

THESIS TITLE : STUDY OF PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM FOR
ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION IN CHILDREN : AN
APPLICATION OF PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH.

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Abstract

This study aims at applying the Participatory Action Research (PAR) as a methodology to study the prevention and control program for Acute Respiratory Infection in Children (ARIC) in rural area. Kokputtana Village, Tambon Pongam, Amphoe Nonghan, Changwat Udon Thani, was selected as a study site. Informants included four public health officers, twelve health care workers and fifty – eight mothers/care givers of their under five years old children. Data were collected through participant observation, surveys, interviews, in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, dialogue and group process. Fieldwork of this study lasted for one year and two months. Content analysis using substantive coding and percentage comparing were used.

In the study , people in community participated in most of the process activity. Collaboratively indicated that parts of prevention and control program for ARIC in community were carried out by public health officers, health care workers and mothers/care givers. This study strengthens the beliefs that people could empower themselves through

collaborative efforts and activities of interactive process in which people could develop their critical awareness on the identified problems of their own community, and be able to address possible ways to solve such problems.