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The developmental direction of Community primary health care (CPHC) in Lopburi province is still questionable, even though centers have been established in every village of Lopburi province for 20 years, because the performance assessment of them has never been conducted . This survey research aimed to study role performance of Village health volunteers (VHVs) working in CPHC centers. Three hundred twenty VHVs representing each CPHC were selected randomly and interviewed. The data was collected between 1 October 1998 to 1 November 1998.

The research findings showed that 64.7 % of VHVs were female . They were between 19 – 68 years of age and married , 74.7 % of them finished only primary school level, and 73.1 % of them worked in agriculture 77.5% of them had income less than 5000 bath per month. 38.7% of them had been VHVs more than 10 years , 71.2 % of them did not have any public health experience . 59.1 % of them held another social position in the village . 49.3 % of them got supervision, 60 % of them received training every month. 58.8 % of them studied at the village 88.1 % of them received complete from the government, and 75.3% participated in the entire process and 77.2 % of them have knowledge concerning PHC at a moderate level, 68.7% of them had role perception at moderate level, 66.6 % of them had motivation at a moderate level , 60.6% of them had role performance at a moderate level. There are statistically significant relationships among role performance of VHVs and social support , role perception , and motivation (p-value < 0.05 ). Stepwise multiple regression analysis showed that the predictive variables of role performance of VHVs are role perception and motivation. These variable can explain 29.7% of the variation of role performance.

The research suggests that a training program on Role perception , planning and budgeting should improve VHVs's motivation , and VHVs's salary should be increased .