

Abstract

This research project aims at 1) developing the integrated network for the community welfare funds at the district level; and 2) synthesizing the lessons obtained through the research project in order to propose the policy to the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. The research method employed was the participatory research carried out in the area of Phimai District, Nakhon Ratchasima comprising altogether 12 sub-districts (Tambon) and 226 villages.

The findings of the research reveal that the key personnel of the communities could gather and synthesize the data of the community organizations. The community welfare funds are mostly those running the welfare funds indirectly. The people leading a hard life was defined differently depending upon the organizations. It has been defined widely to cover every walk of life. The linking process of the community welfare funds at the district level could be run in the networking and information centre. The success of the network integration was the conceptual integration and the condition of success was the participation of the communities in the management processes including the data synthesis as the tool for sharing concepts. The success of the factual integration was under the individual context of the funding status. How to run the funds may be in the form of the coordinating network and information centre. Regarding the system integration, the condition of success depends on the dynamics of the structure under the key personnel and the decision-making at the district level is made through the process of the coordinating centre for the community organizations. The most appropriate integration methods of each step can be made as follows: topping up, developing from what has been existing, and re-constructing. This depends on the context of each district. The integration level consists of the community organizations, the network at the district level and the policy level.