ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper: Members' Participation in the Operation of the Saving Group

for Production: A Case Study of the Saving Group for Production in Tambon Pakjan, Nakhornluang District,

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The research was conducted for the following objectives:

 To find out the degree of the members' participation in the operation of the saving group for production in Tambon Pakjan, Nakhornluang District, Ayuthaya Province.

- 2. to identify the factors related to the members' participation in this matter, and
- 3. to point out the problem in participating in the operation of the saving group for production in Tambon Pakjan, Nakhornluang District, Ayuthaya Province.

The data were collected from 280 members of the saving group for production in Tambon Pakjan, Nakhornluang District, Ayuthaya Province. The samples were selected from the saving group members living in Moo (Village) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (50 people from each) and Moo 5 (30 people). A questionnaire was employed to gather the data. The SPSS for Window was used to analyze the data. The statistics employed was percentage, mean, standard deviation, and Chi-square.

The findings were summarized below:

1. Most of the members of the saving group for production were female. They were 40 years old or younger. They were married. They finished primary education and were engaged in general employment. They earned 5,000 – 7,000 Baht a month. Most owned the land of 4 rai or less. They were members of the saving group for production for 8-12 years.

- 2. Most of them were found to participate in the operation of the saving group for production at a high level.
- 3. When the hypothesis were tested, the factors found to be significantly related to their participation in the operation of the saving group for production were income, faith in the group executive committee, benefits to be gained, and access to related information. On the contrary, sex, age, marital status, education, occupation, land size, and number of membership years were found to have no relationship with the members' participation in the operation of the saving group for production.

Recommendations:

The saving group for production should inform the members of the benefits to be gained from participating in different activities held by the group. The executive committee members should also be composed of both old and new people so as to train new people to operate the saving group effectively.