

## Abstract

The objectives of the research “Welfare Needs that Promote Vocational Self-Reliance of the Group of Elderly Persons who Are Former Employees of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration” is to study the welfare needs that promote vocational self-reliance of elderly persons and factors that affect such welfare needs. The population under study consists of 70 members of the Group of Elderly Persons who are former employees of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, based on specific sampling of members who volunteer and are ready to provide information.

The findings yield that most of the sample group are female, between 61 and 70 years of age, with primary education level, whose former occupation is in government employment and most of whom currently have no employment. With regard to the sources of income, it is found that the income comes mainly from their children, with an average monthly income of 3,400 baht. Their income is not sufficient for the expenses, however, thus compelling the elderly persons to find work for self-reliance. Most have dependants that they need to support. Most of the samples have some kind of personal diseases, but they are still healthy.

The elderly persons need employment for economic reasons, for they want to earn income to meet their daily expenses. For social reasons, they want to feel more valuable. As far as the demand for the service from the State is concerned, they want basic health care. For them, the social reason is the most important, while basic health care service is their biggest demand. Those who are sixty years or younger need more services of employment and basic health care than those older than 60 years. Those who currently have an income have more needs for vocational counseling than those without. Those who want to be hired in general employment need more vocational counseling and lending funds for vocational purposes than those who want to be self-employed. Those who are in the employment need more services in vocational information, training, labor development, counseling, and lending funds than those who are not engaged in the employment.

The study recommends vocational services suitable to the health conditions of the elderly persons as well as basic health care service. In addition, other relevant activities should be organized to support their livelihood, including social activities that help the elderly realize their own worth and live happily.