A MOTHER’S PERSPECTIVE: COPING MECHANISMS OF FAMILIES UNDER MARGINAL POSITION IN SITIO PANIBATUHAN, MORONG, BATAAN

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One prevalent problem that is caused by lacking financially is living in poverty wherein families live under the average human living standard. This situation indicates that there are people experiencing the hardest challenges in life. In this chapter, the researchers aim is to understand the perspective of a mother in families living under marginal position in this community and to see what surviving mechanisms these families use in order to continue fighting for everyday survival.

Families living under marginal position have some coping mechanisms vital to their survival in their daily lives. It is important to the residents of Sitio Panibatuhan, Morong Bataan to know a mother’s perspective upon being under marginal position in order to address what common problems and mechanisms do they have. They find it difficult to support their children because they lack financially and they fail to provide the needs and wants of their children because they are unemployed or one of them is unemployed. A family with one parent that is unemployed is more likely to be unable to fulfil their responsibilities in their children.

According to Ms. Maricel Bernandez (2020), currently residing at Sitio Panibatuhan, Morong, Bataan who has 9 kids to feed, it is really hard to cope up with their everyday living. Lack of financial stability, being unable to buy commodities, and send their children to school to have proper education are the various factors that affects their way of living. Ms. Maricel depends on her partner, who is working in the construction site. The salary that her husband receives every day is not sufficient to fulfill their daily needs. A lot of families in their community are having a hard time raising their
children into someone who can overpass their situation due to being financially incapacitated and also, some mothers in their community are unemployed and just staying at home to take care of their children.

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