

ABSTRACT

Title of Research : Causal Factors Effecting Involvement of Village Committee
Paper in Solving the Drugs Epidemic Problem : A Case Study of
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The objectives of the study on causal factors effecting involvement of the Village Committee in solving of the drugs epidemic problem : a case study of Nongchok District, Bangkok aimed to 1) examine the level of involvement of the village committee in solving the drugs epidemic problem; 2) to determine factors effecting the village committee's involvement in solving the drugs epidemic problem : and 3) to identify problems, constraints and to suggest guidelines of solution to the village committee in solving the drugs epidemic problem. The population in this study included 303 members of village committee in Nongchok district. Data were collected by questionnaires, and were analyzed by percentage, frequency, mean, standard deviation, t-test and one-way analysis of variace.

The study revealed the following findings :

1. Almost population all in this study were males aged less than 40 years, with primary and secondary educational level. They work as general employees with monthly income of less than 5,700 Bahts. The duration of work as village committee member was less than 5 years. The frequency of official contacts was more than 2 times. They had attended the training for more than 2 times, and joined the meeting

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for more than 2 times. They received information mostly through the announcements at the district office. Their knowledge about the drugs was at moderate level.

2. The village committee's members had high level of involvement in solving the drugs epidemic problem in 3 aspects : prevention and solving of the drugs epidemic problem; control of the drugs laws offenders, and treatment and rehabilitation of the drug addicts.

3. The result revealed that factors significantly effected the village committee's involvement in solving drugs epidemic problems were the period of holding the committee's member position, frequency of official's contacts, frequency of committee's meeting, and perception of drugs information.

The researcher suggested that the district office should conduct relevant activities to promote and develop quality of life of the youths and the children so as to prevent them from gathering or fooling around. Moreover, they would forward the better way of life in the future. Besides, the district office should also conduct regular assessment of drugs epidemic situation so that the village committee and concerned officers such as local polices are able to investigate the situation and take prompt actions if the problems occur.