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PREFACE

The 4th edition of School of Environmental Technology International Conference (SETIC2022) is organised by School of Environmental Technology, Federal University of Technology Minna, Nigeria. In collaboration with Massey University New Zealand, University of Namibia, Namibia, Department of Architectural Technology, Najran University, Saudi Arabia, Deapartment of Civil Engineering, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa and the Global Sustainable Futures, UK.

The main theme for this year conference is "**Sustainable Development and Resilience of the Built Environment in the Era of Pandemic**" and is of interest to everyone going by the fact that housing is a necessity following only after food and clothing while living in crowded places and poor sanitation is a concern and possible cause of spread of diseases and occurrence of epidemic/pandemic. This promotes and encourage innovative and novelty for emerging property management strategies in a pandemic era; modern geospatial tools for epidemiology; architecture, resilience and healthy buildings in pandemic era; planning for sustainable resilient neighbourhoods and cities in COVID-19 era; sustainable and resilient cities; sustainable cost management of built environment projects in the era of covid-19; wellbeing and resilience of the built environment.

The responses from participants for this conference are overwhelming, well attended, and successful. The operation mode was virtual for all participants with presentations in mode Our participants are from various Universities and other sector across the globe, from countries like United Kingdom, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Namibia, Ethiopia and Nigeria just to mention a few. Hence, this conference provides a good platform for professionals, academicians and researchers to widen their knowledge and approach on latest advances in research and innovation. Papers presented in this conference cover a wide spectrum of science, engineering and social sciences.

Finally, a note of thanks must go to SETIC 2022 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for their remarkable dedication in making this conference a success. We hope the event will prove to be an inspiring experience to all committee members and participants.



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The effort put together in achieving the success of SETIC 2022 is predicated on the feat of the previous three edition of School of Environmental Technology International Conference held in 2016, 2018 and 2021, respectively. The support and goodwill from Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Dean School of Environmental Technology, Dr. Renuka Thakore, Dr Dodo Y. A., Prof. James O.B. Rotimi and many other highly motivated people are highly appreciated.

It is also my privilege and honour to welcome you all, on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to the 4th edition of the Biennial School of Environmental International Conference (SETIC2022). This Conference which was earlier schedule for April, 2022 is holding now (6th to 8th th February, 2023) due to the prolonged ASUU-FGN crisis which made our public Universities in Nigeria to be closed for over Eight Months. Our experience in the 3rd edition held in 2021 after the COVID-19 Pandemic has thought us on new ways of doing things with the Virtual Conferencing offering us a wider coverage, it is our hope that SETIC2022 will be an improvement on the Participants experience of opportunity available for global networking and interaction at Conferences via the Virtual mode of presentation.

The conference provides an international forum for researchers and professionals in the built environment and allied professions to address fundamental problems, challenges and prospects of **Sustainable Development and Resilience of the Built Environment in the Era of Pandemic**. The conference is a platform where recognized best practices, theories and concepts are shared and discussed amongst academics, practitioners and researchers. This 2022 edition of SETIC has listed in the program a Round Table Talk on on Housing Affordability Beyond COVID-19 with selected Speakers from across the globe available to do justice on the topic of discussion. Distinguished Conference participants, permit me to warmly welcome our Keynote:

- Dr. Ibrahim Idris, Director Public health, State Ministry of Health, Niger State, Nigeria;
- Dr. A.A. Bilau, Lecturer and expert in Disaster Risk Management, Department of Building, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria and;
- Dr. Yakubu Aminu Dodo, Ass. Prof. Architecture Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, Najran University, Najran, Saudi Arabia;

And the lead Discussants for the Round Table Talk:

- Prof. James O.B. Rotimi, Professor of Construction Economics & Management, School of Built Environment, College of Sciences, Massey University of New Zealand;
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for accepting to share from their knowledge, wealth of experience and be available to interact with participants on varied issues on "**Sustainable Development and Resilience of the Built Environment in the Era of Pandemic**".

As reflected on the Conference program, the Conference activities will be Virtual for all presenters to run in four parallel sessions on the Zoon platform. With a total of Seventy (70) articles captured in the Conference Proceedings covering the six subthemes of the Conference, I have no doubt that we are all in for an impactful experience at SETIC2022 as we brainstorm, exchange ideas, share knowledge and participate in evolving more approach to sustainable housing and land management drives.

I implore us all to enjoy every moment of the deliberations and ensure we maximize the great opportunity offered by the Conference to network for better research and career development as we also make new friends.

I also on behalf of myself and the LOC express our appreciation to the Dean, School of Environmental Technology and the entire Staff of the School for giving us the opportunity to steer the ship for SETIC2022. To the Reviewers and various Committees that served with us, I say thank you for helping us through despite the pressure of work.

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Abstract:

Every country's GDP is greatly impacted by the construction industry (CI). However, concerns have been raised about the low productivity of the construction labor force during both the building and maintenance phases. Construction project's objectives could not be achieved unless labor productivity is raised. The aim of this research work is to study the productivity of Plaster of Paris (POP) workers and tilers for both permanent and contract staff within Abuja in other to advice appropriately the best staffing methods for such craft. Quantitative research methodology was applied with the use of time study to study the productivity of tilers and POP workers for both permanent and contract staff in 10 building sites in Abuja (5 sites for POP workers 5 for tilers). A total of 20 gang was studied for the purpose of this study. Each gang is made of two members. The results were analyzed using a simple arithmetic equation for calculating productivity. The results show mean productivity of the permanent staff POP workers is 1.108hrs/m² why that of the contract staff tiler is 0.871hrs/m². The mean productivity of the permanent staff tiler is 1.043hrs/m² why that of the contract staff tiler is 0.871hrs/m². This implies that the productivity of contract staff is therefore advised for both POP activities and tilling activities in Abuja but this must be done without exploitation of the workers.

Keywords: Labour Productivity, Contract staff, Permanent staff, POP workers, tilers.

. Introduction

The construction industry is an important industry for the national economy of any nation as it provides space for other economic activities to take place. (Liu, 2008 and Rabia et al., 2020). The industry is labour intensive comprising physical (human) labour and mechanical (using machine) labour. This human labour usually refers to as labour productivity (Agbo& Ayegba, 2014). Labour productivity is defined as the relationship between output and input (Rao & Sudhanva, 2017; Agboet al 2021). Labour productivity consist of about 30 -50% of the overall cost of project (Jakas & Bita, 2012). Labour productivity determine to a greater extent the profit margin of contractors. Thus, increasing productivity is a crucial priority for any profit-oriented organization (Wilcox, 2000).

One of the key strategies for productivity increment is the quality of personnel. An organization with well qualified personnel has a higher chance of increased productivity (Gopal & Murali, 2015). This implies that in selection and recruitment of employee's emphasis should be on the quality of personnel being selected and recruited into the organization. The quantity and quality of the organization's production are directly impacted when low-quality workers are hired. Getting this quality employee depends so much on the method of recruitment and selection. In the 20th Century, emphasis was on permanent and pensionable employments system which has its disadvantage to the contractors and advantage to the employees (Agbo, 2014). However, in this 21st Century, emphasis has shifted from permanent and pensionable methods to contract and casual employment in the quest to reduce production cost and increase productivity (Mahesh *et al.*, 2017).

Concept of Labour Productivity in Construction Industry

Jarosaw *et al.* (2019) develop a mathematical model of construction worker productivity. They did it by grouping 17 elements that influence the productivity of construction workers into five categories. Fuzzy logic was utilized to describe the factors mathematically. A formula for calculating construction worker productivity has been proposed. The authors' approach is unique in that it takes into account a variety of elements that have the ability to influence construction workers' productivity. A single assessment of ceiling formwork was conducted to demonstrate how the formula works. The validation

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of a model demonstrated that it is capable of accurately analyzing, evaluating, and predicting the productivity of construction employees.

Salehi *et al.* (2013) investigated labour productivity issues using the nearest neighbor algorithm (NNA) to categorize things. To determine the value of items and standardize outputs, a multiple regression approach is utilized, accounting for the labour requirements for standard parts in each category as well as their production processes. A case study was given to verify the viability of the suggested technique. This technique has a number of advantages, including raising labour productivity, bolstering the production system, improving planning, and responding to market volatility.

Methods of Measuring Productivity

Isaac *et al.* (2015) claim that productivity metrics may be analyzed in terms of the entire range of production inputs, including labour as well as natural resources, intermediate commodities, and services. Average labour productivity (ALP), a single factor productivity metric, and total factor productivity, a multi-factor metric, are both used to quantify productivity. The output potential of a manufacturing process in proportion to its inputs is known as productivity (TFP). The impact of one input is measured by single factor productivity, but the influence of all inputs on output is measured by multi-factor or total factor productivity (labour). Tasks are specific construction operations including pouring concrete, installing tiling, and erecting structural steel. According to Isaac *et al.*, (2015) task-level productivity measurements are routinely used in the construction industry.

According to Attar *et al.* (2012), the majority of task-level productivity indicators are single factor measures that concentrate on labour productivity. According to Attar *et al.* (2012), contractors are frequently interested in the labour productivity at project sites, which can be categorized in one of two ways:

$$Labour \ Productivity = \frac{Output}{Labour \ Cost}$$
(1)

$$Labour \ Productivity = \frac{Output}{Work-hour}..$$
(2)

The study also found that man-hours per unit (unit rate), which is the opposite of labour productivity, is frequently employed and that there is no universally recognized definition or measure of productivity.

Casual or Contract Staff

Employees whose services are contingent on the specific function or responsibility they were recruited to perform are referred to as "contract personnel." They are laid off when their 'contract' expires, and they can only be rehired if another job is available. The fact that their employment is not permanent is the greatest distinguishing feature of this group of workers (Badmus *et al*, 2020).

The word "casualization" refers to occupations that have a high degree of cyclical demand, such as port work, agricultural migratory labour, and other intermittent low-skilled jobs. Another form of involuntary servitude that lasts for a certain period of time is casualization. Labour abuse is pervasive in many Nigerian organizations. There are many instances of this, including low pay, wage and salary arrears systems, training, career progression, motivation, feeling of community, job satisfaction, and dehumanization of work and people. (Badmus *et al*, 2020).

Casualization is another term for temporary employment, which can be found in a variety of industries, including transnational, multinational, public, and private companies, as well as the informal sector. As Campbell and Brosnan (2004) point out, definitions of casual work are frequently a source of misunderstanding and debate, with contradictions between vernacular, regulatory, and contractual meanings.

Permanent or Full-Time Staff

When someone works for an employer and receives their pay directly from them, it is said that they are in a permanent employment relationship. With this kind of work arrangement, the end date is not



specified. Part-time or full-time employment, as defined by the Bureau of Labour Statistics as workweeks averaging 35 hours or more, are both options for permanent employees. Benefit packages are typically provided to permanent employees by their employers, though these packages can change depending on whether they work full- or part-time Indeed Editorial Team (2021).

Eight-hour days and 40-hour weeks are the standard for a full-time job, though this depends on the industry and position. The assumption of a five-day workweek varies based on the profession. Full-time employment is not specifically defined by the US Department of Labour; instead, it is up to individual businesses to do so. The idea of "business hours" or "9 to 5" employment gives people a common understanding of full-time employment. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., are the typical office and corporate culture hours, while there may be some variance based on the company's culture and industry. There are no fixed requirements for when those hours must be completed; nonetheless, full-time employment demands a 40-hour workweek (or at least a schedule of at least 32 hours). Along with some degree of financial security, full-time employees typically get a variety of benefits as part of their employment agreement, such as paid time off (PTO), 401(k) plans, and insurance (Reshetnikova *et al.*, 2019).

Considering the various views and studies carried out in these areas so far it is obvious to note that though have being a change from the conventional permanent employment to temporary or contract employment there have being the difficulty of determining the most appropriate staffing methods for these two craft being considered in this research. From preliminary site investigation there have been so much divergent view about which is most appropriate for best productivity and yet not been involved in the 21st form of modern slavery. This necessitates this study to ascertain the most appropriate staffing methods for POP workers and tilers with the view of determine the most appropriate one within the FCT Abuja.

Methodology

The methodology used for collecting data in thus study was through the use of time study administered to POP workers and tilers of both permanent and contract staffs on site. This study was limited to ten building construction sites in Abuja. The gang size used for the purpose of this research for both POP workers and tilers is two. The total number of gangs studied is 20. In carrying out the time study, the following tools are used: a stopwatch, a plane sheet, a pencil, an eraser, clipboards, and a ruler.

Time: The researcher begins work at the site when it opens (7:30 am) and ends when it shuts (3:30 pm), or eight (8) working hours, depending on when the location is visited. In order to see well and to minimize interruptions while doing the study on location, the researcher finds a comfortable spot to sit a little distance from the subject of observation. The following information is included in the used paper:

- Type of work done
- Rating based on observation
- The start time for each type of work done
- The ending time for each type of work done
- The observed time
- The idle time
- The actual time
- Total area of work covered (Attar *et al.*, 2012)

When a job is interrupted, the duration of the interruption is noted as idle time. At the end of the day's work, the total amount of idle time is removed from the overall amount of time spent to give us the real amount of time used for that specific activity. By beginning the stop clock as soon as work begins, the observation process starts and is then continued. When work is interrupted, it was ensured that the



length of the interruption was precisely documented. This procedure was repeated for different gangs of POP workers and tilers on 10 selected sites (5 for POP worker and 5 for tilers) having both contract and permanent staff on site for 14 days on each site.

Results And Discussions

Table 1 shows the summary of the Labour productivity study carried out using the Time study for POP activity and Tilling activity which were either contract or permanent staff. This study was carried out on 5 building sites having both contract and permanent staff on site working on either tilling or POP work. Table 1 shows the expected mean productivity from each project and the actual mean productivity. It can be observed from table 1 that there is no consistency in the daily productivity of either contract or permanent staff of both the tilers and POP works and this can be caused by so many human factors and atmospheric factors such as; less idle time, the particular work load being assigned for the craft man to do for which he has the liberty to live after the work has been completed and duly inspected without having to wait for the official closing time, the psychological state of the craft man, the zeal to work on such day, weather conditions and many other factors which are being considered further at the course of this research.

The mean productivity of the permanent staff POP workers is 1.108hrs/m² why that of the contract staff POP workers is 0.945hrs/m², this shows that the permanent staff of POP workers takes 1.108hrs to complete one square meter of POP work why the contract staff takes 0.945hrs to complete the same areas of work, implying that the average productivity of the contract staff is better than that of the permanent staff since it takes the contract staff less time to complete the same square meter of the work.

POP Activity				
Ducient no	Permanent staff	Actual	Contract staff	Actual
Project no.	Expected productivity	productivity	Expected productivity	productivity
	(hrs/m ²)	(hrs/m ²)	(hrs/m²)	(hrs/m²)
1.	1.235	1.106	1.235	0.961
2.	1.235	1.096	1.235	0.920
3.	1.235	1.031	1.235	0.893
4.	1.235	1.082	1.235	0.919
5.	1.235	1.224	1.235	1.033
Mean value		1.108		0.945
Tilling activity				
	Permanent staff		Contract staff	
Project no.	Expected productivity	Actual productivity	Expected productivity	Actual productivity
1	(hrs/m^2)	(hrs/m^2)	(hrs/m^2)	(hrs/m^2)
1.	1.108	1.009	1.108	0.864
2.	1.108	1.039	1.108	0.905
3.	1.108	1.146	1.108	0.875
4.	1.108	0.983	1.108	0.896
5.	1.108	1.039	1.108	0.817
Mean value		1.043		0.871

 Table 65: Summary result for labour productivity of POP Activity and Tilling Activity

From Table 1, the mean productivity of the permanent staff tiler is 1.043 hrs/m² why that of the contract staff tiler is 0.871 hrs/m², this shows that the permanent staff tiler takes 1.043 hrs to complete one square meter of tilling work why the contract staff takes 0.871 hrs to complete the same areas of work, implying that the average productivity of the contract staff is better than that of the permanent staff since it takes the contract staff less time to complete the same square meter of the work. It can also be seen from table 1 that the mean productivity of both the tilling and POP activity is less than the expected productivity implying that the both productivity is ok in comparison to what is expected of such gang within Abuja.



Conclusions

The research objective was to study the labour productivity of permanent and contract staff productivity of POP workers and tilers in Abuja with the view to advice properly the best staffing method for those crafts on site. The study revealed that the productivity of contract staffs is better than that of permanent staff for both pop workers and tilers. The study therefore recommends contract staff for such craft work for better productivity. This must be done without undermining the workers wellbeing and profit also.

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