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### Abstract

This research examined and analyzed factors facilitating people's participation in the knowledge dissemination process required of community institution building. The study focused on the Production Savings Group of Tung-Mon Village, Prasart District, Surin Province in Northeastern Thailand. Efforts relied on structured and nonstructured interviews, participant and nonparticipant observations, available documents and research studies. Key informants were community leaders, village committee members, group members, government officials and villagers in general. It was found that contextual variables such as poverty, kinship system, traditions and-or culture, interpersonal conflicts, support from community leaders, constant flow of information, etc., comprised intravillage factors facilitate people's organization and involvement. External variables included support from

government officials who came into the community to provide knowledge and advice as regards group operational procedures. Others, comprised financial, materials and equipment support, knowledge and insight while serving as group members, etc. Besides, joining the group meant additional income for the family.

Process evaluation revealed that both government officials and the group executive committee joined hands in establishing operational regulations and procedures. Members of the group were able to gain access to low-interest loans. However, group operations were still rather free from members' control and supervision since the existing group structure was not conducive to the members' monitoring and review.

Knowledge dissemination process took both an official and formal form, e.g., meeting or training sessions, and informal one, e.g., casual conversations, the very form found most used.