



People Participation in Guarding against and Controlling for COVID-19 in Samutsakorn

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Abstract

The objectives of the study were two-fold : (1) to investigate the level of peoples' participation in guarding against and controlling for COVID-19 in Samutsakorn Province; and (2) to find out the obstacles impeding and impairing the peoples participation in Samutsakorn Province.

340 people residing in Samutsakorn Province were selected as the sample of the study. The simple random sampling technique was used for the purpose of selecting the sample. The collected data were analyzed by means of descriptive statistics. As a result of the data analysis, the researcher has discovered the following facts:

As to the peoples' participation in guarding against and controlling for (COVID-19, it was found that people took part in making plans, performing functions, and evaluating the work performance. By and large, people's participation was found to be at a moderate level, whereas their participation in reaping, benefits was found to be at a high level. With regard to the obstacles or difficulties impeding and impairing their participation, holistically, it was found to be at a high level.

Keywords : people's participation; COVID-19

History and Significance of the Problems

WHO has declared that the COVID-19 pandemic is public health emergency concern; the National Committee on Contagious Diseases considered COVID-19 as the most dangerous disease. In coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is deemed essential to depend on the people's participation as well. The staff members from the public sector have made all possible efforts to motivate people to take part in guarding against and controlling for the spread of COVID-19 in Thailand. Without serious and sincere participation of the people, we cannot weed out the COVID-19 from Thailand. In case of Samutsakorn Province, the COVID-19 victims are on the increase trend. The growing increase of