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The descriptive study aims to assess the women's role in household sanitation management at area of Health Center No.54, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration. Factors related to women's role, including socio-demographic characteristics, women's knowledge about household sanitation and opinion toward their roles were also assessed. The sample consisted of 146 women aged 18 to 60 years old. Data collection was done by interview using structured questionnaire, during March 1999.

The result were as follow. With regard to knowledge about household sanitation, half of the subjects had high knowledge, particularly in relation to the waste and waste management and diseases and health. All the studied women carried out their roles in household sanitation management in some way, especially, in the area of solid waste management and household cleaning. Subjects' opinion toward fairness of roles and the level of knowledge were related. The actual role was concordant with the expected role as well as related to family income. Majority of subjects had negative opinion toward household sanitation which was related to their socioeconomic characteristics including number of children, level of education, occupation, family income, number of residents and number of females in the family. Opinion toward household sanitation was also related to subjects knowledge on household sanitation.

Most women work outside to earn income for the family, therefore male contribution should be encouraged through education about participation in household sanitation activities, directed at children of both sexes.