ELDERLY SAFETY ALONG ALALAK RIVER BANK IN RESIDENTIAL AREA, BANJARMASIN, SOUTH KALIMANTAN

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ABSTRACT

Background: The level of dependency of the community who live along the bank of Alalak river in Banjarmasin is quite high. However, it is not complemented with the quality, safety, and comfort of the accessibility facilities in the area. The dwellers of residential areas along Alalak river bank vary from children, teenager, adult, to the elderly. The elderly have experienced biological, physiological, and psychological degradation. They have different needs from other age groups. This leads to some problems of safety and comfort. This study aimed to examine the safety of the elderly along Alalak River bank in residential area, Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan.

Subjects and Method: This was a cross-sectional study. A sample of 5 neighborhoods (RT 4, RT 5, RT 7, RT 10, and RT 14) of Alalak Utara Village was selected for this study. The dependent variable was safety. The independent variable was accessibility facilities. The data were collected by observation and in-depth interview. The data were analyzed descriptively.

Results: This study showed the facilities in the residential area along the bank of Alalak River had not met the safety requirement. Some elderly experienced accidents such as slipped and fall.

Conclusion: The facilities in the residential area along the bank of Alalak River have not met the safety requirement. Some elderly experience accidents such as slipped and fall.

Keywords: accessibility, elderly, residential area, riverbank, Alalak river

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