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Abstract

This study is focused on factors related to the management failure of the village piped water systems constructed by the Department of Accelerated Rural Development (DARD) in seven villages of Changwat Chiang Rai. Three aspects of this study are 1) the context of village piped water systems constructed by different organizations in relation with the governmental policy, 2) the response to people's demand and 3) the cost-benefit of the construction.

It was found that factors related to failure of the piped water system management done by DARD are 1) lacking of people's participation in the administration and in the assessment of the service done by the village piped water committees, the level of participation depends on the socio-economic status and education level of the village piped water consumers; 2) there was no co-operation among the responsible organizations because they want to serve their organizational goals and policy rather than to serve the needs of the people in the villages; 3) the overlapping of the piped water systems constructed by different organizations leads to the exploitation of the national budget. The outcome of each project is too low and does not reach the cost-benefit criteria and finally leads to the cancellation of the service.