Mitigation and Community Resilience

The community is the first line of resource when disaster strikes. Even when they are most affected, they are the same people to organize and mobilize for relief operations. They may have their own way of mitigating disasters, notable among them are the blowing of the horn, ringing of the church bell, and volunteers running from house to house to warn people of an incoming threat¹.

This underlying knowledge makes it so imperative to have the Community Base Risk Reduction and Community Base Disaster Management approach to transforming passivity and powerlessness of the people into action and resilience¹. With this approach, mitigation of disaster becomes everyone's business without relying on only the central government to solve every problem.

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