

SOCIAL FUNCTIONING OF IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES IN OLONGAPO CITY, PHILIPPINES: BASIS FOR LOCALIZED POVERTY ALLEVIATION INTERVENTION

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ABSTRACT

This study determined the social functioning status of families who belong to the most impoverished sectors of our society. Following the premise that poverty alleviation shall be effective only when it addresses key factors affecting social functioning. This study offered suggestions as to what human aspects should be strengthened that may eventually lead to a person's enhanced social functioning. The study aimed to highlight the necessity of poverty alleviation programs that are inclined towards a more holistic approach for social development, a program which does not only combat poverty by addressing expressed economic need but also restores people's capacities to confront their own social realities.

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