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7. Abstract:

7.1 **Rationale/Background**

COVID-19 epidemic has had a significant impact on the operations of businesses and the people who work in both the public and private sectors when it first arrived in the Philippines. Millions' long-term livelihoods and well-being are in jeopardy due to social and economic disruption in addition to the threat to public health (De Jesus, et.al, 2021).

Sangguniang Kabataan is an organization that is composed of youth leaders who have the responsibility to the youth of their community. The members of Sangguniang Kabataan need to prioritize the welfare and needs of their youth for their development and improvement. They are considered political leaders at just an early age with several duties and responsibilities to the youth of their community. The members of this organization have the responsibility to listen to the youth of their community and become a voice for them (Republic Acts no. 10742).

Moreover, this study was conducted in order to assess the performance whether the members of Sangguniang Kabataan in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija can fulfill their roles and responsibilities. The study aims to further learn the various projects and programs that the members of this organization have implemented in their area. It is a public knowledge that there are existing programs by the SK that have been conducted in the communities such as free school supplies, free allowance for both high school and college students, and provision of relief goods during pandemic. However, the study still aims to determine what are the other things that have been done by the SK to help the youth of their community during the pandemic. Therefore, this paper are beneficial not just to them, but to all other Sangguniang Kabataan all over the country.

7.2 Summary

The study aims to assess the performance of Sangguniang Kabataan of Muñoz during the pandemic as regards mandated duties and responsibilities by

the Local Government Code (LGC). Specifically, it may answer the following questions (1) What are the projects and programs implemented by Muñoz SK's during pandemic? (2) Are the projects of SK's relevant with the need of people during pandemic? (3) What are the challenges confronted by the SK officials in the midst of the pandemic?

The researcher used a descriptive research design aims to obtain data that has been used to describe a specific phenomenon or situation to satisfy the objective of the study and sampling method that has been used by the researcher is purposive sampling. This purposive sampling is a kind of non-probability sampling wherein it is also known as judgmental, selective, or subjective sampling.

7.3 Major Findings

Sangguniang kabataan were able fulfill some of their role and responsibilities but not that impactful in the needs of the people during the pandemic. Some of the project are the basic necessities of the people like relief foods, school materials. There is no specific project in for youth and some project that are not related with the needs of the youth like installation of Metal Vinyl Sticker Signages, distribute chess mats, V320, volleyball net, ordinary volleyball and street lights and most of the SKs faced lack of budget in implementing their project and programs.

7.4 Conclusions

Based on the findings, during the pandemic Sangguniang Kabataan of Muñoz was able to create following projects and programs like providing relief foods, facemask, create DIY face shields, alcohol, 200 scholarship grants of SK from Villa Isla, school supplies such laptops, tables, flash drive, headset, free WIFI, load for mobile hotspot, online class kit, mobile legend tournament, fund raising called "Ambagan" "Bakuran ko, gulayan ko". Some of them volunteered as COVID watchers, installed streetlights, milk for the kids, 2 movable tents, distribution of chess mats, V320 brand ball for volleyball, volleyball net, and ordinary volleyball, suicide prevention series post, #KabataanKnowYourRights, installation of metal vinyl sticker signage and lastly, and community pantry.

In addition to that, Sangguniang Kabataan of Muñoz was able to provide the essential needs like relief foods, facemask, alcohol and school supplies for the youth. But some of the initiatives are not related to the basic needs of the people during the pandemic like chess mats, V320 brand ball for volleyball, volleyball net, metal vinyl sticker signage and streetlights.

Additionally, the challenges confronted by the SK officials during the pandemic was lack of budget which hampered the SK's programs and activities. Especially that we are facing a pandemic that time, most SKs stated that they are using out of pocket and barangay funds to buy some relief foods and school materials for students who take online classes, that caused them not able to implement certain programs and activities due to a lack of funds.

7.5 Recommendations

The researcher proposed that since most of the projects and programs implemented by Muñoz SK's during pandemic is more on the essentials needs of the people like, relief foods and schools materials it will be better if they focus more on the mental health of the youth like they conduct some online courses or seminar that is related with the youth, activities like entertainment like, TikTok dance, singing contest, drawing/ painting that will divert their attention from their stressful environment and daily routine.

In addition to that, some of the projects of Sangguniang Kabataan of Muñoz is not related or helpful during that time, it could be better if they use those budgets to buy more relief food stocks and focus more on the basic needs like the welfare of their community like on the health services by free basic medicine or low-cost medicine program and educating their community on the importance of vaccination.

Furthermore, the researcher recommends that since lack of budget is one of the problems of Sangguniang Kabataan during the pandemic it will be better that they work with other organization for fund raising, activities and create program that is related only with certain event to avoid lacking budget in the future.

Moreover, the researcher recommends for the future study to include all the barangay from Muñoz and include the youth as a respondent to check further

if they are satisfied with the service and to know if all the Sangguniang Kabataan of Muñoz is fulfilling their roles and responsibilities.

8. Translated Abstract (Filipino):

8.1 Rasyonale

Nagdulot ng napakalaking epekto ang epidemya ng COVID-19 sa pagpapatakbo ng mga negosyo at mga taong nagtatrabaho sa parehong pampubliko at pampribadong sektor mula ng dumating ito sa Pilipinas. Milyun-milyon pangkabuhayan ay nasa panganib dahil sa epekto nito sa lipunan at pang-ekonomiya at bilang karagdagan sa banta sa kalusugan ng publiko (De Jesus, et.al, 2021).

Ang Sangguniang Kabataan ay isang samahan na binubuo ng mga pinuno ng kabataan na may responsibilidad sa kabataan ng kanilang pamayanan. Kailangang unahin ng mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Kabataan ang kapakanan at pangangailangan ng kanilang kabataan para sa kanilang pag-unlad at pagpapabuti. Itinuturing silang mga pinuno sa politika sa murang edad na may maraming mga tungkulin at responsibilidad sa kabataan ng kanilang pamayanan. Ang mga miyembro ng samahang ito ay may pananagutan na makinig sa mga kabataan ng kanilang pamayanan at maging isang tinig para sa kanila (Republic act no. 10742).

Ang pananaliksik na ito ay isasagawa upang masuri ang paggagnap ng mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Kabataan sa Muñoz, Nueva Ecija sa kanilang mga

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

LGC: Local Government Code

LGU: Local Government Unit

SK: Sangguniang Kabataan

COVID-19: COronaVirus Disease of 2019

ET. AL - ET AL.: " is an abbreviation of the latin term "et alia," which means "and others."

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