

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Potential of Community Organizations in Credit Management : A Case Study of the Saving Group for Production in Suphanburi Province

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The research studied the potential of community organizations in credit management in order to make recommendations about credit management to related agencies.

The sample group consisted of 160 members of the saving groups for production. They were purposively selected. Those selected were the chairman, the treasurer, the secretary and the 4 committees, i.e., the administrative committee, the lending committee, the inspection committee and the promotion committee. The samples were taken from 165 saving groups for production in Suphanburi Province. A questionnaire was employed for data collection. The descriptive statistics used for data analysis were frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation, and the inferential statistics to test the hypotheses were t-test and F-test.

The findings were briefly stated below:

1. The potential of community organizations in credit management was found to be high. When the potential in individual dimensions were considered, The members' discipline, observation of the regulations and leadership were all found to have high potential.
2. When the hypotheses were tested, it was found that sex, age, knowledge and understanding, and planning of the members of community organizations had a positive relationship with the potential of community organizations in credit management. Other variables, i.e., marital, status, education and social fund of the member of the community organizations, were found to have no relationship with the potential of community organizations in credit management.

The researcher made the following recommendations:

1. The community organization members should be educated about credit management periodically as appropriate in order to increase their administrative efficiency.

2. The authorities. Who gave advice to the target group should only give knowledge and information but must not make decisions for them. They should give a correct knowledge and understanding about credit management. When the community organizations want to have information. They should not try to stuff the latter with information when the latter were not ready.

3. Operational found. The problem encountered by the saving group for production was insufficient capital of operations and they cannot solve this problem immediately. Allocating an additional found or using bank credit is not the solution that they want. From checking the registered members of all the group and from interviewing some group members, it was found that, most members were poor or were middle income people. Those who were wealthy were not interested at all in becoming members of the saving group for production. If the saving group can make rich people understand the usefulness of being members of the saving group, this will help mobilize local capital to assist poorer people. This is a way to solve the problem of the lack of fund to a great extent.

4. The community organizations that have strength and potential to succeed tend to have women as their leaders because women seem to be more careful in administration and management.

5. It was found that general employment affected the credit management more than any other. This might because people engaged in general employment realized the economic problems of their families most. Therefore, many in this occupation were interested in joining the activities of the saving group for production. These people thus have brought the success to the saving group most.

6. There should not acceleration for people to form a community organization. The community should have freedom to made a decision on this.

7. Outside organizations should not interfere with the thinking and decision making process of the community. If the community experience problems, outside organizations may give advice and assistance as necessary, but should not make a decision for the community.

8. What is important in credit management is to give related knowledge to the community organization. Rotating money should be given importance, including the benefits the members will gain.