

The Role and Need to Engage Young Quantity Surveyors as Construction Economics Experts as we build back together.

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SUMMARY

Cost is a major factor that affects the goals of actualizing affordable housing to meet up for its demand. In other to meet the goals of providing affordable housing and infrastructure we need better value for money through planning for developmental projects that would be of economic value and benefits throughout the project life-cycle. This is the only way we can be assured of affordable housing for all especially after the current global disasters. Cost control is not only limited to construction cost or present cost of acquiring a developmental project but futuristic cost that is cost benefits that can be achieved throughout a project's lifecycle. This brings up the need for professionals to be involved in the development planning stages of projects. If we take the steps to ascertain that all developmental projects have lifetime economic value when invested into through efficient cost planning, a lot will be achieved in land management and implementation of plans for development within a short period.

The research work takes a look at cost control as the reason why we must engage Quantity Surveyors as construction economic experts during project development planning. It emphasizes on the use of the right techniques as well as the right professionals who are specially trained to use professional tools that would significantly help to achieve projects that yields not just present but future benefits. As we build back together, we would enjoy the benefits of using the right tools and engaging the right professionals. The research design adopted was a descriptive survey study in an attempt to explain the factors that affect effective planning and implementation of affordable housing and land development, the expertise of the young Quantity Surveyor that emphasizes the need for his involvement in the process, the Significant Contributions of the young Quantity Surveyors and their Level of involvement in the development planning process. Descriptive survey study was used because it was best suited to answer the 'what' research questions in the study.

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