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## **ABSTRACT**

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Orphans are one of the vulnerable sectors whose basic needs have been inadequately attended. Even though most of the orphans lived in the orphanage under the supervision of non-government organization, they still experience psychosocial problems.

The study aimed to understand orphans' lived experiences, to know the reason behind that led them to their current situation as well as to learn the psychosocial difficulty they encounter inside and outside the institution, and lastly to have further understanding of how they cope with their present situation. This study made use of qualitative research design to expand the understanding of underlying reasons, opinions, and experiences of the participants. Specifically, narrative analysis was utilized in this study which viewed individuals within their social environments as actively conferring meaning into objects in the world including others and selves.

The results showed that all the participants experienced various psychosocial problems. They had difficulty adjusting in the institution. They experienced interpersonal problems with their housemates. They experienced homesickness and budgeting problems. The results also showed that the most prevalent way on how the orphans cope and manage to deal with the psychosocial problems they encountered inside and outside the institution is through prayer and faith in God. They used their family as their

inspiration in order to be motivated to study harder and have a good future. Most of them learned to embrace and enjoy their current situation.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In an ideal world, all individuals should receive all the essential elements and must attain all their physiological needs necessary for their survival. Each parent must support and guide their children/offspring in order to have a better life in the future. In the Philippines, there are several orphans who aren't able to receive enough support from their parents. According to DSWD, an orphan is one of the vulnerable sectors whose basic needs have been deliberately unattended or inadequately attended (Solamillo, 2016).

As of 2015, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) reported that based on approximation there are about 143 million and 210 million orphans globally and everyday there are over 5,760 children become orphans. While in the Philippines 1.8 million children are orphans or experience to have lost one parent (Reaching Beyond Words, 2016). Poverty is believed to be the leading cause of orphaned children around the world (Sewidan, 2015).