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ABSTRACT

The primary objective of this study is to have a closer look at the life aspirations of the urban poor living in Ninoy Aquino Compound, Barrio Sto. Nino in Paranaque. There are 36 respondents involved in the study who are divided into three groups namely the natives, the longtime migrants, and the recent migrants. The respondents chosen are the heads of the family therefore the sampling design is purposive. Another objective is to find out the community's profile through the use of naturalistic observation and interview with the Barrio Captain. The major findings of this study are 1. Their prominent aspirations are to find a good job and to give education for their children. 2. Their most perceived problems are financially related like lack of capital, debts, unemployment, bad record and the like. 3. They believe that the best strategies to attain their aspirations and to avoid these problems are through hard work, savings, and faith in God.

