**RESEARCH TITLE:** *Fear and Fate: The Life Story of Jeepney Drivers dealing with Pandemic*

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**Abstract:** A public transportation driver in the Philippines namely Jeepney drivers are among those who are greatly affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Along with lockdown implementation, it became difficult for Jeepney drivers to get passengers. Moreover, when the transport was halted and people started staying inside their houses, it became hard for them to earn enough money to feed and support their families. Thus, affecting them financially, mentally, emotionally and other aspects. This study aims to determine the challenges that the Jeepney drivers had encountered during the pandemic, how they cope with those challenges and what government services are offered to Jeepney drivers. Furthermore, the researchers utilized descriptive qualitative research which methods are used to answer questions about their experiences, meaning and perspectives of Jeepney drivers. After gathering data, the researchers used thematization to analyze the data, it revealed that Jeepney drivers suffered a lot during the pandemic, concerning their income and well-being. Some Jeepney drivers struggled to live and make a living in this pandemic. Although, most of them found alternative jobs and said that they would not give up for the sake of their families. It is also shown that there are many different aids given by specific government agencies and these aids or assistance serves as a help to the unfortunate Jeepney drivers.

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