

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : An Evaluation of Behind Wat-Chan Cooperative Housing
Development

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The study focused on (1) housing security (2) participation in the land development project and (3) Pandindhamma and Pandinthong.

The concept of evaluation, that of participation and that of community development were applied as the framework of evaluation. The framework of the study included the following :

Housing security : The variable considered was land and house ownership. The criteria were ability to pay back, the net income of more than 2,500 after expenditures, the housing condition – whether the house was durable, looked good and was in a nice environment.

Participation : Participation in meetings, problem analysis, setting of regulations and committee selection.

Pandindhamma and Pandinthong : Whether the community was free from illegal drugs, vices and different forms of gambling.

The sample group consisted of 56 members who took part in the project. Of the 56, eleven served as the project administrative committee.

The data were collected by in-depth interview and observation of the committee by the researcher herself.

The findings were as follows:

(1) Housing security and land and house ownership

Most subjects could pay back their debts after the expenses. About 55.4%

had higher income than the set amount. About 37.5% had income within the set amount, and about 7.1% earned lower than the set amount. Nearly all of the subjects were satisfied with their houses in terms of durability, beauty and nice environment.

Participation . About 98.2% attended every meeting. About 96.4% Participated in problem the community committee members, and 37.5% in setting regulations.

Pandidhamma and Pandinthong . The results of the in-depth interview and observation indicated that the community was subjects were strongly determined to keep their community free from all these things and to create unity by holding activities in which community people could participate.

This research, however, did not include the cooperative members who did not join the land development project. So their opinions about the project management were not known.

It was recommended that the agencies concerned should adjusted their own roles to facilitate the project. Things that should get consideration were the retro-active tax collection of the Revenue Department and the allocation of enough budgets to support the project.