

## **Chapter 1 Introduction**

### **Statement and significance of the problem**

The Christian Women Organization in the Church of Christ in Thailand is the organization that's started by the group of Christian women in the rural churches in every part of Thailand. These organizations have their own management and their situation is a part of the Church of Christ in Thailand Foundation. They're divided their district from the area of geography and the relationship between the people. There are 19 district cover Thailand.

In the area of 8 provinces in the Upper North of Thailand. There're 9 districts from 19 districts of the Church of Christ in Thailand. Christian Women Organization have their own objective to let the people have a chance to develop their quality of life as enough to stay, enough food and things for life. Learn how to save and help themselves, won't put burden on social and nation. In the work of Christian Woman Organization in community development, "Men" is the center of development. Then, have to encourage for community participation development in order to lead their community to be strong, can help themselves, solvent any critical problems by their own community. Such as, any government or non-government organizations will support in the part that over level of community ability for successful as strongly community and can help each other. Community development for that successful impact can do in concrete object by confiding in the way of working under Sufficiency Economy Concept of the King and confiding in the teaching of Jesus Christ that commanded the God Servant every time " Feed my Sheep that's in your care as willingly" ( Holly Bible Version 1971, Thailand Bible Society 1998 )

Sufficiency Economy Concept is the concept that came from the great idea of the great King of Thailand who looks after this land with all his love and care for his people. He knew all the problems that the Thai people failing in the deep down economic, sociality and confused politic that made many problems in life being of the Thai people in every level. The King who has mercy and great intelligence, he gave the best way that's the exit for the people and nation to break through the trouble until passing by Sufficiency Economy Philosophy Principle and Concept that stress on the balance of life.

Sufficiency mean, the moderately, the reasonable and have to have the good immunity for any impact that happen from internal and external. That have dwell intelligent, circumspection and most carefully in bringing any technical for using in every step of planning and administration. In the same time, have to encourage the basic soul of people in the nation, especially the government officer, extremely the theory and businessman in every level to have realize in the virtue, uprightness and have the omniscience that is appropriate. Have a tolerance, effort , have a wisdom and the carefulness for balancing and ready for the fastness and widely change in material social environment and cultural from the external world as good and get most profit in solving problem and lead the people pass through all critical.

In the working of community development, there are government and non-government organizations brought philosophy and principle to perform in each function and organization responsibility such as ; unit in ministry and any department as unit in Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environments and any private development organizations that most of them are religion organization that working for people development in body ( health ), mind ( morals ) social ( community ) and economic. Try to help for problem solvent in poor and any troubles that happened. One truth about Christian believer principle from before Christ until now was stress to teach people to be good, have morality, do sufficiency life that related to Sufficiency Economy Philosophy principle. Christian ministry in community development brought King's concept for their good guideline.

Christian Woman Organizations are one of the organization who brought in and used the Sufficiency Concept in any roles of organization for solving the impact from economic critical in 1997 that's made the unemployed, people lost their income and go to family problems and over Thai sociality

Christian Women Organization have many visions ( role ) in people development that's the members and community around organization area by encouraged mind development and life being. They encouraged to making income from natural resources in the way of agricultural, handicrafts and rural intelligence, encouraged project and push in family occupation. Stress in participation in working and solvent community problems from working with Christian Woman Organization in any rural to have efficiency development for organization and community.

From working follow the role in community development of Christian Women Organization found that, some organization got a good reach in their purpose making change to people and community so much , but some organization that working in development were not have a good result or not thing change to be good.

The study for finding answer what the reason that any organization that's brought Sufficiency Economy Philosophy to use in community development and got different in their successful and how any organization brought in and used the Sufficiency Concept in community development but not too much as the research of Kungsadarn(2001) study in The Dynamic of Baan-Pred-Nai Community under Sufficiency Economy Concept. That study the community development in economic and factor related to Sufficiency Economy Character in community. The impact of study found that the development in economics of Baan-Pred-Nai Community started from old economic system that produced for family . Later, they have change to produced for sell by bring the concept of Sufficiency Economy to be the guideline of life being in community economy that made community changed to better. Factors that effective to Sufficiency Economy Characteristic of Baan-Pred-Nai Community were leader, group and organization, learning process, life being in social, cultural, technology. Intelligent, natural resource, economic and debt. and the research of Pratheep(1985) was study in Woman Leader in Thai Rural Administration. That was study in Role of Woman Leader in rural development by study the role of leadership

of woman village leader all over country and summarize in role of administration in government agent, population agent by use the influencing variable as age, married and the others. From the study found that tendency of role acting in management, administrator by acknowledge from people and government officer by responsible and training for human resource built up that useful for public social and nation.

Those researches were study in Sufficiency Economy Concept and Role of Woman Leader but could not find the research result that strange related to Role of Christian Woman Organization in community development under Sufficiency Economy Philosophy.

From that reason, the researcher was study in Role of Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept of the working of any Christian Woman Organization in 8 province in upper northern that how do they have their role in community development under Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, Principle and Concept and how many role acting of any organization that get much or least successful, what factor that they depend on, including what impact from any organization role to community. The result of this study hope for the profit in modification and adjustment in community development under Sufficiency Economy Philosophy of Christian Women Organization for any development in and out of area for people in any rural area will have good life, happiness, sufficiency in every side under Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and for to be the important basic of national community development for ever.

### **Research Objectives**

The objectives of this research were;

1. To study the Role of Christian Women Organization in Community Development in the Upper Northern Thailand under Sufficiency Economy Concept.
2. To analyze the factor relating to the Role of Christian Women Organization in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.
3. To study the impact of Christian Women Organization Role performance in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept to the community development.
4. To study the problems and obstacles of Christian Women Organization in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.

### **Research Questions**

The research questions in this study as;

1. How Christian Woman Organizations leaders have their Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept?
2. What factors relating to the level of role of Christian Women Organization in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy?
3. Dose Christian Woman Organization Role performance has an impact on Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept?
4. What's the problem and obstacles of Christian Women Organization in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept?

### Conceptual Framework

This research is the study of Role of Christian Women Organization in community development under Sufficiency Economy Concept in the Upper Northern Thailand, factors relating to the Role performance of Christian Women Organization and the impact of Christian Women Organization Role performance in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept to community development in the research concept framework as follow.

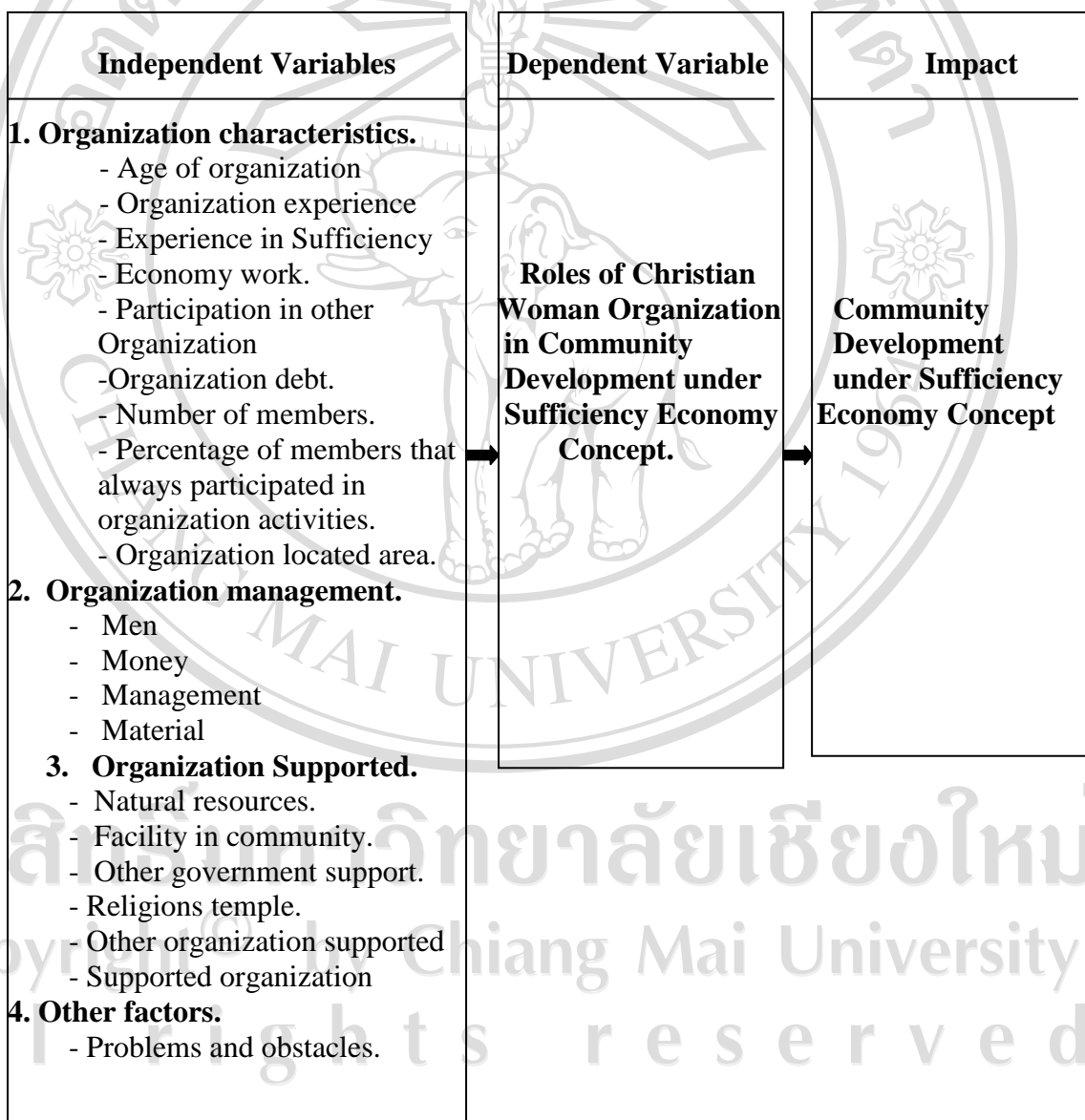


Figure 1 Conceptual Framework



## Hypothesis

The following hypotheses were test in the study;

### Null Hypotheses

- H<sub>o</sub> – 1 : There is no combination of variables that statistical significantly related to the level of Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.
- H<sub>o</sub> – 2 : The level of Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept has no statistical significantly related to the level of Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.

### Alternative Hypotheses

- H<sub>a</sub> – 1 : There is a combination of variables that statistical Significantly related to the level of Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.
- H<sub>a</sub> – 2 : : The level of Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept has statistical significantly related to the level of Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept.

## Scope of study

This research had two scopes of study as follow.

### 1. Scope of Area

The area scope of this research is in 8 provinces in Upper North of Thailand.

### 2. Scope of Population

The target population of this research were 637 Christian Women Organizations in 8 province in the Upper Northern Thailand. The researcher used each organization as a unit of analysis.

Sample size was calculated via Taro Yamane 's formulation (1967) that yields 245 organizations. Data were collected by interviewing (Focus group) 5-9 committees of each organization who responsible for community development task ( Aggregate data)

## **Definition of Terms.**

### **Christian Women**

Christian Women is the women who believe in Christ and participate in Christian Women Organization in the Church of Christ in Thailand.

### **Christian Woman Organization**

Christian Woman Organization is the Christian Woman Leaders in the rural church that has their own committees from their member's vote.

### **Rural Church**

Rural Church is the group of Christian that's have their member more than 30 person, have their own church that's base on rural area in the area of the district of the Church of Christ in Thailand.

### **Upper Northern**

Upper Northern is the area of 8 provinces in upper northern Thailand such as; Chiang Mai, Chiangrai, Lumphoon, Lumpang, Phrae, Nan, Phayao and Maehongsorn.

### **Role**

Role is a duty or behavior that appointed by social and hope that person will do. In this research mean the Role of Christian Woman Organization

### **Sufficiency Economy Concept**

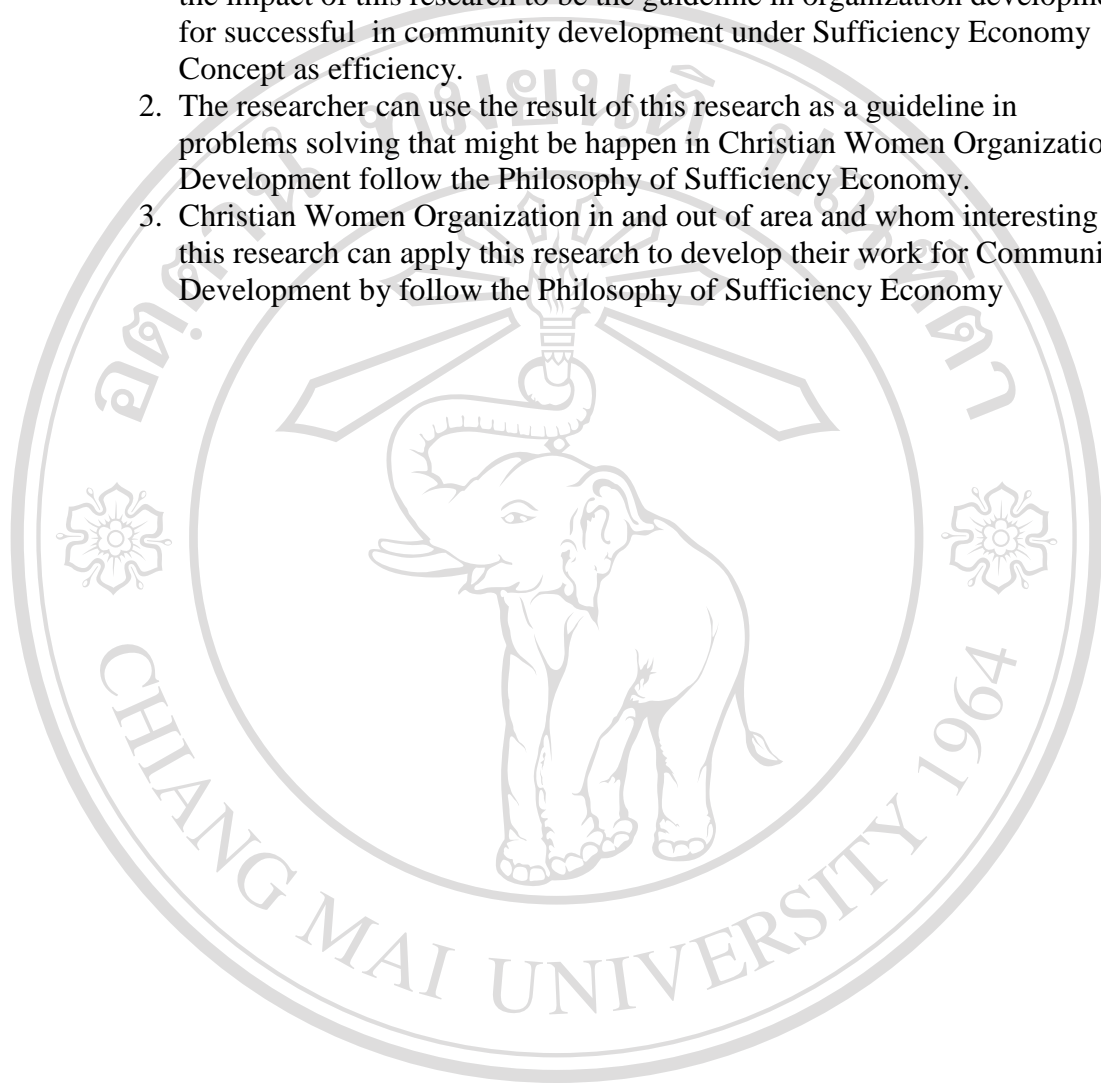
Sufficiency Economy Concept is the concept for life being and doing of people in every level from family level, community level until state level in national development and administration to go in middle way especially economy development for overtake in Globalization. To have sufficiency life as moderately, reasonable and have good immunity with two conditions as knowledge and virtue.

### **Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept**

Christian Woman Organization Role in Community Development under Sufficiency Economy Concept is a duty or behavior of Christian Woman Organization in community development by using Sufficiency Economy Concept in their way of work.

### Significance of the study

1. Christian Women Organization in the Upper North of Thailand will bring the impact of this research to be the guideline in organization development for successful in community development under Sufficiency Economy Concept as efficiency.
2. The researcher can use the result of this research as a guideline in problems solving that might be happen in Christian Women Organization Development follow the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy.
3. Christian Women Organization in and out of area and whom interesting in this research can apply this research to develop their work for Community Development by follow the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy



ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่

Copyright© by Chiang Mai University

All rights reserved