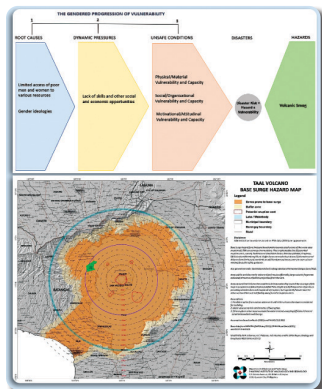

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The image shows a model for assessing the gender-specific vulnerabilities, capacities, and perceptions concerning volcanic smog or "vog" of farmers and fishers in *Barangay Gulod*, Laurel, Batangas, the Philippines—shown in a map located within the 7- and 14-km danger zones of Taal Volcano. The study, which was conducted in 2023 using the participatory rural approach, revealed that vog adversely affects the health and livelihoods of both genders. A lack of information on mitigating the impacts of vog negatively influenced their vulnerability, but strong social and organizational support positively influenced their resilience. Unsafe housing structures and multiple economic, domestic, and caregiving roles negatively influenced the vulnerability of females in particular. The study provides valuable insights for developing gender-based strategies in local disaster risk reduction and vog management for the Municipality of Laurel. To learn more, go to pages 2329–2348.

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