

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : The Evaluation of Economic Community
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production sub-project : A Case Study of
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The study focused on finding out the degree of knowledge and understanding of and opinions about the saving-group-for-production sub-project under the Economic Community Self-reliance Project. The three major objectives of the research were (1) to reveal the saving group administrative committee's knowledge and understanding about the operation of the saving group for production, and (2) to learn their opinions about the sub-project, and (3) to find out the opinions of the members of the saving group for production about the sub-project.

The sample of the study* was composed of the administrative committee members of the saving groups for production and the members of the saving groups for production in Ban Lat District, Phetchaburi Province. The former were selected by purposive sampling from 21 groups (4 persons from each) and the total of 84 were included in the study. The latter were selected by simple random sampling and 42 persons were included in the study. A questionnaire was used as the research instrument. Frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation were employed for data analysis.

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The findings were summed up as follows :

1. The administrative committees of the saving groups for production was found that men out numbered women. The average age was 44.06 years. Most finished primary education. Also, most were engaged in farming. They were the members of the saving groups for production for 7.05 years on an average. They served in the administrative committees for averagely 5.10 years. As for the members of the saving groups for production, women were out numbered men. Their average age was 46.12 years. Most completed primary education. Also most were engaged in farming. They were the members for an average of 7.61 years.

2. The administrative committee members were found to have a good knowledge and understanding of the operation of the saving-group-for-production sub-project.

3. As a whole, the administrative committee members agreed with the operation of the saving group for production. The putting-in of cumulative money received the highest mean and the training of those concerned received the lowest mean.

4. As a whole the members of the saving group for production agreed with the group operation. The payment of received the highest mean and observation tours received the lowest mean.

One problem found was that the members were not punctual in loan payment and putting in cumulative money. Another problem was that activities of the group were not enough to serve the members' needs.