

THESIS TITLE: ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT
VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN
NONGBUALUMPHU PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

An operations research designed to activate the role of the Village Development Volunteer Leaders in Nongbualumphu Province was carried out. The main purpose of this research was to find ways to promote the Village Development Volunteer Leaders to play a more beneficial role for the community development work. The research methodology included an analysis of actual role of the Village Development Volunteer leaders vis-a-vis their expected role. The result from the analysis was used as a guideline to develop an intervention intended to increase the knowledge and the level of understanding of what should be the job description of these leaders. The intervention package consisted of training, organizing a study tour, promoting development initiative, and providing monitoring cum supervision.

A sample of 57 Villages Development Volunteer Leaders from 3 districts in Nongbualumphu Province was drawn and used as the experimental group for this study.

The findings from this research indicated that the intervention did have an effect on the Village Development Volunteer Leaders. Upon the completion of the intervention, it was found that these leaders were more active than they had been before. They were able to initiate development activities which were very much beneficial for the residents of the studied areas.