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The objectives of this qualitative research were to study the young flower sellers' way of life in dimension of behavior and ideation in Yommarat Curved Railway Community, problems caused by their way of life and the problem solving method using social welfare provided by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. Samples consisted of 10 persons of 6 families of young flower sellers' in Yommarat Curved Railway Community and 1 social worker from Ministry of Social Development and Human Security who were selected by purposive method. The in-depth interview schedule and non-participate observation were used for collecting the data.

The research findings revealed that most of young flower sellers in Yommarat Curved Railway Community were Muslim, aged between 10-15 years old and lived in matriarchal family. They were urban poor, in debt with low education and did not have permanent jobs. In behavior dimension, they could not eat 3 meals punctually because they need to sell flowers for their living everyday. In ideational dimension, they viewed that selling flowers was an honest occupation which did not disturb or harm anyone else and was the way to show their gratitude towards their parents as well. More over, there were three main problems came along with their way of life, health problem, education problem and family problem. Ministry of Social Development and Human Security has provided the social welfare for children who sell the flowers and their family continually and which made the young flower sellers' families appreciate and they felt the received welfare and supports were precious for them. However, they still continued selling flowers on the rode. Therefore, it was a social problem that the society and concerned agencies should try to understand, create an awareness and bring about the prevention and solution mutually.

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