

THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN BARANGAY SAN MANUEL CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE BULACAN

ABSTRACT

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Illegal gambling has become a major problem worldwide, with underground dealings, unregistered sports betting, and unsanctioned lottery schemes increasing in prevalence. Although illegal gambling is prohibited in most jurisdictions, its secretive nature makes it difficult to prosecute compared to legal gambling establishments, which are known for adhering to strict regulatory standards. The researchers used a descriptive-normative method, which describes a population, situation, or phenomenon being studied. The respondents of the study included ten (10) barangay officials, thirty (30) community members, and ten (10) police officers. The researchers used the purposive sampling technique, a non-probability method in which participants are deliberately selected based on specific criteria or characteristics relevant to the research objectives. Most of the respondents were 18 to 25 years old. The majority were male, with a length of residency or service in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, of eleven years or more. The assessment of the impact of illegal gambling in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, was interpreted as having a “moderate impact” in terms of social, economic, and psychological effects. The most frequently reported problem was that “the presence of illegal gambling can harm the reputation of the barangay, making it less attractive to potential investors, new residents, or tourists.” To address this issue, respondents suggested increasing police visibility and patrols so that residents become aware that gambling is strictly prohibited in their barangay, as well as developing youth education and awareness programs to inform them about the negative effects of gambling and how to avoid it. Illegal gambling in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, remains a significant concern, with activities such as “jueteng” and illegal cockfighting negatively affecting the community. To address this issue, local authorities should strengthen enforcement efforts, conduct regular raids, and impose stricter penalties on offenders. Furthermore, public awareness campaigns, alternative recreational programs, and community participation in anti-gambling initiatives should be encouraged.

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