

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : The Performance of the Village Poverty Alleviation Project's
Fund Committees : A Case Study of Donglaung District,
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The study was conducted for Three main objectives :

1. to reveal the operation of the village poverty - alleviation fund committees in Dongluang District, Mukdahan Province
2. to identify the factors related to their operation
3. to point out their problems and make some suggestions about their operation.

A questionnaire was employed as instrument to collect the data from 297 members of the village poverty - alleviation fund committees in Dongluang District, Mukdahan Province. Percentage, mean, and standard deviation were used to describe the data, t-test and F-test to test the hypotheses.

The findings were briefly states below :

1. Most of the subjects were males, aged 31 - 40, Their education was below secondary school. They were engaged in agriculture and earned an income of 5,001 - 10,000 pre year. They had attended a training course about the poverty - alleviation project for not more than twice and they also borrowed some money from the village poverty - alleviation funds.

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2. The subject were found to have a moderate knowledge and understanding about the operation of the village poverty - alleviation fund committees.

3. They found the fund committees' operation to be moderately satisfactory.

4. The factors significantly related to their operation were frequency of attending training courses about the fund project and their knowledge and understanding about it. In contrast, sex, age, education, occupation, annual family income and experiences in borrowing money from the fund project were found not related to their operation.