A Study of Networking and Utilization of Resources for Long Term Care Service Institutions in Flood Disaster Affected Communities in Taiwan

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Background: Taiwan has experienced a series of national level community development policies and movements since 1960s. While more and more community people were mobilized to involve in all kinds of community activates and services, the capacity of community organization still need to be built when facing a disaster situation. While it is crucial for community based long term care service institutions to have local networking and supporting during the time typhoon and floods, these institutions were not well supported by their communities. This research targeted community based long term care institutions to look into how they were affected by flood caused from heavy rain after typhoon, and why were they not supported by their community.

Methods: This research used multi methods to investigate and look for the strength and weakness of the respective institutions in terms of their connections with the communities. Results: We will present our results of second year results. In the first year of our research, we found that not every community based long term care institutions are supported by their own community due to the vulnerability of communities themselves, and also because the institutions are looked as for profit, which should manage their own business. In our second year research, we will focus on governments role in setting up standard so that the institutions can follow and upgrade their resilience toward disaster such as flood. This paper will also present when local communities are not able to help them, how the networking of institutions can relieve the burden of the affected ones.

Important for social work and social development: This research will show why the importance of collaborations of government, institutions and local communities are important when in the face of a natural disaster.

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