

**DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARACTERISTICS AND ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN
DEALING WITH FLOOD DISASTERS IN GENTAN VILLAGE, GANTIWARNO
DISTRICT, KLATEN DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

Background: As an archipelago, Indonesia is vulnerable to various natural disasters, including floods, which cause significant losses and have major impacts. Active community participation in all stages—mitigation, preparedness, and post-disaster response—is crucial. Understanding the community's characteristics and roles is essential for optimizing flood risk management efforts. **Objective:** This study aims to describe the characteristics and roles of the community in dealing with flood disasters. **Methods:** This descriptive quantitative study used a questionnaire with an Accidental Sampling method, involving 92 respondents from a population of 1,199 residents in Gentan Village, Klaten. The questionnaire was validated and tested for reliability. Data was analyzed using univariate analysis. **Results:** The majority of respondents were aged 26-45 (34.8%), female (53.3%), and had a high school education (43.9%). All lived in privately-owned homes, mainly because it was their birthplace (81.3%). The community's role was found to be active, with 89.1% of respondents showing active involvement. **Conclusion:** The community in Gentan Village is actively involved in flood disaster management.

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