



INDIVIDUAL PROJECT : FACTORS RELATED TO LEVEL OF THE OPERATION OF
FARM HOUSEWIFE GROUPS IN THE OFF-FARM INCOME-
GENERATING FOR FARM HOUSEHOLDS PROJECT
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ABSTRACT

The objectives of the research were to study: 1) some selected characteristics of the farm housewife groups 2) the operational level of activities of the group under the project 3) the factors related to the operational level of farm housewife groups under the off-farm income generating for farm households project.

The sample groups in this research was 33 farm-housewife groups from 12 districts in Changwat Chaiyaphum. The interview schedule was used for collecting the data and data analysed by percentages, arithmetic means, standard deviation, and Chi-square.

The results of this research revealed that:

1. Some selected characteristic of sample groups were that the majority of sample groups had some characteristics as followed; comprising of 31-60 members (60.6%) , with 40-49 old age (45.5%), having lower 50,000 Bath of revolving funds (72.2%), high-level of participation in groups activities by members (69.7%), high-level of knowledge and information obtaining (72.7%), and low-level in benefits gained (72.7%).

2. The operational level of sample groups under the project showed that about a half of sample groups (54.5%) had operated at low level.

3. The factors related to the operational level of housewife groups under the project were the amount of revolving funds and the benefit gained.

4. The recommendations from this research included; 1) the amount of revolving funds should be more providing, and 2) the benefit gained from the project involving should be higher contribution. Consequently, the project's operation would be accomplished effectively.