

The purpose of this study was to investigate the roles and influence of Buddhist monks in villages' daily life. The study also included the forms and factors which encourage development, the problems, and the impact of development on villagers.

The sample used for the study included four development worker - monks, twenty local leaders, and 120 villagers.

The tool used in the study was a questionnaire and interview to ascertain the opinions of the monks, local leaders, villagers. The data so obtained were then analyzed and interpreted.

The results showed that Buddhist monks play important roles in villagers' daily life. This is because the Thai people's way of life has always tied to Buddhism. Villagers and local leaders maintained the same opinion that the suitable form of development should be to create a development committee with monks acting as advisors. Villagers preferred job training and moral inculcation

to educational and public health development. It is also discovered from studying these monks' development work in several communities that villagers and local leaders have different needs and working effectiveness.