

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF PERSON DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY IN VALENZUELA CITY JAIL

ABSTRACT

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Livelihood programs administered by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology provide Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) with community-based, income-generating activities—such as crafting bags, bonsai plants, and wallets—during confinement. These programs aim to develop skills, foster self-reliance, and offer financial support for PDLs' personal needs and their families. A descriptive survey design was employed to assess the impact of these livelihood initiatives at Valenzuela City Jail. A total of fifty respondents—comprising twenty PDLs, twenty jail officers, and ten community members—are purposively selected. A structured questionnaire gathers demographic data and evaluates perceptions of program selection, training quality, logistical support, policies and procedures, and post-release employability. Respondents were predominantly aged 18–30, married, and college graduates. Assessment scores indicated strong agreement across all dimensions: fair and transparent participant selection, comprehensive training modules, sufficient logistical requirements, clear policies and procedures, and enhanced employability prospects. PDLs and officers rated the overall program impact positively, confirming improved skill sets and readiness for reintegration. Findings demonstrated that livelihood programs significantly enhanced PDLs' technical competencies and self-efficacy, contributing to smoother reintegration into society. Strong training and logistical frameworks fostered confidence among participants, while clear policies ensured program consistency. Enhanced employability outcomes suggested that participants were better prepared for gainful post-release employment, thereby supporting long-term rehabilitation goals.

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