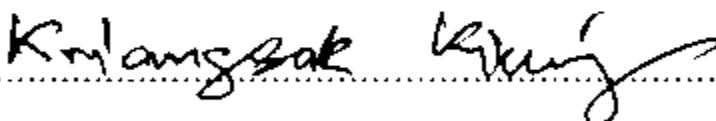
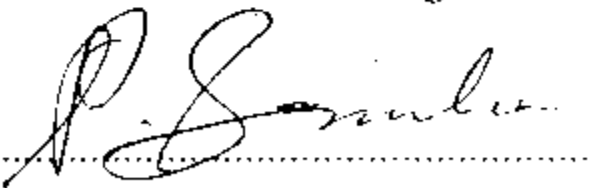


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### **ABSTRACT**

The objectives of the present study were to investigate level of participation of the Village Water Supply Committee (VWSC) in various activities including decision making, implementation, benefit receiving, evaluation and overview. Problems in development administration of VWSC were also clarified. Ninety VWSC members were selected and intensively interviewed by structured-questionnaires. All results were analyzed by descriptive statistics using a computer program (SPSS/FW).

The results showed that VWSC moderately participated for decision making implementation, and evaluation activities. Lower participation was found for benefit receiving activity. In overview the participation was at moderate level. Major problems of VWSC were linked to their limited management skill and unclear responsibility. The Village Water Supply Funds were financially unstable and inadequately supported by the government. In many cases, the management systems of VWSC were difference from the Department of Health's Guidelines, particularly incomplete accounting system. The VWSC complained of their little financial benefit. Both VWSC and the village water users also occasionally deviated from the water supply's management rules.