

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Subdistrict Heads and Village Headmen's Participation in Solving the Drug Problem in the Project on Drug-free Village/Community for the King's Celebration : A Case Study of Muang District, Nakhonsrithammarat Province

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The objectives of the study were

1. to find out the level of subdistrict heads and village headmen's participation in solving the drug problem in the Project on Drug-free Village/Community for the King's Celebration,
2. to point out the factors influencing their participation in solving the drug problem, and
3. to use the research results to set some guidelines to solve the drug problem.

The data were collected from 111 subdistrict heads and village headmen in Muang District, Nakhonsrithammarat Province. A questionnaire was used as the instrument. Percentage, mean and standard deviation were employed for data analysis.

The findings were summed up as follows:

1. Most of the subdistrict heads and village headmen were males, aged 41-50. They were married. They finished Prathomsuksa 1-7 and were not engaged in any other occupation. Their incomes were lower than 1,000 – 10,000 Baht/month. They worked in the position for 4-5 years. They lived in the village for 5-10 years and contact government officials once a week.
2. The subdistrict heads and village headmen were found to have a good knowledge and understanding about the Project on Drug-free Village/Community for the King's Celebration.

3. The subdistrict heads and village headmen participated in solving the drug problem at a moderate level. The means could be ranked from the highest to the lowest as follows: treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts, prevention of drug addiction, and drug suppression.

4. The factors found to be significantly selected to their participation in solving the drug problem were age, number of residential years, and contact with government officials.

5. The factors found to have no relationship with their participation in solving the drug problem were sex, marital status, education, occupation, number of years in the position, and knowledge and understanding about the project.

Recommendations :

1. Related agencies such as the public administration officers and police should help provide the subdistrict heads and village headmen of a knowledge of investigation, interrogation, crime and arrests, and some advices about drug suppression.

2. Related agencies should closely and continuously train them how to handle the drug problem.

3. Officers from related agencies should visit subdistrict heads and village headmen regularly and continuously.

4. Related agencies, such as the office of Drug Prevention and Suppression Board should hold workshops for them continuously.

5. Related agencies should impose some safety measures for those who directly deal with drug production and trade, so that he will have a good morale in working.