

Crisis volunteerism during the Covid-19 Crisis - exploring adaptation processes

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This study explores community response to crises and disasters from the perspective of crisis volunteerism. Building on a questionnaire and semi-structured interviews, it analyses a particular group of organized volunteers in Sweden, *Voluntary Resource Groups*. These groups are organized at a municipality level and constitute an extra resource when a local crisis occurs. This study analyzes their role during the Covid-19 crisis and seeks to address their *adaptation processes*. In what ways have these groups changed their ways of working during this long-stretched crisis? Have their avenues for cooperation expanded? What experiences might be transferable to future crisis events? and how can they contribute to organizational resilience?

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