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### **[Abstract Title]**

The Role of Relief Support Agency and Measures to Improve the Disaster Relief System -Case Study of 2019 Goseong Fire-

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The forest fire in Goseong, Korea in April 2019 caused great damages. However, the government quickly declared the area as a special disaster zone so that institutional aid and support such as life-stability support could be provided. Furthermore, 360 billion won was raised as a donation in regards to a forest-fire disaster. While the government focuses on basic relief and restoration of public facilities, the Korea Relief Disaster Association that provides relief aid under the disaster relief act and distributes disaster contributions, focuses on helping victims to return to everyday life by providing support for disaster aid, relief supplies, temporary housing facilities, and laundry. The donations were distributed not only to the dead, the injured, the homeless, and the tenants who lost their homes but also to small and medium-sized businessmen. However, the fundraising and distribution channels were not unified and the raised fund was executed without certain laws on distribution targets and standards. In this study, improving the role of disaster relief agencies and disaster relief systems, ways to recover community conflicts due to disasters, and the possibility of using donations to improve mid- to long-



term regional resilience are discussed by a case of 2019 Goseong forest fire.

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