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Foreword from Handling Editor - 8th Edition

Dear Readers,

It is very happy for us to present this edition, Volume 4 Number 2, December 2020. Amid the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influences human life around the globe, we are honored to select and publish the best submitted-papers in the field of community engagement (5 papers from Indonesia, 2 Papers from Nigeria, 1 Paper from India, 1 Paper from Australia, 1 Paper from Botswana, and 1 Paper from South Africa).

At the first insight, we present an article with type of Research Paper, Review Articles, and Case-based Articles. For **Research Paper**, we have excellent of 6 articles. First article is about impact of Development-induced displacement on the Tribal community. The author: Debasree De writes, “[Impact of Development-induced displacement on the Tribal community, with special reference to the women in Odisha](#)”. The article to show that, in the wake of neo-liberal economy, increasing risks of life and deteriorating standard of living due to evictions causing serious problems like loss of assets, alcoholism, wife-battering, and domestic violence.

Next, we present the paper in Nepal regarding COVID-19, “[Citizen participation in times of crisis: Understanding participatory budget during the COVID-19 pandemic in Nepal](#)” written by Thaneshwar Bhusal. This article conclude that the coronavirus pandemic has played significant roles in limiting ordinary people’s democratic right to participate in local decision-making yet flaws in institutional design and unpredictable mayoral power contributed to delaying the annual budget approval process. The research contributes to the literature on participatory governance in developing countries, with some practical suggestions to increase citizen engagement chances in times of crisis.

Another articles will present by the author Keneilwe Molosi-France and Kenneth Dipholo, with the title “[Empowering Botswana’s rural communities through the Sustainable Livelihood approach: Opportunities and constraints](#)”. Authors presents that using the SLA as a theoretical framework, to explore opportunities and constraints of the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach in the empowerment of the rural communities of Botswana.

Another issues about COVID-19 that we present in the **Research Paper** is with 3 articles more. *First article* written by Joseph M. Lucas, Tordue Simon Targema, Abubakar Jibril, Elkanah Obadiah Sambo, and Bako Ali Istifanus. The paper “[Combating COVID-19 infodemic in Nigerian rural communities: The imperatives of Traditional Communication Systems](#)” recommends the need for a robust health intelligentsia to be trained and equipped with skills and competencies in using these communication channels for effective mobilization and sensitization of the people at the grassroots.

Second article, we present a paper “[Village fund accountability and gendering in Masculine Hegemonic Institution: A study during COVID-19](#)” written by Desti Fitriani, Elvia R. Shauki, and Siti Czafrani Pratiwi. The result shown that the roles of female BPD members were insignificant

due to the pervasiveness of gendering practice in village organizations. These findings contradict gender socialization theory that women with all their feminine traits are suitable and potential to perform supervisory tasks in guiding the organization.

Third article is written by Prince Agwu, Chinweoke Methodius Ugwu, and Chidera Florence Eke. The article “[Community engagement in COVID-19 responses: Evidence from qualitative interface with community opinion leaders in Enugu, Nigeria](#)”. Showing the gap comprise the lack of effective inclusion strategies of rural communities and the uneducated, weak accountability, poor database of citizens, weak accountability of security agents, weak primary healthcare system, and the dearth of grassroots-targeted communication. The effects of these gaps majorly manifested in the compromise and disregard of safety measures, which most likely put Nigeria at risk of increased cases of COVID-19 or poor response to disease outbreaks in the future.

For **Review Articles** we have 1 selected paper about digital economies revolution by Agyeyi Fous “[The 21st century global digital economies revolution and the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic: Some anticipated implication changes for developing nations](#)”. This paper look at some anticipated implication changes in terms of ICTs investments and sectors in a developing nation’s economy that will see or need these massive non-negotiable ICTs investments and leveraging of ICTs in order to foster economic growth and development.

For **Case-based Articles**, we have 4 selected paper such as intellectual property rights, methods to decrease depression level in older adults, stunting early detection, and *posbindu* cadre knowledge. *First article*, with the title “[Forming a collective Brand: Women’s community small medium enterprises and intellectual property rights](#)” by Tuti Widiastuti, Nurul Asiah, and Wahyudi David. Community service program of this article assists with licensing and branding the community’s product. *Second article*, written by Bahtiar, Junaiti Sahar, and Widyatuti, with the title “[Music, dhikr, and deep breathing technique to decrease depression level in older adults: Evidence-based practice in Depok City, Indonesia](#)”. This article presents a spiritual approach nursing intervention program through music therapy, dhikr, and deep breathing reduced the level of depression in the elderly. Thus, such an approach can be used as an intervention option in dealing with depression problems in the elderly.

Third article, with the title “[Cadres’ role in Posyandu revitalization as stunting early detection in Babakan Madang Sub-District, Bogor District](#)”. This article written by Nurul Dina Rahmawati and Ratu Ayu Dewi Sartika, to evaluate the cadres’ knowledge and practice change after a sequence of training to revitalize the Posyandu’s role. *Last article* in the Case-based Articles is written by Fatmah, with the title “Training program to support posbindu cadre knowledge and community health center staff in the Geriatric Nutrition Service”. This article showed that the geriatric nutrition training program will increase the geriatric minimal service standard (SPM) coverage at Depok City.

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We hope that readers enjoy exploring the papers on this edition and keep healthy and safe.

Best Regards,

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