

Occupational Hazards Faced By Quarry Workers At Quarry Sites In Ebonyi State

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Abstract

The study was carried out to determine occupational hazards faced by quarry workers at the various sites in Ebonyi State. There is abundance of natural resources, the national economy is dominated by labour intensive, low value-adding technologies in a mono-product fuelled socio-economic inequalities. The general objective of the study was to examine occupational hazards faced by workers at quarry sites. However, the specific objectives was to: examine the level of knowledge of occupational hazards faced by workers at the quarry sites in Ebonyi State; determine the degree of awareness of occupational hazards faced by workers at quarry sites in Ebonyi State; ascertain the degree of compliance of usage of personal protective equipment and safety measures; determine the extent to which stakeholders in the communities could contribute in curbing occupational hazards faced by workers at the quarry sites in Ebonyi State. The study adopted cross-sectional survey research design. In-depth interview was conducted using quarry workers 18 years and above. Data analyzed using E-View, 2022 and NVivo 11 Pro software. The findings revealed that the level of knowledge of occupational hazards among workers working at the quarry sites in Ebonyi State was significantly low. The study concluded that the risks imposes substantial cost on households, business, health systems and government budgets, as well as a major causes of poor value chain and persistent social inequality in the Ebonyi State.