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ABSTRACT

The study was directed towards finding out the functions of the city-jail as perceived by the female inmates and the city-jail administrators. In relation to this, the legal functions of the Philippine jail system plus the problems experienced by the the female inmates and their daily activities were part of the problem. The study was exploratory-descriptive in nature that was backed up by a case study method by means of an action research. The sample consisted of 27 female inmates and 5 city-jail administrators. The study is only limited to the Quezon City Jail. The findings of the study showed that the female inmates had much idle time as there was a lack of rehabilitative programs. The problems that they experienced were regarding the facilities of the city-jail. The perceptions of the female inmates and the city-jail administrators regarding the functions of the city-jail had similarities and differences. Both groups perceived the city-jail to function for punishment, for preventing crimes, and for housing the criminals. However, they had opposing views regarding the function of the city-jail to provide a decent lifestyle for the inmates, to make them realize their mistakes, and for detention. The study concluded that certain legal functions of the city-jail are not being performed because the city-jail administrators are ignorant of such; that there is a lack of effective rehabilitation programs; that the prison as a total institution is an effective agent of resocialization in terms of inflicting punishment and making the inmates realize their crimes.



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