Abstract

The study on "Development Guidelines on Access to the older persons fund Services" aims to study patterns of access to the older persons fund services, problems and obstacles of service access, including development guidelines on service access. The population of this study was 130 organizations supported by the older persons fund, 2 set per organization, a total of 260 sets. The study tool was the questionnaire. The statistics included frequency, percentage, standard deviation, t-test and F-test. The study results are summarized as follows.

Most organizations studied were the elderly clubs with less than 100 members and conducted health activities. With regard to the overall pattern of service access, most organizations accessed to the older persons fund services through provincial social development and welfare offices. Right recognition in all aspects was at the high level. In term of service opportunity, most organizations submitted one project for support request. They contacted the older persons fund 1-3 times for support request and project publication. Most projects supported by the older persons fund were health projects. In all aspects, problems and obstacles of service access occurred from the older persons fund and supported organizations were at the moderate level, except a problem on project-writing skill of supported organizations which was at the high level. In all aspects, development guidelines on service access were at the high level, especially amendment of regulations/ conditions on the fund's project support. For the comparison between general information, and service access's problems and obstacles, it was found that organizations of a different number of members had different service access's problems and obstacles at the statistical significant level of 0.05. For the comparison between general information and guidelines on service access, it was found that there was no difference, both in terms of service improvement and regulation/ condition amendment.

The recommendations from the study results, at the policy level, are that regulations should be amended in line with elderly needs. The older persons fund authority should be distributed to provinces. The strength and capability of the older persons fund management should be enhanced. At the operational level, the older persons fund should shorten process on project support request, and provide knowledge on project-writing skill to organizations requesting for support.