

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : The Role in Rural Development of Non – Government
Organization in Thailand: A case study of Rural
Reconstruction Alumni and friends Association (RRAFA)

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To do this research, the researcher used descriptive research. By studying the report of annual project of Rural Reconstruction Alumni and friends Association between January 1997 - June 1999 and interviews research with some members of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and government officials of office of Accelerated Rural Development, Moreover, the researcher has collected data from other documentation sources.

The purpose of research, the researcher aims to study toward concepts of rural development of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) concerning the participation of people in rural development at present, whether it is different from the government sectors which are responsible for rural development or not. The result of research is that the concept of rural development of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and the government sectors are same in the point that both of them promote the concepts

of participation and self-sufficiency of rural people. Nevertheless, their processes are different in which Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) are accessible to people better than other officials or government sectors.