

Research Title : The Participatory Action Research for Poverty Problem Solving by focusing on Enhancement and Development the Local Wisdom in Karen Community at Ratchaburi Province

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Abstract

The purpose of this research was to solve poverty problem by focusing on enhancement and development the local wisdom in Karen community at Ratchaburi Province. One of the causes of their poverty are lacking of local wisdom. The Karen and Burmese community at the border of Thailand and Myanmar lost the old and local wisdom because of the war and sickness. The few ones remain but they are weak and unhealthy. As the result, the Karen community at Tanowsri Mountains lost their culture, local knowledge which used to be their power for a long time.

The researcher team from Rajabhat Muban Chom Bueng University operated participatory action research by studying basic problem situation, planning activities and finding cooperation from various organizations, focusing on enhancement and development the old to exchange and transfer the knowledge to the others in the community in order to restore their valuable local wisdom.

The result of this participatory action research were finding a traditional cure process such as malaria and diarrhea and transfer knowledge about herb from the old to the young. Moreover, the study found a cure by using water therapy and a cure of toxic food.

The study stimulated the Karens about health watch, sickness protection and patients care by cultural ways. There was a symptom analysis before making decision to use any kinds of herb or transfer to a hospital. This gave advantage for the poor to remedy themselves. The enhancement of local wisdom can help to get more knowledge, unity and reliability of local wisdom and the poverty problem.



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