsunami risk with the value of ( $p = 0.000$ ) and  $r = 0.98$ . **Conclusion:** Infrastructure and facilities have a significant relationship with the preparedness of SBB students so that it can inhibit the reduction of tsunami risk in Sipora District, Mentawai Islands.

**KEYWORDS:** Infrastructure and facilities, Preparedness, Disaster Risk Reduction.

### INTRODUCTION

Tsunami in Indonesia has occurred since 1861. It is estimated that Tsunami has occurred about 62 times in Indonesia from 1861 to 2014. Almost 90% of it happened due to tectonic earthquake activity while the other 9% is due to volcanic activity and 1% is due to landslides.<sup>[1]</sup> Mentawai is one of the areas in Indonesia which has a very high Tsunami potential. This is because the coastline of the area is long and is located in the active subduction zone namely Sunda Megathrust that has high earthquake intensity that can cause Tsunami.<sup>[2]</sup>

Besides Tsunami incident in Aceh, 2004 which resulted in severe damage and heavy casualties, Tsunami also occurred in Mentawai Islands in 2010. These two events should be a lesson for the whole community and government. Tsunami in Mentawai Islands caused many damage and fatalities. It is estimated that there were 509 deaths, five people injured, 21 people missing, and 2553

people displaced. There was also a damage in the residential areas and public facilities. Roads, bridges, 7 worship areas, and 6 schools were severely damaged that the loss amounted to 348,92 billion rupiahs.<sup>[3]</sup>

The damage to infrastructure and facilities can lead to the interruption of community and socio-economic activities. Therefore, in the effort of disaster risk reduction, an infrastructure reconstruction must be integrated.<sup>[4]</sup> so that the damage can be minimized. An adequate infrastructure in a school building that is resistant to earthquake and Tsunami is a feasible step in disaster risk reduction. According to Rachmalia *et al.*,<sup>[5]</sup> the efforts that can be made in disaster risk reduction is to increase one's preparedness which is part of disaster management. To build such a culture, it requires innovative, economic, logical, human-oriented, and needs-oriented interventions.<sup>[6]</sup> One of the stakeholders responsible to build this culture is school because of its

strategic role in developing one's preparedness especially disaster preparedness for students.<sup>[7]</sup> Students are a strategic tool to disseminate information among communities and a source of knowledge in improving preparedness.<sup>[8]</sup>

Various efforts have been made in disaster risk reduction such as in the form of *Sekolah Siaga Bencana* (School-Based Disaster Preparedness or SSB). The establishment of SSB is based on the Hyogo Framework 2005-2015 supported with World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which states that there are 3 pillars in Comprehensive School Safety such as; safe school facilities, effective management of school disaster and disaster risk reduction, as well as resilience education (HSEM, 2014).<sup>[9]</sup> According to CDE,<sup>[10]</sup> in disaster risk management, SSB must have disaster management planning (before, during, and after the disaster), logistics availability, security, and comfort in education, infrastructure and facilities, emergency systems supported by knowledge and capability of disaster alert, fixed procedures, and early warning systems.

Some studies have said that SSB is proven to increase the disaster preparedness of students. Adiyoso and Kanegae<sup>[11]</sup> stated that schools that have implemented the concept of SSB have a better preparation than schools that have not implemented the concept of SSB either in terms of knowledge, perceptions of risk, awareness, attitudes, and behavior. However, different findings are found in the study of Lesmana & Purborini<sup>[12]</sup> which believed that the level of preparedness in SSB is still very poor in terms of knowledge, attitude, and actions undertaken by SSB in disaster risk reduction. Supported by the research from LIPI-UN/ISDR<sup>[13]</sup> in Aceh Besar, Bengkulu, and Padang, it is written that the level of school preparedness is lower than the society and government with the index value of 40 (under-prepared). The results could illustrate the condition of school preparedness in Mentawai Islands which is part of West Sumatra Province. Compared to Kota Padang, the infrastructure is still inadequate in every aspect of the resource such as school buildings made with materials that are not resilient to earthquakes and Tsunamis as well as the unavailability of a shelter and a good evacuation path to evacuate students whenever a disaster might occur. School is a public space that has a high vulnerability to disaster.<sup>[10]</sup>

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research is a quantitative research carried out by using observational analysis with cross-sectional approach. The setting of the study was in 3 elementary schools, namely SDN 13, SDN 16, SDN 17 of which location was areas prone to tsunami disaster in mentawai island, Indonesia. This study has been carried out on 9 January to 1 February 2018. The population was 150 student elementary school in 3 elementary school SSB in mentawai island and the number of sample in the study was 109 students in SSB is taken from grade 5 and 6 in 3

Elementary Schools with purposive sampling technique. The instruments used were questionnaires was modified by researcher from LIPI & UN/ISDR (2006), Amri, A (2015), Tuladhar, G, et al (2014) and Ocal, A, et al (2011) and have been tested for validity and then the data was brought to be analyzed with univariat and bivariate technique with gamma correlation test. The study was examined and approved by health research ethics committee of Andalas University Padang (Number 016/KEP/FK/2018). There were two types of analysis, univariat and bivariat. the univariat analysis was conducted to identify characteristic of the respondent, while bivariat analysis was conducted to describe relationship between infrastructure and facilities with SSB students preparedness deal with tsunami disaster using gamma correlation test with significant level ( $\alpha$ ) = 0,005.

## RESULTS

The general characteristics of respondents are age, gender, training experience, infrastructure and facilities, and preparedness which can be seen as follows:

**Table 1: Respondent distribution based on student age in SSB.**

Variables	N	%	Mean	SD	Min-Max
Age	109	100	11,68	744	10-13

Source: Primary Data (2018)

Based on table 1, it can be seen that from 109 respondents, the average age is 11.68 years with a standard deviation of 744. The youngest age is known to be 10 and the oldest age is 13.

**Table 2: Respondent distribution based on sex and training experience.**

Category	Amount	Percentage (%)
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	50	45.9
Female	59	54.1
Total	109	100
<b>Training Experience</b>		
Never	80	73.4
One time	26	23.9
Two or more	3	2.8
Total	109	100

Source: Primary Data (2018)

Based on Table 2, the proportion of sex was dominated by female as many as 59 people (54.1%) and male as many as 50 people (45%). Meanwhile, if viewed from the training experience, more than half of the students never had a training in concern to disaster alert (73.4%).

**Table 3: Respondent distribution based on infrastructure-facilities and preparedness.**

Variable	Amount	Percentage (%)
<b>Infrastructure and facilities</b>		
Poor	72	66.1
Good	37	33.9
Total	109	100
<b>Preparedness</b>		
Unready	65	59.6
Ready	44	40.4
Total	109	100

Source: Primary Data (2018)

In table 3 above, we can see the data on infrastructure-facilities and preparedness towards disaster. The results from the univariate analysis showed that 109 respondents said that the infrastructure and facilities in disaster risk reduction still very less and is equal to (66.1%). Overall, the preparedness of SSB students on Tsunami risk reduction in Sipora District, Mentawai Islands is still poorly prepared (59.6%).

**Table 4: The results from bivariate analysis of gamma correlation in the relationship between infrastructure-facilities and the preparedness of SSB students in Tsunami risk reduction.**

The Preparedness of SSB Students						
	Less		Ready		(r)	p-value
Infrastructure-facilities	N	(%)	N	(%)		
Poor	63	87.5	9	12.5	0.98	0.000
Good	2	5.4	35	94.6		
Total	65	59.6	44	40.4		

Source: Primary Data (2018)

From table 4 above, the correlation value of infrastructure-facilities on the preparedness of SSB students towards Tsunami can be known. In the variable of infrastructure-facilities, the value of  $p$  0.000 is less than alpha (5%). This indicates that there is a significant relationship between infrastructure facilities with SSB students' preparedness. The correlation value of 0.98 shows a positive correlation in a very strong correlation strength.

## DISCUSSION

### Infrastructure and Facilities towards the Preparedness of SSB Students in Tsunami Risk Reduction

Based on the result of the analysis, it is found that the variable of infrastructure and facilities have a significant relationship with the preparedness of SSB students in disaster risk reduction. The significance value (0.000) is known to be less than alpha (5%) with a correlation value of 0.98. This shows a positive correlation with a very strong correlation strength.

The results of this study are supported by the research from Susanti *et al.*,<sup>[14]</sup> conducted in one of the SSB communities in Banda Aceh. The research stated that infrastructure facilities have a close relationship to the preparedness of SSB students in Banda Aceh. Moreover, Alhamda<sup>[15]</sup> who examined the preparedness of red-zone primary schools in facing earthquake and Tsunami in Koto Tangah, Padang found that the lack of infrastructure and facilities preparedness led to the lack of student's preparedness in facing earthquake and Tsunami.

The lack of infrastructure and facilities become the biggest obstacle to the preparedness of SSB students in Sipora District, Mentawai Islands. The facilities are found to be very minimal which can be seen from the unavailability of books related to disaster, a map of disaster-risk areas, radio communication, evacuation direction, and early warning system. Besides that, the school is still built with heavy materials so that it can be harmful if such disaster occurs. This can certainly cause the preparedness of SBB students to be low.

According to LIPI-UNESCO/UNISDR,<sup>[13]</sup> SSB should have a safe and disaster-friendly construction. This already set out in government regulation in the implementation of disaster management number 21 of 2008 article number 20 stating that in concern to the existence of construction arrangements, the construction of infrastructure and building arrangements shall apply the technical standards established by authorized agencies/institutions. This is certainly applicable to build safe and standardized school buildings.

The focus of SBB is structural and nonstructural development in schools. In this context, structural activities are the development of earthquake-resistant building, the improvement of school facilities in sanitation, the provision of laboratory equipment, the implementation of disaster campaigns, and the provision of evacuation signs and shelter facilities. Meanwhile, nonstructural efforts include developing school emergency planning, establishing standard operating procedures (SOPs) during disasters, training for teachers, developing the topic of disaster into school subjects, and mobilizing school resources during a disaster.<sup>[11]</sup>

Although the process of learning and teaching is mostly done by using lectures, there must be an innovation or other methods such as workshops, field visits, disaster simulation, and laboratory-based activities. Other important activities also integrated as disaster themes in school extracurricular by which it should be supported by adequate infrastructure.<sup>[16]</sup> Ministry of Culture and Education-UNICEF<sup>[17]</sup> has explained that the school committee is established as an independent institution to improve the service quality of the school by giving consideration, personnel, infrastructure, and supervision in disaster risk reduction. However, in practice, there are many obstacles and challenges in implementing such issues as resources (funding, personnel, and facilities) so that the efforts to integrate disaster risk reduction into education systems (i.e safe construction of school buildings, training for teacher and student, disaster simulation, inviting experts to the school, and the development of school management) are inhibited.<sup>[18]</sup>

The absence of funds from the government in the efforts of disaster risk reduction is an obstacle for SSB in Sipora District to integrate and implement the concept optimally. Up to this time, SSB only gets encouragement from an external organization that is ASB NGOs to integrate such SSB concept. The assistance from external parties is certainly not forever. Thus, government or the Ministry of Education should be aware of it so that there are efforts for the sustainability of SSB in disaster risk reduction, especially in the improvement of school infrastructure. It is important to analyze the safety of the schools in a comprehensive manner even though students have been taught how to save themselves. However, the safety of students will not be secured if the school building it self is not resilience to disaster.<sup>[8]</sup>

There are many challenges in realizing the standardized construction of the school, among others, are the inadequate infrastructure in red-zone areas, the lack of responsibility, and the lack of clear accountability mechanisms. This is being complicated again by the political independence and the limited allocation of resources which often conflicted with other purposes. Political problems, infrastructure availability, technical capacity, resource availability, and project scale are aspects that can affect disaster risk reduction so that there must be an approach to that matter.<sup>[19]</sup> Funding is an important resource in disaster management; financial policies and clear procedures will enable the availability of good infrastructure so that the efforts of disaster risk reduction can be implemented.<sup>[20]</sup>

The lack of infrastructure owned by SSB in Sipora District should be the concern of the local government. From the observation of the researchers, it is found that there is only one school that has posters related to disaster risk reduction. Whereas, those three schools are located in the central government of Mentawai Islands. One teacher also believes that a long-term reconstruction should focus on restoring the damaged infrastructure and

finding an alternative rather than just focusing on the improvements of the existing facilities.

Schools with facilities and personnel to respond emergency situations will greatly support the community in disaster risk and prevention analysis. In addition to being a place of education, schools can play a deeper role to build an awareness of hazard and disaster mitigation for both community and family. With such skills and knowledge, trained teachers and students will be able to assist social, emotional, psychological, and family needs in the post-disaster incident.<sup>[21]</sup> To support students' ability to respond and recover from disasters, it must be supported by adequate infrastructure and comprehensive preparedness.<sup>[22]</sup>

Even though some of the infrastructure and facilities are available such as gathering point and evacuation routes from mosque, canteen, and classroom, there are still many shortages which must be repaired and added in the effort of disaster risk reduction. The schools are also known to not have evacuation route and map while it is very needed by students to build such alert attitude and behavior especially when a disaster happened and in panic condition.<sup>[23]</sup>

The unavailability of vehicles and special lanes for the mobilization of students will be an obstacle. Given the fact that SDN 13 is very close to the waterfront, it has a very high risk to be affected by Tsunami. Therefore, the functions and responsibilities of schools and students in emergency situations become an important point in disaster reduction risk so that competent human resources is very needed.<sup>[18]</sup>

School infrastructure and facilities is a key component that can contribute to achieve better quality education, to provide a sense of security, and to improve student preparedness. It should be consistent with improved and advanced teacher training, education, special educational needs, as well as science, technology, and other infrastructure. The quality of infrastructure depends on the human, financial resources, and capacity available to each institution in managing the construction project. In Sipora District, Mentawai Islands, all of the three schools have not received special assistance from the government in improving the infrastructure for disaster reduction risk. Assistance is only obtained from non-governmental organizations or ASB NGOs in the form of increased knowledge of students and teachers. It is also found that the schools have not obtained other facilities. Therefore, infrastructure and facilities in the education sector should also be the center of attention in government policy.<sup>[24]</sup>

Early warning system (EWS) is not available in those three schools. This should be a concern because EWS is a very important component in disaster risk reduction and is an effort to improve disaster preparedness.<sup>[25]</sup> EWS owned by the schools are only kentongan or bells. Meanwhile, the Local Government of Sipora, Mentawai



Islands already had 8 EWS units even though those cannot function properly. This will certainly affect the students and the public to prepare when a disaster occurs.

According to Sakurai *et al.*,<sup>[8]</sup> one of the most important means of improving student preparedness for disaster risk reduction is by EWS. The early warning system is one the disaster risk reduction efforts to prevent fatalities and reduce economic losses. A comprehensive and effective early warning system consists of four elements: (1) Risk awareness: prior knowledge of risk scenarios that the public may face, (2) Monitoring and warning services: rapid capacity monitoring for risk and reliable decision-making process for early warning, (3) Communication: the dissemination of understandable warnings, preparations, and information to those whose at risk, and (4) Responsiveness: knowledge of ability and readiness to act by all chain of information.<sup>[26]</sup> The nature of early warning is to use an empirical database and existing knowledge base to assess the probability of an emergency. A failure in one part of the chain could damage the overall system. This is due to the fact that the warning system has a strong connection between these four elements.<sup>[26-27]</sup>

While comprehensive DRR initiatives are not limited to infrastructure alone, they should include many things, such as representatives of the knowledge flow, engineering, structural, and physical organization<sup>[28]</sup>; in addition, in the integration of DRR, health workers also have an important role in the disaster before and after the disaster. According to International Council Nurse (ICN) there is a strategic role of nurses in disaster handling, especially in disaster areas. This role is organized into 4 fields namely; competence, preparedness, capability and competence. In improving preparedness, nurses may contribute to the domains of preparedness education such as maintaining relational knowledge with disaster areas within the school environment, conducting disaster related training and implementing preparedness activities as part of multidisciplinary groups. Yet all stakeholder roles still can not be used properly in Mentawai, thus requires the enhancement of the role relationships of each stakeholder in disaster management. This is particularly important for developing countries such as Indonesia where the ability of communities to implement DRR itself is very limited.

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

There is a significant relationship between infrastructure-facilities and the preparedness of SSB students in disaster risk reduction in Sipora District, Mentawai Islands.

*Sekolah Siaga Bencana* (School-Based Disaster Preparedness or SSB) should be the foundation for school-based disaster risk reduction efforts. SBB will not work if there is no cooperation between stakeholders. It needs adequate infrastructure, financial support, as well

as support from all stakeholders to build student preparedness.

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