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Post-Pandemic Realities: A Socio-economic Study of Vulnerable Households in Selected Barangays of Camarines Sur

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ABSTRACT This study aimed to examine the socio-economic conditions of marginalised households in selected barangays of Camarines Sur, Philippines. A descriptive-quantitative research design using purposive random sampling was employed using structured survey questionnaires administered to 136 respondents. The findings revealed that most respondents were young adults, predominantly male, single, and had attained only a high school education. Households are generally of four to five members with limited and unstable income. The pandemic adversely affected employment and income levels, with many experiencing job loss and only partial financial recovery, having limited government support. The most pressing needs identified were employment opportunities, financial aid, and improved healthcare services. The study concludes that marginalised households in Camarines Sur continue to face socio-economic difficulties aggravated by the pandemic. Strengthening livelihood programs, expanding educational opportunities, and enhancing the efficiency and transparency of social service delivery are essential steps toward achieving long-term socio-economic resilience for these communities.