THESIS TITLE: PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY

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ABSTRACT

A study to analyze the problems and develop solutions that allowed people participation in primary health care program was conducted in MunjaKeeree Districtor. The qualitative analysis of data revealed that the health workers did not provide a good supporting system for the people in the community to operate their own health care program. As a result, five interventions were given. These are: (1) a calling of an administrative meeting of all health workers in the district in order to advise them to promote better participation in primary health care program by people at the community level; (2) training of health volunteers on the topics of

roles and strategies for operating primary health care services; (3) organizing health volunteers leaders in all villages; (4) encouraging the health workers to organize a joint meeting among the health workers, health volunteers and their leaders; and (5) campaigning and advertising the program in all villages of Munjakeeree District. After the interventions were completed, it was found that the knowledge of how to operate the primary health care program among the health workers had increased; and their attitudes were more favorable toward working with the communities. In addition, it was found that the levels of awareness of the existence of the program among the sample of 300 rural residents were high. Their attitudes toward the program were favorable. They knew more about how to take care of themselves. All these findings were expected, and were in accordance with the program goal.