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## **Introductory Message**

This Self-Learning Module (SLM) is prepared so that you, our dear learners, can continue your studies and learn while at home. Activities, questions, directions, exercises, and discussions are carefully stated for you to understand each lesson.

Each SLM is composed of different parts. Each part shall guide you step-bystep as you discover and understand the lesson prepared for you.

Pre-tests are provided to measure your prior knowledge on lessons in each SLM. This will tell you if you need to proceed on completing this module or if you need to ask your facilitator or your teacher's assistance for better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each module, you need to answer the post-test to self-check your learning. Answer keys are provided for each activity and test. We trust that you will be honest in using these.

In addition to the material in the main text, Notes to the Teacher are also provided to our facilitators and parents for strategies and reminders on how they can best help you on your home-based learning.

Please use this module with care. Do not put unnecessary marks on any part of this SLM. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises and tests. And read the instructions carefully before performing each task.

If you have any questions in using this SLM or any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator.

Thank you.



## What I Need to Know

In this module, the learner will be able to determine why there are sectors of the society that are more vulnerable and be able to explain the factors that made these sectors susceptible to risk and hazards. This will further teach the learner how to turn a very vulnerable sector to a less vulnerable one by managing or reducing exposure to hazard and risk. Aside from reducing exposure to hazard and risk, in this module the learner will be able to understand that adaptability to the disaster is also a major factor in lessening the vulnerability of the sector since disaster is hardly prevented

The Module is intended to equip you with knowledge in certain sectors of society that are more vulnerable to disasters.

After going through this module, you are expected to:

- 1. explain why some sectors are more vulnerable to disaster than others;
- 2. describe how different sectors find ways on how to lessen vulnerability of the community;
- 3. discuss how population density and capacity to mitigate and rehabilitate could affect the level of vulnerability of the different sectors;
- 4. deliver possible solutions in making the different sectors of the community to become less vulnerable;
- 5. recognize the importance of knowing one's capacity and population density in community mitigation and rehabilitation.



### What I Know

## Choose the letter of the best answer. Write the chosen letter on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. It refers to a serious disruption of the functioning community and losses in human life, material, economic and environmental.
  - a. disaster
  - b. disaster risk
  - c. hazard
  - d. vulnerability
- 2. What situation has the CAPACITY to bring damages to lives, properties and the environment?
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  - b. hazard
  - c. risk
  - d. vulnerability
- 3. You currently live in a condominium. There is a super typhoon and the power went off due to damaged electric posts, but they have a generator, so the power supply is immediately restored. All of the following are the reasons why you are less vulnerable than other people living in city EXCEPT\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. human activities affect the intensity of the typhoon
  - b. availability of services during times of natural disaster
  - c. ability to anticipate, respond, and adapt to current situation
  - d. presence of facilities that can be used to respond immediately when needed
- 4. Factors affecting vulnerability are the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. building codes and policies
  - b. population density
  - c. occurrence of natural hazards
  - d. location of the community
- 5. On what situation will you consider a major earthquake as a non-disastrous one?
  - a. when it happens in a faraway country
  - b. when it happens to less than 1000 people
  - c. when it happens to less than 10,000 people
  - d. when it happens in an area without any people

- 6. Which of the following concepts DOES NOT fall under vulnerability?
  - a. exposure
  - b. susceptibility
  - c. lack of coping capacities
  - d. absence of adaptive capacities
- 7. All the following can increase the level of vulnerability EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. very populated areas/community
  - b. insufficient fund for relief operations
  - c. inadequate facilities for immediate disaster response
  - d. community provides accessible services and facilities for response
- 8. Philippines is now less vulnerable to typhoon because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. our country is not heavily populated
  - b. local Government Units cannot provide adequate evacuation centers
  - c. our country has sufficient budget to augment the loses in livelihood
  - d. our government already acquired technology that can predict super typhoon
- 9. Increased human population can sometimes result to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. lowered risk
  - b. less exposure
  - c. decreased hazard
  - d. increased vulnerability
- 10. During the initial stage of a typhoon that causes disaster, almost all surface means of transportation within the community are disrupted by broken bridges, roads, and streets that are rendered impassable by landslides or floods. The restricted mobility of vehicles makes rescue and other emergency operations doubly difficult. What is this impact/ effect of disaster?
  - a. economic impact
  - b. social and political impact
  - c. damage to critical facilities
  - d. disruption of transportation
  - 11. What could be the possible reason why urban region is more vulnerable to COVID-19 than the rural region?
    - a. Urban region has more population than rural region.
    - b. Rural region has more population than urban region.
    - c. Rural region has higher population density than urban region.
    - d. Urban region has higher population density than rural region.

- 12. Why is it that Japan is less vulnerable to COVID-19 pandemic than other Asian countries?
  - a. They have more population.
  - b. They have less population density.
  - c. They have the capacity to do mass testing.
  - d. They can provide sufficient numbers of PPE.
- 13. NCR has very high population density making it more vulnerable to any hazard like what happened during the lockdown where all members of the family have no choice but to stay in a very small living space. To lessen the population density of NCR, the government proposed the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Libreng Hatid Probinsya
  - b. Gulayan sa Bakuran Program
  - c. Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program
  - d. Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act
- 14. Population density means\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. number of households in an area in relation to the size of an area
  - b. number of individuals living in an area in relation to the size of an area
  - c. number of individuals inhabiting in a particular space at the same time
  - d. number of households inhabiting in a particular space at the same time
- 15. The following factors can affect the level of vulnerability EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. capabilities of the authorities
  - b. human population
  - c. human population density
  - d. level of awareness of the community

# LessonSectors of Society's1Vulnerability to Disaster

This lesson explains why some sectors are more vulnerable to exposure to hazard and most likely to suffer greater disaster impact than others. It will also be discussed how different sectors find ways on how to lessen vulnerability of the community and how it adapts after the disaster.



**Direction:** Compare and Contrast the images below and answer the questions that follow.

Part I.







- 1. List down 3 differences between the 2 images presented.
- 2. Which image shows higher vulnerability of transmissible infectious diseases?

3.	Give	explanation why the	identified	differences m	akes it	vulnerable and
	not	vulnerable	to	infect	ious	diseases.

#### Part II.



Image 1

Image 2

- 1. Which image shows higher level of vulnerability during typhoon?
- 2. List 3 possible reasons why the chosen image in item 1 question has a higher level of vulnerability on the given scenario.
- 3. Which image portrays better capabilities to response during times of disaster? Explain why.





**Direction:** Recall the exits and entrances of your previous school. Answer the following questions based on your observation.

- 1. Are there exits allotted for emergency escape plan? How many?
- 2. Are those exits passable and void of blocking hazards?

- 3. Are the gates working and can be easily opened in case of emergency?
- 4. Are these exits known to the students?

5. Are the number of exits sufficient so that all the students can get out in time during emergency?

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- 6. Do you practice emergency escape thru drills? Are there designated areas for the students to go to so that the teachers will be able to check if there are missing students?
- 7. Do you think your school is highly capable of making sure of the safety of their learners? Explain why.
- 8. What do you think are the possible factors considered by the DRRM coordinator of your school in preparing your school in times of emergency?



Level of vulnerability of an area or community can be assessed base on different factors. These factors can affect one another or can lead to other factors.

#### Factors affecting vulnerability of one's community:

#### 1. Population density near a hazard event.

- Population differs from population density.
- Population refers to the number of individuals inhabiting in a particular space at the same time. If people are well distributed, there is lesser effect of disaster.
- Population density refers to the number of individuals living in an area in relation to the size of an area. If population density is high, it means that the number of individuals is high but the space is very small. In that case, if fire broke in that area, there is little space for the population to escape quickly and easily. So, crowded communities have higher vulnerability to hazards.
- The primary consideration is not the population size but the population density.

#### 2. Capacity and efficiency to reduce Disaster Risk.

- Community that is less vulnerable has the capacity to reduce disaster risk because;
  - 1. It can provide accessibility and availability of services and facilities during and after disaster.
  - 2. It has the ability to anticipate, adapt, and respond to possible disaster.
- Is it appropriate to say that The Philippines is less vulnerable to typhoon? Nowadays, our country has advanced technology to predict super typhoon and several municipalities already provided evacuation centers to provide temporary housing for victims when disaster occur.

#### LETS THINK!

Give your thoughts about the recent chaos happened last August 5, 2021 in Las Pinas City where 10,000 estimated unvaccinated people flocked to avail the COVID-19 vaccines.



https://www.rappler.com/nation/chaos-covid-19-vaccination-sites-august-5-2021



## What's More

**Direction:** Identify what factor affects the vulnerability to disaster with the following situations given. Write  $\mathbf{P}$  if it is due to population density and write  $\mathbf{C}$  if it is due to sector's capacity and efficiency to reduce disaster risk. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Tondo community during the total lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic wherein the families are forced to stay inside their houses that are too small for the number of family members.
- 2. Use of drones to disinfect the community in Pasig City to prevent the spread of the COVIDD-19 virus.
- 3. Insufficient number of rubber boats during super typhoon Yolanda in Malabon City wherein large number of residents were stranded on the top of their roof.
- 4. Too many casualties during super typhoon Milenyo in Los Baños due to excessive kaingin practices and illegal settlers in Mt. Makiling.
- 5. The Philippines and Japan are both prone to earthquakes but the latter one is less vulnerable.



## What I Have Learned

**Direction**: Read the questions below and answer carefully.

- 1. After answering the questions in "What's new", what are the possible problems that you were able to identify?
- 2. If you will be assigned as a Student DRRM coordinator, what possible solutions to the problem can you suggest?

3. What possible activities can you suggest to increase the awareness of the learners on how to lessen the vulnerability of your previous school?



**Direction:** Read the given situation then answer the questions that follow. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

You are the barangay captain of Brgy. Canlubang. Your response team is deployed, and you have your radio with you. Reports are streaming-in for assistance and relief goods. Mobile patrols are having a difficult time going around due to lack of accessible barangay roads. At the same time, the barangay is heavily populated so there was a shortage of response vehicles to assist the victims and deliver relief goods to the evacuation area.



- 1. What do you think are the possible problems being faced by Barangay Canlubang? Give three (3) possible problems.
- 2. In this kind of situation, what do you think is the liability of the local officials? National government?
- 3. Suggest three (3) possible solutions based on your identified possible problems.



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Additional Activities

Draw the floor plan of your house and make an emergency escape plan. How will you plan for the escape of all your family members with limited exit points? Make sure that your escape plan is feasible and will prevent stampede.

The rubrics below will be the basis of your score.

CATEGORY	5	3	2	1	SCORE
RELEVANCE	All graphics	All graphics	All	Graphics do	
	are related to	are related	graphics	not relate to	
	the topic and	to the topic	relate to	the topic	
	make it easier	and most	the topic		
	to understand	make it			
		easier to			
		understand			
ORIGINALITY	With	One or two	Graphics	No graphics	
	exceptional	of the	made	made by the	
	degree of	graphics	based on	student are	
	student	reflects	the designs	included	
	creativity in	creativity of	of others		
	their work.	the students			
REQUIRED	Includes	All required	All but 1	Several	
ELEMENTS	required	elements	are	required	
	elements as	are included	included	elements are	
	well as			missing	
	additional				
	information				
ATTRACTIVENESS	The escape	The escape	The escape	The escape	
	plan is	plan is	plan is	plan is	
	exceptionally	attractive in	acceptably	distractingly	
	attractive in	terms of	attractive	messy or	
	terms of	design,	though it	very poorly	
	design, layout	layout and	may be a	designed	
	and neatness	neatness	bit messy		



Answer Key

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