Potential for Intergenerational Risk Communication Through Nigechizu Evacuation Map Workshop

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Nigechizu is a map helping to visualize evacuation process. The color of the route on the map represents the time in minutes needed to reach the safe place nearest to your site. It facilitates citizens’ discussion of dangers which is a difficult topic and helps to raise the awareness of the risks. It was shown before that in the process of making Nigechizu participants have risk communication. The effectiveness of this method for disaster prevention education was also proved. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the potential of the Nigechizu as a method contributing to intergenerational communication in the community. We found that Nigechizu workshop can activate intergenerational risk communication, give both adults and children opportunity to communicate easily on a daily basis henceforward and broaden children’s perspective.

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