

Abstract

Alternative Activity Research: AAR (Hot Kee-ta Network for Goodness)

Alternative Activity Research: AAR (Hot Kee-ta Network for Goodness) initially submitted project proposals from communities in Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat, and 4 districts of Songkla. 25 community committees and experts in each province had approved the project proposals and suggested for revising for the completion, which is mainly focused on learning of creating activities and community cooperation. In 2013, the project proposal submission was open only 1 phase, from July – August 2013, and was screened and considered by 25 community committees and experts on 28 September, 2013 at Prince of Songkla University, Pattani Campus. 320 projects were approved including 96 projects from Pattani, 75 from Narathiwat, 64 from Yala, and 84 from Songkla, which spent in the amount of 1,600,000 Baht. On November 2013, the fund was allocated to the community, and, later, the activities had been made during December 2013 – January 2014. The activities in each area were divided into three categories. First, youth issue, which was mainly focused on occupation and education, such as Planting Lime Tree Project of Nongraed Sub-district, Yaring District, Pattani, Fundamental Computer Repairing Project, operated by M.4 village, Khosit Sub-district, Takbai district, Narathiwat, which was supported trainers from Narathiwat Occupational Center. Second, women and widowed wife issue, the activity, such as Bathing Women Deceased Project, had been conducted, and also the activity for supporting occupation, such as seeding mushroom, sewing headscarf, and planting chemical-free vegetable. The last issue was religious leader which was acknowledging religious preach to the youths and women and widowed wife to build harmony and peace in the community. The program operation under the ideal of Villagers Think Villagers Do could sustain community relationship which was using “Pakat” procedure to shatter a wall of conflict in the community restoring long lost relationship. Therefore, it helped to generate chance and hope for doing goodness and to change the problem into wisdom of learning and to conduct activities for orphans, youths, women, widowed wives, and religious leaders with happiness and peace.

Building Network of Goodness “Hot Kee-ta”

To build such network, builder must illustrate the program to the community for exchanging point of view between religious leaders and village representative, reconciling community, analyzing problem and obstacle and finding solution together, and expanding network to build a better relationship along with communities nearby.

Findings

- building unity by solving existed problems, the youths have changed characteristic to do virtue goodness, respected to the parents, and formed the harmony and network which give everyone opportunity to participate and aware of self worthy to do goodness.

- Hot Kee-ta helped to revive community harmony, reduce suspicion and distrust, and restore long lost unity.

- Hot Kee-ta helped to establish the involvement and the importance of community. Each activity had been well-participated and people in the community specified activity venue. Mosque is the center of activity operation which is useful to make them closed to religion.

- Hot Kee-ta produced volunteering activists, network, and activity and target group explicitly.

- Hot Kee-ta participated by community and all parties can lead to the sustainability of community development and contribute to unity and peace into community in the future.

Suggestions to Thailand Research Fund (TRF)

1. Funding should be supported based on people's needs in each area. As research user, it is true that there are gaps between conducted research and research user, which is required different research method. It may need different research question that cannot be done like other method and condition, in order to help women, widows, low-income women, youths, and religious leader in the southernmost provinces relying on themselves.

2. Funding for further study in the substantial area for program expansion and it allow us to produce community mentor.

3. Promoting local wisdom activity for inheriting culture and community's lifestyle into new young generation for sustainable development in the future.

4. Moving forward community development, community researchers promote in-

depth development research in the area which Hot Kee-ta has been operated, by coordinating with 4 sectors in the area, improving leader capacity, completing community data, and analyzing community.

5. Promoting education and learning process for the understanding on economical and social change by constantly promote learning process.

6. Giving chances to women, widows, orphans, youths, and religious leaders for the potentiality of self management based on cultural in the area, in order to be assured of self dependence among the insurgency in the southernmost Thailand.