SYSTEMATIC EDUCATION; A KEY TO DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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Are you sure that you have an excellent level of safety as of today? In case that you have stricken by a disaster, are you prepared? Do you know what are the things that you should do when you are caught in between? What kind of safety and where it happens? To make it simple, let us talk the level of safety that we have here in our country today and are the Filipinos ready when it comes to disaster preparedness?

As the Philippines are located at the Pacific Ring of Fire and Typhoon Belt, we must expect that our country is prone to different kind of disasters. Aside from that, we should always remember that disaster can happen anytime, anywhere and can take its toll to anyone. By the way, what is a disaster? According to R.A. 10121, that disaster is a serious disruption of the functioning of a community that involves widespread in both human, and environmental losses and impacts, which affects the ability of community to cope using its own resources.

In common word, hazard is any act or condition which may be a threat to the safety of life, health, property or public welfare. Hazard is not only when an actual danger is at issue, just a condition or act which can be considered to be “DANGEROUS” to life, health, property or public welfare qualified by the word “MAY” is suffice to be classified as HAZARD.
Disaster only happens when people exposed to specific hazard failed to cope with the challenges such hazard posed resulting in the serious disruption of their normal living conditions.

Considering the given definition, it is therefore valid to conclude that disasters are not natural, This means all disasters are man-made due to their inability to prevent the adverse effect posted by certain hazard whether it is man-made such as epidemic, fire or civil disturbance or natural, like typhoons, earthquake, and tsunami and similar hazards caused by natural phenomenon.

There are different disaster causing hazards, the man-made and natural hazard. Examples of man-made hazard are explosion, pollution, epidemic, civil disturbance, chemical spill, etc. And natural hazards, typhoon, landslide, volcanic eruptions, storm surge, tsunamis, earthquake, etc.

And all of us are aware that all of this different disaster happens in our country and it is always happening.

And it is not enough that in times of disasters we will always depend on the help coming from our own government and the help from other country.

And how are we going to reduce this disaster risk? What is Disaster Risk Reduction? It is a systematic approach to identifying, assessing and reducing the risks of disaster. It aims to lessen the socio-economic vulnerabilities to disaster and deals with the environmental and other hazards that trigger them.

Solution? SYSTEMATIC EDUCATION.
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