

A Study on Raising Tsunami Awareness, Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Among Young People in the Philippines Using Computer Simulation Games

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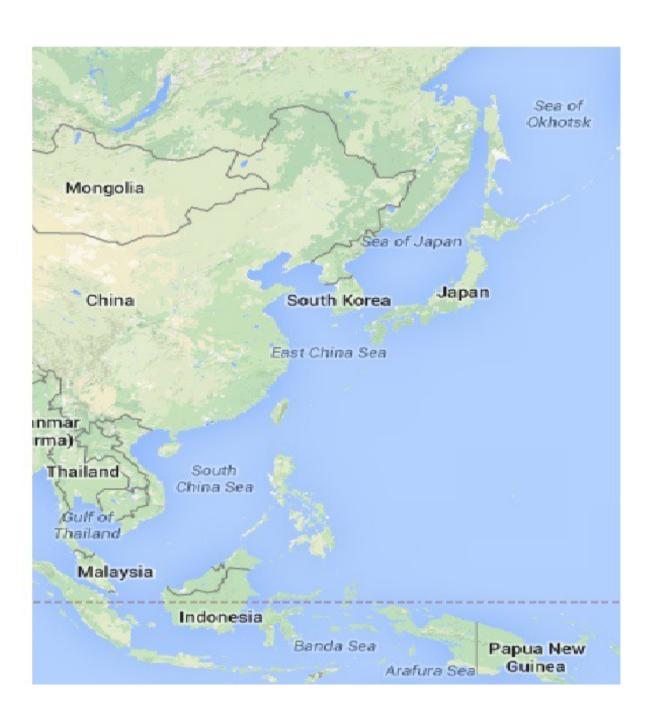
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The **Philippines** is a **hazard-prone** country.

It is situated in the "Pacific Ring of Fire", between two tectonic plates (Eurasian and Pacific), an area encircling the Pacific Ocean where frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity result from the movements of said tectonic plates.

Every year, the Philippines is visited by at least 20 **tropical storms/cyclones.**

For example, **Typhoon Haiyan** (local name, "Yolanda"), touted to be the **strongest typhoon that made landfall in history**, brought extreme damage to the Philippines in terms of lives lost, people injured, and properties damaged in November 2013.

Recent statistics show that worldwide the **Philippines** has one of the **highest number of people affected by natural disasters** and has **one of the highest disaster risk index**.

The country is exposed to a variety of hazards such as **floods**, **earthquakes**, **typhoons**, **storm surges**, **tsunamis**, **volcanic eruptions**, **landslides**, **droughts**, etc.

In a **World Risk Index Study** conducted by the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), the **Philippines ranked 3rd over-all** with a score of 24.32% (**the highest in Asia**).

It received the following marks that contributed to its over-all ranking: **Exposure**, 45 %, **Vulnerability**, 54%, **Susceptibility**, 35%, **Lack of Coping Capacity**, 83%, and **Lack of Adaptive Capacity**, 44%.

Philippines is most disaster-affected country in 2012

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The Philippines topped the list of countries with the highest mortality rate due to natural disasters in 2012.

The Citizens' Disaster Response Center (CDRC), a non-government organization based in the Philippines, cited the records of the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), which showed that 2,360 people were killed due to natural disasters in 2012. Coming in second was China with 771 deaths.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS

The world already is nearly five times as dangerous and disaster prone as it was in the 1970s, because of the increasing risks brought by climate change (according to a news report by the World Meteorological Organization.

The Philippines, as a group of islands in the Pacific, is highly vulnerable to climate change.

Environment Climate change

Eight ways climate change is making the world more dangerous

Disasters including storms, floods and heatwaves have increased fivefold since the 1970s, UN finds



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Philippines - Disaster Statistics

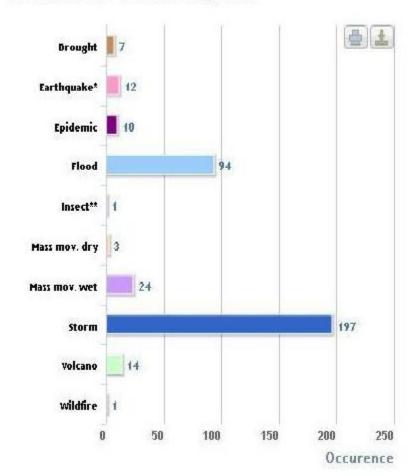
Data related to human and economic losses from disasters that havoccurred between 1980 and 2010.

Natural Disasters from 1980 - 2010

Overview

No of events:	36
No of people killed:	32,95
Average killed per year:	1,06
No of people affected:	116,212,41
Average affected per year:	3,748,78
Economic Damage (US\$ X 1,000):	7,417,14
Economic Damage per year (US\$ X 1,000):	239,26

Natural Disaster Occurence Reported



Average Disaster Per Year

Drought:	
Earthquake*:	
Epidemic:	
Extreme temp:	
Flood:	
Insect infestation:	
Mass mov. dry:	
Mass mov, wet:	
Volcano:	
Storm:	
Wildfire:	

Affected People

Disaster	Date	Affected	(no. of people)
Storm	1990	6,159,569	
Storm	2009	4,901,763	
Storm	2008	4,785,460	
Storm	2009	4,478,491	
Storm	1998	3,902,424	
Storm	2006	3,842,406	
Storm	1988	3,250,208	
Drought	1998	2,600,000	
Storm	2006	2,562,517	
Storm	2000	2,436,256	

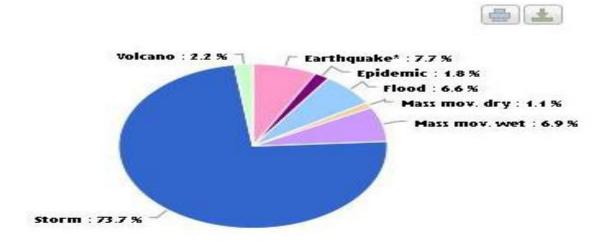
Killed People

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Storm	1991	5,956	
Earthquake*	1990	2,412	
Storm	2004	1,619	
Storm	1984	1,399	
Storm	2006	1,399	
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Storm	1984	1,079	
Storm	1987	882	
Storm	1995	882	
Storm	2008	644	

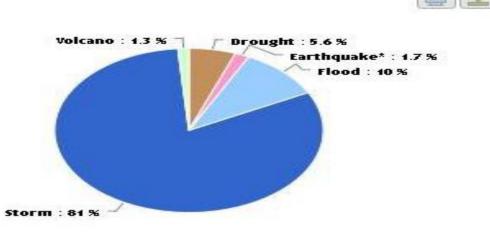
Economic Damages

Disaster	Date	Cost	(US\$ X 1,000)
Flood	1995	700,300	
Storm	2009	585,379	
Storm	1990	388,500	
Earthquake*	1990	369,600	110
Storm	2008	284,694	
Storm	2010	275,745	
Storm	1995	244,000	
Storm	1988	240,500	
Storm	2009	237,489	
Storm	1984	216,700	

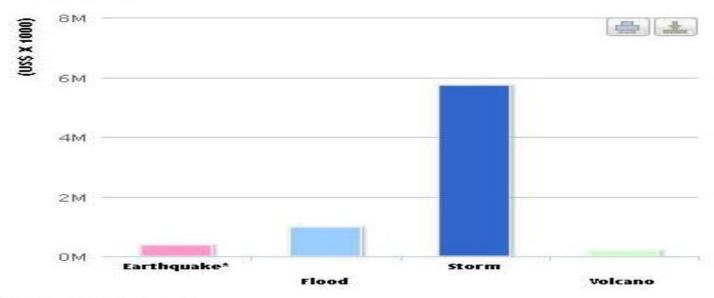
Percentage of reported people killed by disaster type



Percentage of reported people affected by disaster type



Estimated economic damages reported by disaster type (US\$ X 1,000)



*: Including tsunami

More information and data on: www.emdat.be/

Source of data: "EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database, Universits catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Bel."
Data version: v11.08

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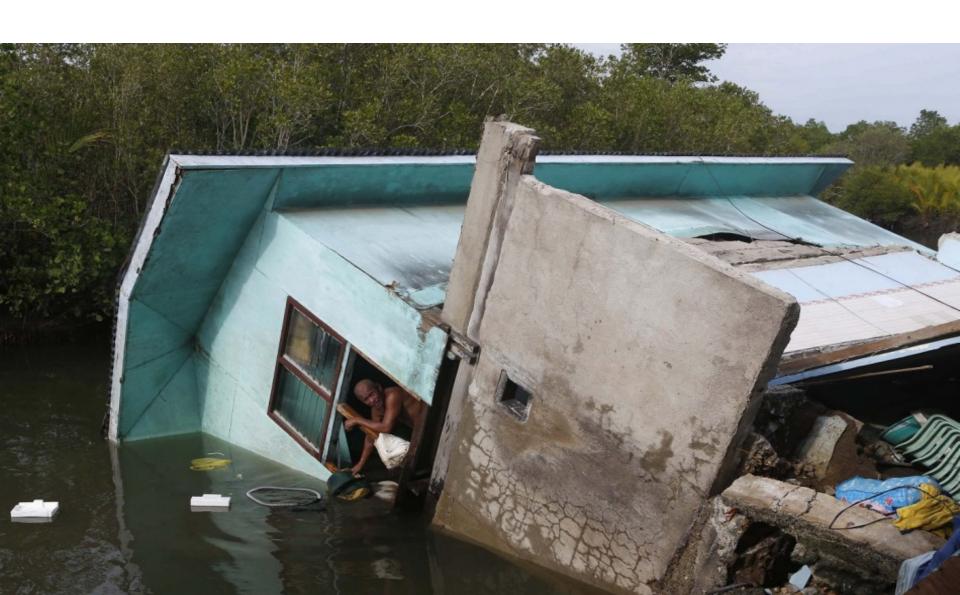




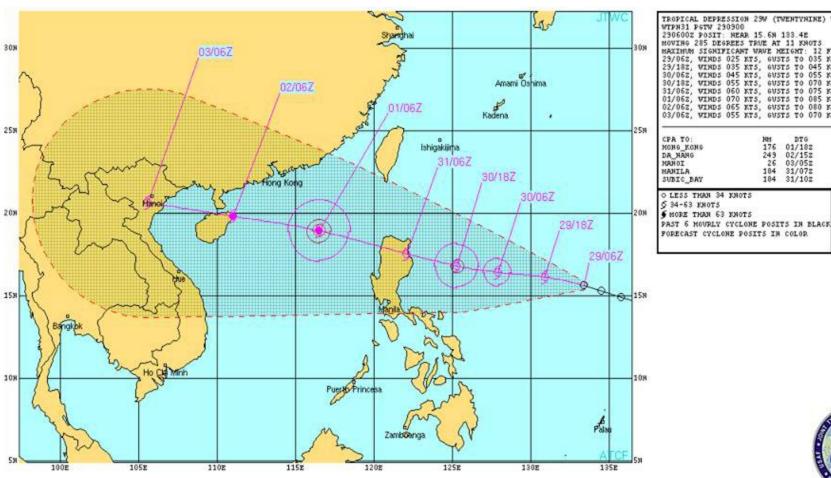








Typhoon



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#DisasterWatchPH (10/17/14). Casualties due to natural disasters in 2013.



Natural disasters killed over 22,000 in 2013; Yolanda deadliest

GENEVA - Natural disasters claimed over 22,000 lives last year, with Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Philippines the deadliest of all, the Red Cross said...

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Flood



Flood

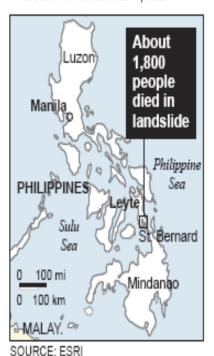


Landslide

Farming village engulfed by mudslide

Only a few jumbles of corrugated steel sheeting indicate that Guinsaugon on Leyte island ever existed after Friday's massive

mudslide. Officials estimate the death toll at about 1,800.







Volcano Eruption





NGO: Citizens' Disaster Response Center (CDRC)



CDRC

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Number of earthquake casualties now 171
The number of people killed due to a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Central...



7.2 magnitude quake leaves more than 100 people dead A 7.2 magnitude

earthquake that struck Central Visayas on October 15, Tuesday at...



Santi causes P2.9 B in agricultural damages
Typhoon Santi (international name Nari), which entered the Philippine Area of

Responsibility...



entries to 2013 ABKD
poster making contest
The Citizens' Disaster
Response Center (CDRC)
is once again staging its
annual...



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Response Network
vows to step-up CCA
efforts in DRR
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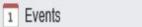




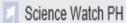




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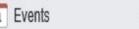


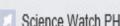


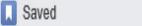




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Founded in 1984, the Citizens Disaster Response Center (CDRC) is a non-government and non-profit organization that pioneered and continues to promote community-based disaster management in the Philippines.

Its **mission** is to assist the **vulnerable sectors** to comprehensively respond to disaster situations and addresses the root causes of their vulnerabilities.

CDRC believes that education is a strategic measure to reduce the negative impact of natural hazards.

It also strives to promote a culture of preparedness and prevention by supporting the mainstreaming of education of disaster risk reduction.

CDRC also engages thousands of volunteers all over the Philippines and abroad in support of community-based disaster management.

One of the seminars it conducts is an orientation seminar for volunteers.

The orientation seminar includes the following: disaster overview, basic principles of community-based disaster management, and engaging activities such sorting and classifying donated clothes for relief and rehabilitation.

Since many of the CDRC volunteers are students and young professionals, we introduced recently the topic "Information Technology in Disaster Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Management."

We included in the Orientation Seminar for Volunteers the computer simulation game "Stop Disasters!" developed by the United Nations/International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction.







In this work, we present the results of a study on "Raising Tsunami Awareness, Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Among Young People in the Philippines Using Computer **Simulation Game STOP DISASTERS!"**

Tsunamis in the Philippines: Mapping and Assessment in the Last Five Years

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Abstract

Most of the devastating trunamis in the Philippines were generated from the Philippine trench, Manila trench, East Luzon trough, and the Colabato trench. However, closer examination of historical and recent field data also shows trunamigenic earthquake in between the istands in central Philippines. Thus, since 2001 the Trunami Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Program (THAMP) for Philippines had been initiated to assess and map carefully the trunami hazards all over the country. Some of the completed works in several areas with different setting are hereby presented. In the past years, at least three focus areas were identified for issuami hazards assessment. The analysis of historical data and field mapping activities were undertaken in these areas. Other data and information regarding trunami effects and immutation heights were as og the of from eyevitnesses and survivors through interviews. True trunami wave heights were measured and/or estim ded from the accounts of the interviewees and available landmarks. Existing records from local communities and municipalities were eather of to assess damages related to trunami immutation.

The level of awareness and preparedness of local inhabitants regarding earthquakes and tsunami are likewise assessed through analysis of the existing municipal and community disaster plans. Aside from isunami hazards mapping and preparedness plans, research on updified marine terraces, recent coral growth, and offshore faults were likewise given much attention. Thus, upon the completion of isunami hazards assessment and mapping, information was usually conveyed to local planners, and communities through seminars, workshops and community meetings. The varying reactions from the recent December 2004 Sunatra isunami gave some gauge on the level of effectiveness of our information campaigns through seminar-workshops, maps, leaflets, and brochures.

INTRODUCTION

The Tsunami Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Program has the following major objectives: 1) Survey and mapping of known areas affected by major tsunami in the Philippines; 2) Delineate tsunami-prone areas through the utilization of available remotely-sensed data; 3) Undertake trenching and coring activities on areas with tsunami deposit; 4) Assess and design tsunami safety structures for local inhabitants; and 5) Incorporate all vital results of the project in educational materials, meetings, and seminar-workshops to inform and educate local inhabitants about their risk in future tsunami events and how they could cope and mitigate possible damages.

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- Manay Tsunami 2. Bohol island and the 1990 earthquake
- 3. SW Mindanao and the 1976 Moro Gulf earthquake
- 4. Manila Trench tsunamis
- 5. Sorsogon uplifted terraces
- 6. Paraoir porites and uplifted terraces



Philippine Trench Tsunamis (1)

During the 1992 Bislig earthquake tsunami invaded the eastern coastlines of Mindanao islands several minutes after the strong ground shaking. Seismic records showed that during this quake, two large earthquakes occurred off the eastern Mindanao along the Philippine trench that were only 26 minutes apart. Strong shaking was significantly felt in the towns of Cateel, Baganga, Boston, Caraga, Manay, and Tarragona in Davao Oriental (Figure 1) and caused significant damage. Tsunami simulations coupled with field investigations undertaken in the provinces of Davao Oriental and Surigao del Sur gave interesting results regarding the tsunami damages, tsunami arrival times, and source area.

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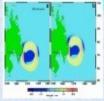


Figure 6: A snapshot of burnard propagation at Smit(a) after the origin time of the first event using fault model (A) in Fig. 5. The snapshot of burnard propagation at Smit (b) after the origin time of the carriagonism using the fault model it at Fig.5.

It is interesting to note that in terms of regional and local geomorphological effects, the 1991 event caused very minor changes. Tsunami sediments were dumped in very

few places while coral reefs located between 100-200m from the shore of eastern Mindanao were noted to be the coastal features that most probably attenuate the effects tsunami.

Figure 5: Map (a) showing the fault models A

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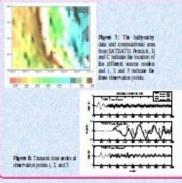
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between the observed (blue) and computed (red

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Manila Trench Studies (4)



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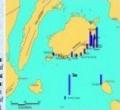
Tsunami computations for Manila Trench involving varying earthquake locations indicated that the waveforms at the three observation points vary significantly with source location. As expected, the waves at 2 will oscillate during the one hour period of propagation and the first wave is not the wave with the highest amplitude. At points 1 and 3, this through to peak amplitude decreases when the source location is moved northward. The first rise at observation points I and 3 show very little sensitivity to the dimensions of the rupture plane although there is a noticeable difference in their maximum vertical displacements. The variation between the different solutions due to different model source fault dimensions is largest at observation point 2, located inside the Manila Bay.

Bohol Tsunami (2)

Fig. 8: Map shows the events from 1907-1908 (black agains), the Rebrary S, 1990 Mai. 6 event (and circle), and the adminiscula (Wahnang 9-23, 1990) shown in pink circles based on PSIN OLES network. Green diamonds induced the green with other red furnant during the 1990 reventigation.



Fig. 9: The height of torough that translated the southwestern



 Based on recent field mapping, the southeastern shorelines of Bohol experienced a regional retreat (10-60m) of ac water several minutes after the quake.

Small to moderate tsunami waves (0.2m-2m) affected the SE portion of Bohol island and reached as far as Camiguin island, and caused physical injuries. Tsunami inundation was variable but generally extended a few tens of meters from the present shoreline.



Figure 10: Photos showing some of the areas affected by 1990 teament in Bohol triand

- Damages, mostly from strong ground shaking, are reported along the municipalities located on the southeastern shorelines of the island.
- Prior to and other the 1990 Bohol earthquake, awareness about tsunami hazards of inhabitants along the coastal areas of Bohol remains to be low.
- The earthquake was generated from a previously-unrecognized reverse fault located offshore of, and to the east of Bohol island.

Uplifted Marine Terraces (5 &6) Cotabato Trench (3)



Regional coastal studies were also undertaken for Philippine, Manila and Cotabato trenches. Mapping, assessment, sampling and analysis are done to acquire information about the timing, and extent of subsidence and/or uplift, recurrence interval along the coasts fronting these major subduction zones. At least two sites were identified for excavation and coring for each zones (Sorsogon, La Union and Cotabato).



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The program's results will be incorporated into the city/municipality's emergency plans and early warning system through training, seminars and workshops with the following expected output: 1) map of tsunami-prone areas, 2) determine extent of fault zones and their recurrence interval, 3) design local mitigating measures against tsunami hazards, and 4) better coordination/cooperation with local agencies on the early warning system, 5) incorporation of tsunami hazards information into the educational curriculum



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MAGNITUDE: As high as 8.0

EPICENTER: Celebes Sea between the islands of Mindanao and

Borneo.

AFTERSHOCKS: There were many aftershocks following the main earthquake. A major aftershock on August 17, 1976 (local date) had a magnitude of 6.8. It was followed by at least fifteen smaller aftershocks.

1976 Moro Gulf Earthquake and Tsunami

On August 16, 1976 at 12:11 A.M., a devastating earthquake of 7.9 hit the island of Mindanao, Philippines.

It created a tsunami that devastated more than **700 km of coastline** bordering Moro Gulf in the North Celebes Sea.

An estimated number of victims for this tragedy left **5,000 dead**, **2,200 missing or presumed dead**, more than **9,500 injured** and a total of **93,500 people were left homeless**.

It devastated the cities of Cotabato, Pagadian, and Zamboanga, and the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, and Zamboanga del Sur.

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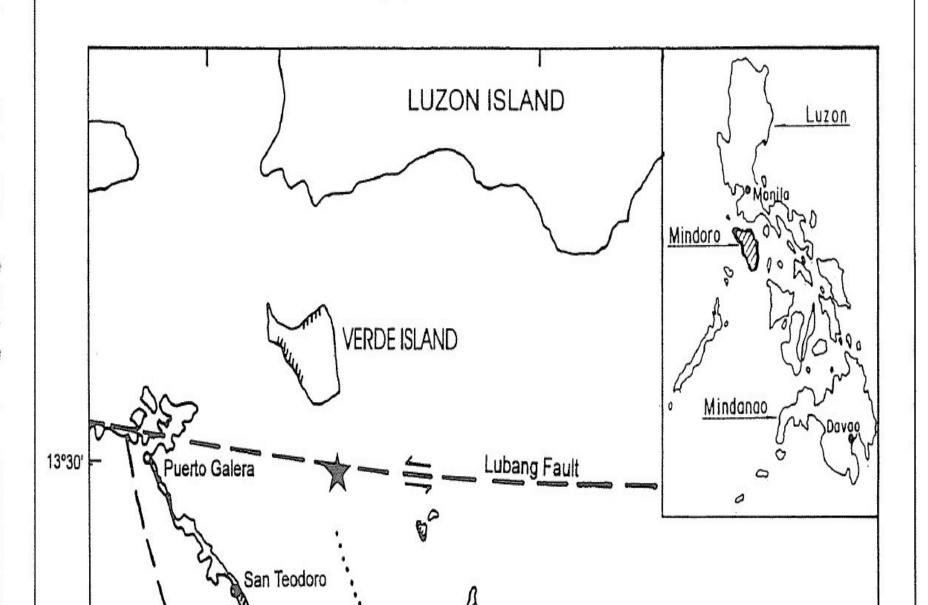
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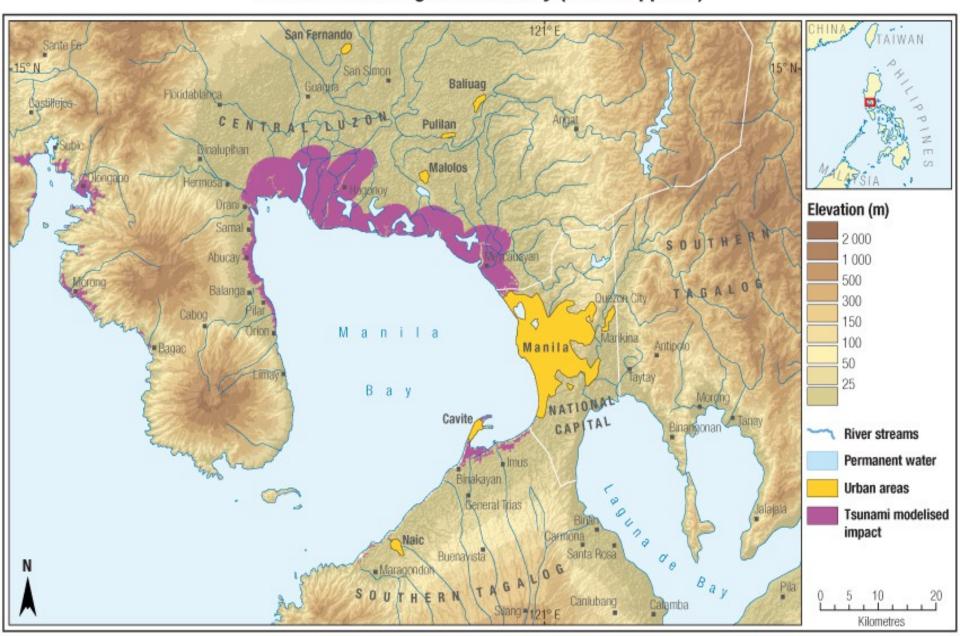
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Tsunami modelling of Manila Bay (the Philippines)



STOP DISASTERS!

A disaster simulation game from the UN/ISDR





STOP DISASTERS!

A disaster simulation game developed by the United Nations/ International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

http://www.stopdisastersgame.org

Features five hazards:

- 1. Tsunami
- 2. Hurricane (Typhoon)
- 3. Wildfire
- 4. Earthquake
- 5. Wildfire

Link to STOPDISASTERS!

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> Select a Scenario







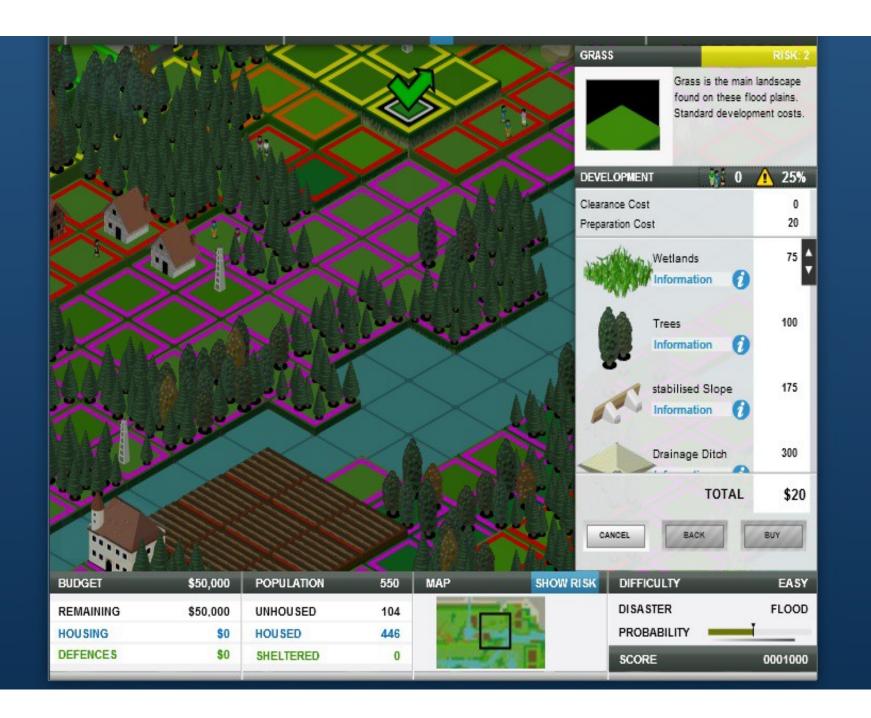


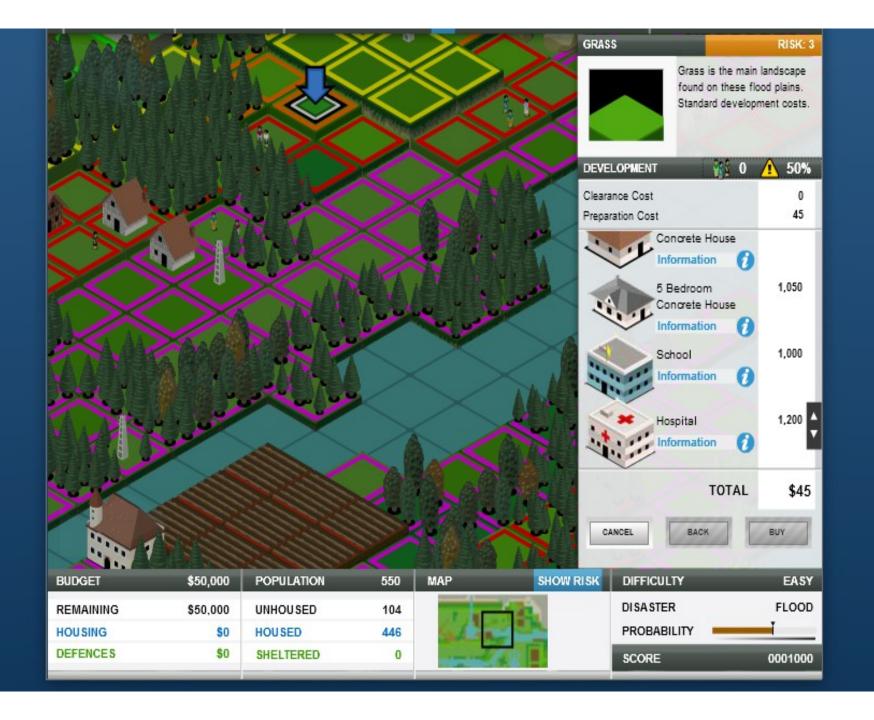


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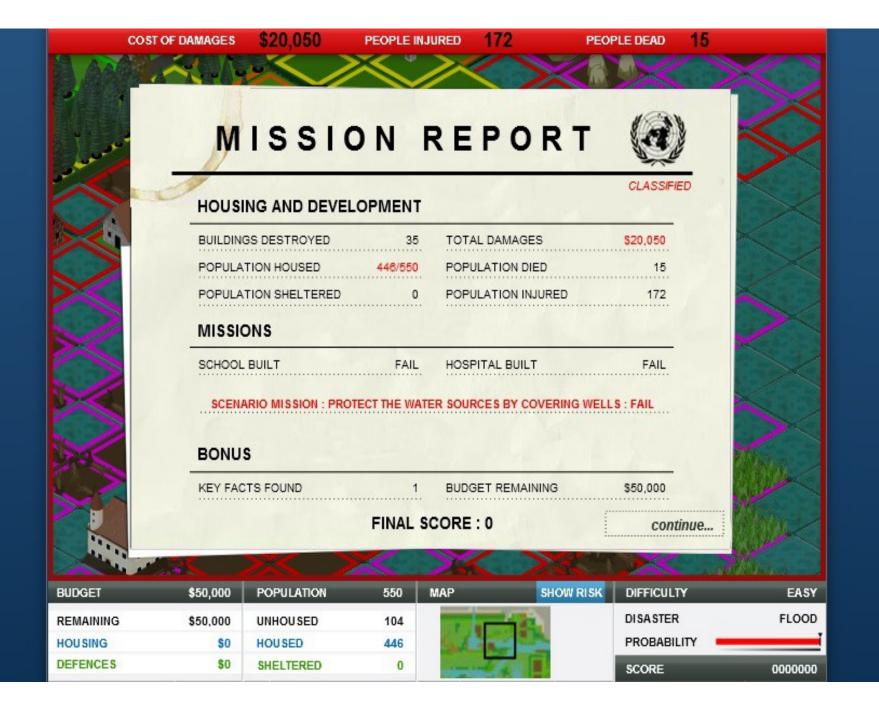


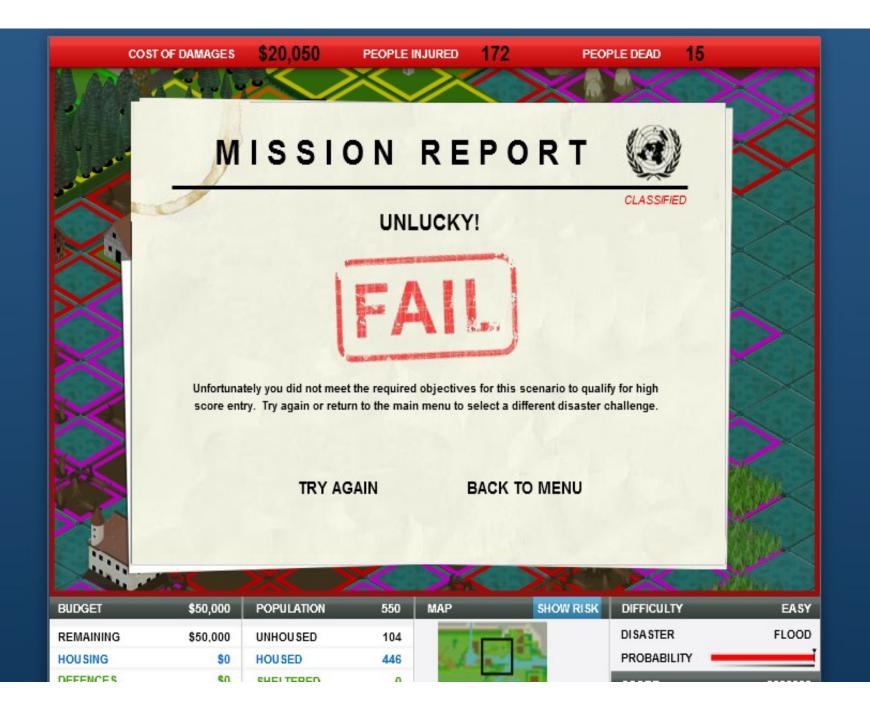


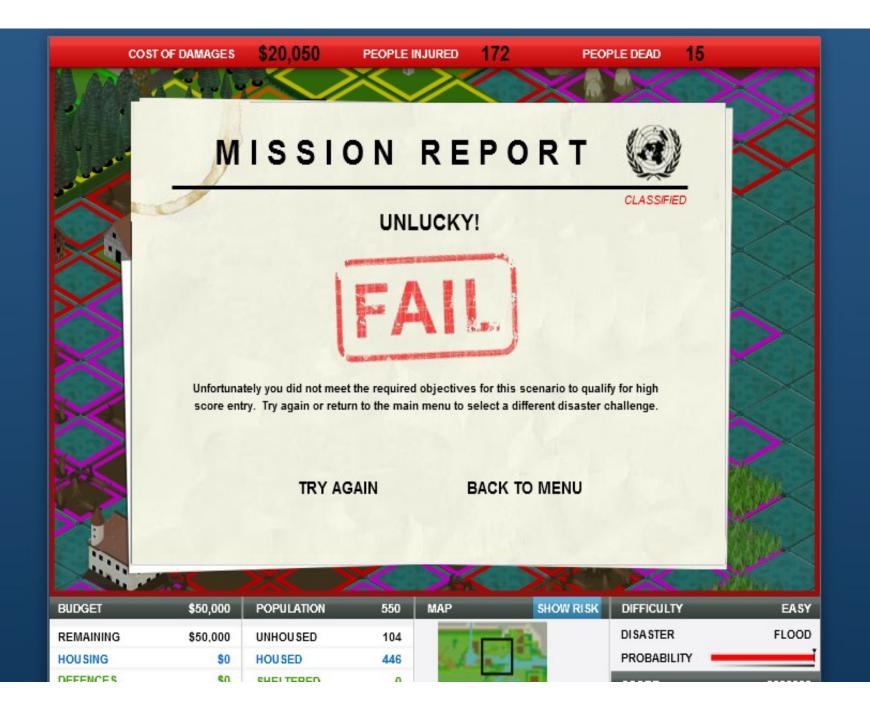












Subject of the Study:

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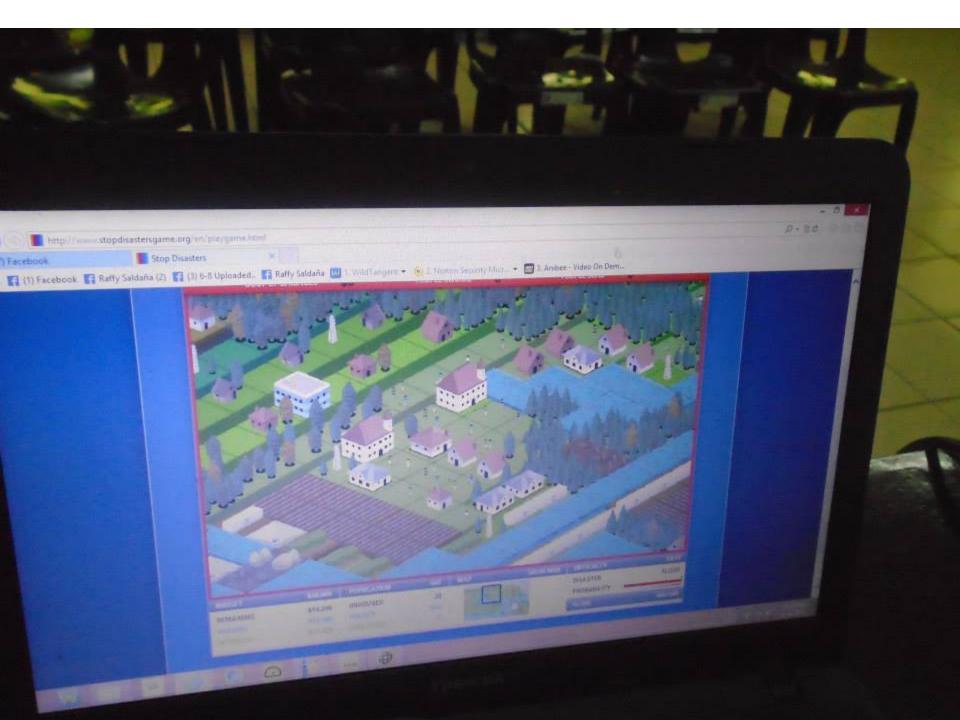
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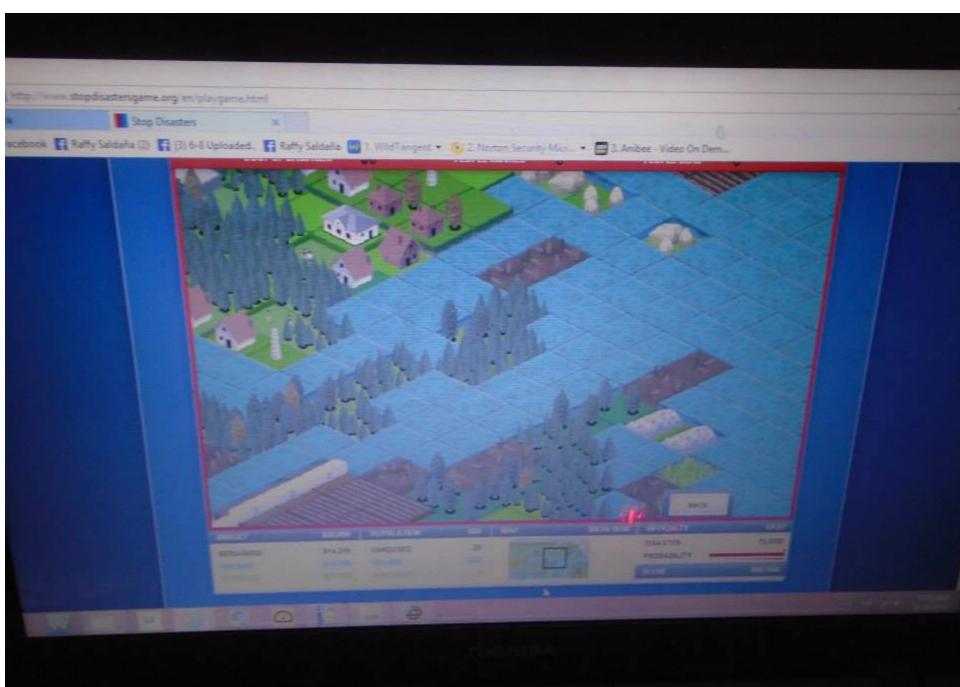
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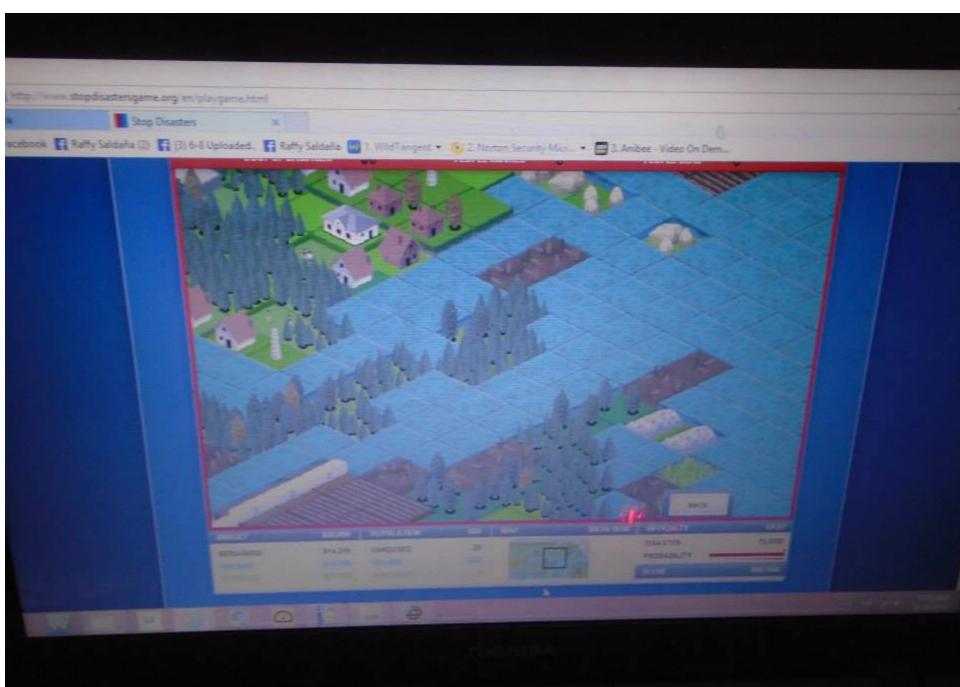


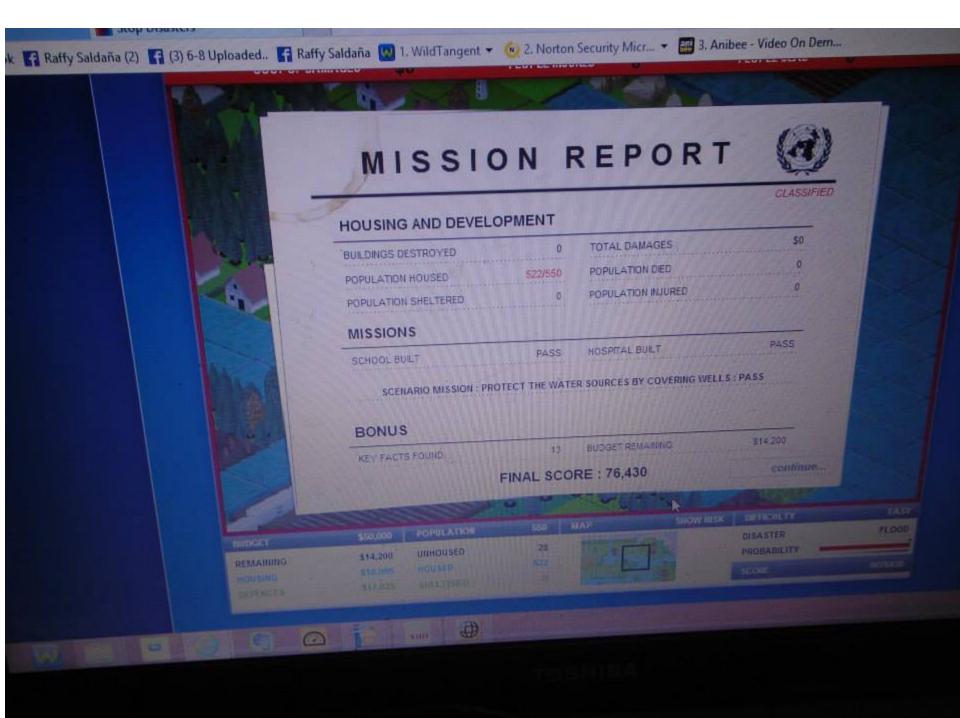












MISSION REPORT



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CONGRATULATIONS!



As you met all your objectives and made a final score of 76,430 you are awarded a gold medal for this scenario! You have now qualified to enter your name on the high score chart.

Name:

Email:

SUBMIT SCORE

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QUESTIONS (Pre-Game)

- 1. Have you taken a course/subject/seminar/workshop/training related to disaster management? (Yes / No)
- If YES, please provide details.
- 2. Is this your first time to play the game "STOP DISASTERS!"? (YES / NO)
- 3. List FIVE computer games that you know how to play:

QUESTIONS (Post-Game)

- Do you think that computer simulation games can be beneficial in disaster preparedness, risk reduction and management? (Yes / No). Explain your answer.
- 2. What do you like best in the game "STOP DISASTERS"?
- 3. What don't you like in the game "STOP DISASTERS"?
- 4. Would you recommend the game "STOP DISASTERS!" to your friends or relatives? (Yes / No). Explain.
- 5. Did the game "STOP DISASTERS" improve your understanding of disaster preparedness, risk reduction and management? (Yes / No)
- 6. Give suggestions/recommendations on how to improve the game "STOP DISASTERS!"

RESULTS:

98 % of repondents gave favorable responses to the question if computer simulation games can be beneficial in disaster preparedness, risk reduction and management.

Sample explanation:

"It is most helpful to the teen-agers/children to know risk reduction awareness especially through visually interesting platforms such as computer simulation games."

"The game gives an idea on how proper management of resources can greatly prepare and protect a community against an incoming hazard/disaster."

"It will give importance to capacity training and provision of social assistance to affected communities."

"The virtual experience gives us insight on disaster scenarios."

"It gives people ideas on what to do in times of disasters."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Improve graphics.
- 2. More choices of icons, example, evacuation areas.
- 3. Improve selection of menus.
- 4. Improve user settings to allow better navigation.
- 5. Add more software options like livelihood projects, etc.
- 6. Add more hazard/disaster scenarios.
- 7. Add more features such as including problems occurring during disaster preparations.
- 8. Enhance social components/people activities.
- 9. Include real world scenarios/conditions so many people can relate.
- 10. Make offline versions.
- 11. Make mobile apps version (android/ios). Should be available on smart phone.
- 12. Include local languages/dialects (Tagalog, Cebuano, Waray, etc.).
- 13. Improve zooming in/zooming out capabilities and full screen viewing.
- 14. Include "community cooperation" aspect.
- 15. Increase budget allocation.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. There is overwhelming favorable responses to the use of computer simulation games such as "STOP DISASTERS!" in the education of the Filipino youth for disaster preparedness, risk reduction and management.
- 2. All respondents will recommend the game "STOP DISASTERS!" to be used by their friends/relatives.
- 3. Several recommendations were given to improve the game "STOP DISASTERS" (technically, visually and content-wise) to suit it to local (Philippine) conditions/situations.

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