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The objectives of this research were to study the people participation in the Women Empowerment Funds. To compare the participation of people in the Women Empowerment Funds distinguish by the personal factors and to study relationship between knowledge understanding and people's participation in the Women Empowerment Funds. The sample size was composed of 387 persons selected from the women live in Muang district, Samut Songkram Province and members of the Women Empowerment Funds. The data were collected by questionnaires and the statistical tools used for data analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, One-way analyses of variance and Pearson product Moment correlation coefficient at 0.05 significant difference.

The result showed that the people were participation in the Women Empowerment Funds in "high" level. The hypothesis testing showed that personal factors which were occupation affect the participation in the Women Empowerment Funds overall, except the difference age, education, working position, an average monthly income and the period of local residence factors were did not affect the participation in the Women Empowerment funds overall and found that age and an average monthly income were affect the participation in the Women Empowerment funds on the opinion aspects. As for occupation factors was affect the participation in the Women Empowerment funds on the decision making aspects, the evaluation aspects and the benefit aspects . While the knowledge understanding were positive relationship with participations in performance on the opinion aspects very low.

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