

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : Participation of People in Community Areas
along Pattani Basin on Garbage Management :
A Study of Huasapansateng, Khampongbangoy
and Jarupattana Community, Muang District,
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The study focused on studying people's participation level and the factors related to their participation in garbage disposal in the communities along the Pattani River. The sample consisted of 150 people in Ban Huasapansateng, Khampongbangoy and Jarupattana communities. A questionnaire was employed for data collection. Percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test and F-test were used for data analysis.

The findings were briefly stated as follows :

1. The overall participation was found to be at a moderate level.
2. Significant differences were found at the 0.05 level when people's acknowledgement of related information project, their faith in community leaders, their social group membership and their education were considered.
3. However, no significant difference was found at the 0.05 level when the subjects' realization of the garbage problem, number of residential years, age and sex were considered.

Recommendations

1. Policy implications

1.1 Acknowledgement of information related to the Yala Municipality's garbage disposal project. It was found that people received the information mostly from the radio, so this channel should be used continually. Also, the dissemination of messages through news spreading tower, brochures and leaflets should be increased because these sources of information were close mostly to people. If the Yala Municipality continuously informs people of the garbage management, it will get more cooperation from them.

1.2 People's realization of the garbage problem. As it was found that people received the information about the garbage disposal project least, therefore, the Yala Municipality should publicize the related information through different types of mass media, such as radio, a new spreading tower, brochures, leaflets, community leaders, etc. This should be done constantly and continuously in order to make people become conscious of the garbage management.

1.3 Faith in community leaders. It was found that people hardly sought help from the community leader when a problem or conflict arose. Because of this, the community leader must pay closer attention to problems in the community and must be ready to help solve community problems. This in turn would make people have more faith in him, and when he wants cooperation from people, they will willingly give him so.

1.4 Benefits from being social group members. It was also found that people received little advantage in participating in community/village activities, so they were not seriously interested in being group members in the community. Thus, the community leader and authorities concerned should give importance to this matter by making people to gain more benefits from becoming

group members in order to attract more people to join social group, therefore the community development activities will become more effective.

2. Operational implications

2.1 The Yala Municipality should urge people to participate more in its activities. People should be given an opportunity to help in thinking, planning, decision-making, implementation, and support.

2.2 A volunteer group for community cleanliness should be set up to look after the community and to urge people to realize the seriousness of the garbage problem and to be responsible for garbage disposal, such as burning it.

2.3 Public relations work should be carried out continuously. Particularly, people should be encouraged to think about how to solve the problem and to participate in decision-making in order to increase the Yala Municipality's efficiency in garbage management.

2.4 People should be informed of the dangers of garbage to health, including direct and indirect impacts so that people will see the importance of cooperating in garbage disposal.