ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER	:	Factors Affecting the Participation of the Village Fund Committee on the Poverty Alleviation Project of the Ministry of Interior : A Case Study of Ubonratchathani Province
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The major objectives of the survey were as follows :

1. to study the level of the village fund committee members' participation in the poverty alleviating project ;

2. to point out the factors affecting their participation in the project ; and

3. to indicate the problems and obstacles to their participation in the project.

The data were collected from 99 village fund committee members in 11 villages (nine from each) in Lao-sue-kok District, Ubonratchathani. A questionnaire was used to gather the data. Frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation were employed to describe the data, and t-test and F-test to test the hypotheses.

The findings were summed up below :

1) Most of the samples were males, aged 36-45. They completed primary school. The majority earned their income from farming and orchards. Most held the village fund committee position for 1-2 years. The households of

the sample group had 3 working-age members. Most of the committee members were married and did not have any social position.

2) As a whole, they were found to participate in the poverty alleviating project at a high level. When each component was considered individually, the highest participation mean was approval of the projects, followed by selection of target households, adding more money into the fund, support of households, and follow-up and evaluation, respectively.

3) The factors affecting their project participation was sex, education, working-age households members, marital status, social position, and knowledge and understanding of the poverty-alleviating program.

4) The factors that had no impact on their project participation was age, occupation, and member of years in the current position.