



## Community Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction: Perspectives, Methodologies and Evaluations

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In recent decades, community participation has become a buzzword for successful social implementation of disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans and strategies, yet its actualization largely remains elusive. The so-called successful community-based DRR initiatives have rarely been replicated and scaled up. Innovative tools and methods have continuously been introduced to increase the effective involvement of local communities in DRR, yet there hardly exists any consensus about the process of participation—who will be involved, when, and to what extent. In principle, several claims have been made in favor of community participation but they have seldom been empirically validated. The very idea of participation remains value-laden. In addition, communities are not homogeneous units, which creates an enormous challenge for selecting, representing, and incorporating the core values, concerns, and visions of communities in the decision-making process.





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