

Is the Permanent Housing Sustainable? Reflection and Discussion: A Decade of Progress in Post-disaster Reconstruction Policy of Typhoon Morakot

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Abstract

Typhoon Morakot catastrophically impacted southern Taiwan in August 2009 and resulted in serious disasters and damages mainly in indigenous areas of the country. The post-disaster reconstruction policy was established by the government in 2009, and the idea of “Village Relocation” was for the first time to be included in this policy. However, indigenous victims of the disaster are still struggling in terms of land, housing, employment, and other life issues. Therefore, this research adopts documentary and fieldwork to explore the influences of the government policy, social media, and perspectives of the public. The paper emphasizes that respect for cultural diversities and promotion of cultural capacities should be taken into account in any post-disaster reconstruction policy.

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