

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Slum Dwellers' Participation in Drug Prevention and
Suppression in the Responsible Area of Bang Pong Pang
Metropolitan Police Station

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The objectives of this research are to study level of people's participation in crime prevention and suppression, including factors affective the people's participation and to find out problems and obstacles in the prevention and suppression of illegal drugs, ways to promote people's participation in such activities.

Sample in this study comprises 312 people living in crowded area under the responsible of Bang Pong Pang Metropolitan Police Station; questionnaire is used for data collection, afterwhich the data were analyzed statistically of percentage, mean, standard deviation and t-test, F-test for hypothesis testing.

Results of the study can be summarized as follows:

1. The majority of samples being male of 31-45 years old, completed only secondary school, work as hired laborer with monthly income less than 5,000 baht; most of them have had direct or indirect experiences with illegal drugs in their community.
2. Most of them give high score to the importance of illegal drug addiction in their community while having faith in the local police force only moderately.
3. The level of people's participation with police in illegal drugs' prevention and suppression is low.
4. Factors relating to the people's participation in illegal drugs prevention and suppression are occupation, income, residential time in community and giving importance to the drug addiction problems in their community.

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5. Among problems and obstacles in the people's participation in prevention and suppression illegal drugs in their community are being afraid of bodily harm by the drug traders, no trust in the police forces and lack of proper facilities in the participation.

Important recommendations emerged from the study, among others, are:

1. The police superiors should strictly supervise police forces to ensure honesty, justice and rapidity in duty performance with good relations with people; the disobedients should receive punishment fairly.

2. Training to increase knowledge and understanding the nature of illegal drugs and forms of people's participation should be organized in schools, factories, community and for the people at large to solicit more people's participation in the matter.

3. There should be close co-operation with other agencies to provide facilities for the people's participation.