**Lived Experiences of Construction Workers During COVID-19**

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**Abstract:**This Covid-19 pandemic brought economic fallout worldwide that resulted in millions of people from different job sectors into unemployment, which greatly impacted their lives, families, and way of living. This can lead to undesirable socio-economic consequences, affecting the construction industries worldwide, specifically construction workers. This study aimed to determine the current situation of construction workers amidst the pandemic, which it specifically aimed to answer the following questions: (a) What are the lived experiences of construction workers amidst the pandemic? (b) What are the coping strategies of construction workers? The researchers utilized qualitative phenomenological research wherein the researchers used an online semi-structured interview which answers the statement of objectives. Moreover, Thematization were used to analyze the gathered data for the study. The analyzed data revealed that construction workers experienced job suspensions and unemployment, they also experience inflation in market which resulted to financial instability to most. Moreover, transportation complications were also evident as they tend to face places where restrictions are strict and transportation fare is unaffordable. Another experience for them is the safety risks that they face at site. For coping, they find sideline jobs to earn extra money and they strictly follow the protocols to keep themselves safe from containment. Lastly, one of the researchers’ recommendation for future researchers is to increase number of respondents for more broader study.

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