

THESIS TITLE : THE PERFORMANCE ON NUTRITIONAL SURVEILLANCE IN
CHILDREN AGED 0 - 5 YEARS OF THE VILLAGE HEALTH
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ABSTRACT

This descriptive research has aimed to 1) study the situation of the Village Health Volunteers (VHV's) Concerning nutritional surveillance in children , 2) find out the problems and obstacles encountered of the performance of the VHV's nutritional surveillance in 0 – 5 year old children.

The 327 Village Health Volunteers (VHV's) who has at least 1 year VHV experience ; from Wapeepatum Mahasarakham ; were selected as the target population by using cluster random sampling method Interview guide was developed, and data collection was done by interview. The data was then processed by SPSS for Windows. The statistics used included, frequencies, percentage, arithmetic means, standard deviation, 95 % Confidence interval of means.

The result showed that :

1) The overall performance of the VHV's on nutritional surveillance in 0 – 5 year old children were in moderate level. The performance most achieved the standard was recording the child weighing result in mother and child health monitoring booklet, on the other hand, the performance least achieved the standard was the co – operation with 4 main ministries in order to solve the malnutrition problem ; particularly ; the co – operation with the agricultural sector , community development sector , and teachers at the sub – district level.

2) Problems found most obstruct to the VHV's performance was the co – operation with 4 main ministries in order to solve the malnutrition Problems particularly , with the agricultural sector , community development sector , and teacher at the sub – district level. The other Problems found include ; engaging with their families , occupation resulting in inability to participate in every activities ; lack of full – participation from co – workers ; insufficiency of logistic support form health staff ; lack of co –operation from village headman ; and insufficiency of communities awareness concerning children malnutrition Problem.

The result from this study suggest that the role of health leader in a family should be supported in order to encourage them to responsible for the function of the nutritional surveillance in 0 – 5 year old children. Moreover , improvement of the level of the VHV's should also be promoted , and the strong co – operation among 4 main ministries sectors is necessary for the effective community development task.