

Public Participation in Drug Abuse Prevention and Problem Solving in Kian Sa District, Surat Thani Province

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to promote strategies for public participation in drug abuse prevention and problem-solving in the Kian Sa District. The research result found that the strategies for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug addiction problems in the Kian Sa District, Surat Thani Province, include providing knowledge through practical training, community meetings, and various forms of information dissemination. These approaches aim to enhance public knowledge, understanding, and awareness of the importance of participation. This, in turn, creates opportunities for the public to be involved in promoting preventive measures, starting from the decision-making process, identifying needs, engaging in various activities, and jointly assessing the outcomes to enhance public participation in preventing and solving drug addiction problems.

Keywords: *Public Participation; Drug Abuse Prevention; Kian Sa District; Surat Thani Province*

INTRODUCTION

Drugs remain a major problem in national development. It causes problems in many ways including family, economy, society, politics, and national security. Resulting in changes in every dimension of Thai society. Drugs have spread as a problem to society, especially Thai youth who are the country's future workforce. They have to face the problems of social violence that occurs in society because of the drugs have on causing crime, sexual harassment, poverty, and unemployment. The problem of domestic violence is increasing. Drugs are like a disaster that erodes and undermines society. It deteriorates humanity, countries that suffer from drug problems are known to be addicted to drugs. It is a tool for the quest for power and destruction of humanity in every corner of the world. The widespread drug problem has no end at present. It is considered a big problem in every country around the world.

Thailand has always faced the problem of drug epidemics including the problem of drug production drug trafficking or the proliferation of drug users recently, drugs in the amphetamine group are nerve stimulants. It works by making the body alert all the time and reduced appetite affects the cardiovascular system. Also known as amphetamine has spread severely from the northern region to various parts of the country until it became a national problem. As for the epidemic, it was found that it had spread to various groups, especially those who were workers. This group believes that amphetamines when ingested, contribute to diligence at work. But later the epidemic was not limited to only laborers, children, youth, and the public. It has also been affected by the drug epidemic. This results in widespread damage to the youth who will be an important force in the country's development. When youth enter drug use the negative consequences result in performance and brain performance The learning aspect is unfortunately lost.

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The trend of the drug problem situation is still an important problem that has been with Thailand for a long time which has affected and caused problems in many aspects of Thai society. Both social problems and economic problems, problems with influential people in various areas, etc. Drug suppression operations in Thailand. It is carried out by many government agencies. In 1961, the government appointed the Narcotics Suppression Committee (narcotics suppression committee) to set policy and coordinate to solve the drug problem. Addiction is a specialized agency established to solve the drug problem. Later, when the Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Act B.E. 2519 (1976) was enacted on November 16, 1976, and Section 11 stipulated the establishment of the Office of the Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Board. Abbreviated as "Office of the Narcotics Control Board." However, although an agency specifically responsible for solving drug problems has been established, the drug problem has not disappeared. (Office of the Narcotics Control Board, Ministry of Justice, 2021: 3)

From the above mentioned found that drug problems remain in high numbers every year. Although in some years the number decreased, statistics in 2018 found that arrest statistics increased again and were the highest between 2017 and 2021. Statistics on the number of seized drugs show that methamphetamine has the highest number of seizures followed by Surat Thani Province at present, the problem of spreading drugs is rampant among youth and people in the laboring group, etc.

From the above information, the researcher is interested in studying the ways of public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province To know that people living in the Khian Sa District area Surat Thani Province How to participate in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District? By studying gender, age, education level, occupation, and income as guidelines for preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District under needs and maximum benefit to the people in Khian Sa District Surat Thani Province in a sustainable future

Research objectives

1. To study the problems and obstacles of public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province
2. To promote guidelines for public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province

RESEARCH RESULTS

Results of an in-depth interview on people's participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province, all 6 districts consist of Khian Sa Subdistrict Municipality. Khian Sa Subdistrict Administrative Organization Khao Tok Subdistrict Administrative Organization Aranakhamwaree Subdistrict Administrative Organization Phuang Phrom Nakhon Subdistrict Administrative Organization and Ban Sadet Subdistrict Municipality From 8 informants who specifically provided important information, including police from the Crime Suppression Department, civil servants, and local leaders, to study problems, obstacles, and ways to promote public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province, all 4 aspects are participation in decision making. Participation in operations Participation in receiving benefits and participation in evaluation the details are as follows:

Problems and obstacles regarding public participation in solving drug problems

1. Problems and obstacles, participation in decision making, and proposing solutions to drug problems around operation in Khian Sa District.

The problems and obstacles of participation in decision-making and proposing solutions to drug problems in Khian Sa District. The main problem comes from people's fear and uncertainty in expressing their opinions or participating. due to fear of the impact on themselves or their families, sometimes there are issues with time to participation and fatigue that prevent adequate participation. Including the uncertainty and concern of the people. In getting involved, it can be a matter of time to resolve. For example, they are

creating public understanding of the law and its possible effects. So that they have confidence and can fully participate in solving problems. Creating understanding and promoting public awareness of the importance of participating in solving problems is important. Providing clear guidelines and creating an open environment for the exchange of ideas may help in better solving this issue.

Suggestions for developing participation in decision-making and proposing solutions to solve drug problems in operation in Khian Sa District.

Participation in decision-making is important in helping to solve the drug problem in operation in the Khian Sa District. Organizing activities such as campaigns and public relations to enhance understanding of drugs and related operations is very important. In addition, opinions are presented at village meetings and opportunities are given to citizens to participate in decision-making and to offer opinions that can help in solving problems effectively. It helps build motivation and confidence for citizens to participate in solving problems. It is important to build understanding and friendship to have an exchange of opinions and a better understanding of each other. Learning fully about the procedures and giving honest opinions is a powerful tool in solving problems. Promoting and supporting activities such as playing sports use free time productively Establishment of guard duty monitoring and creating a space for learning and exchanging ideas can build confidence and encouragement for people to participate. It also helps create participation in preventing and solving drug problems that are beneficial to everyone in the community. This is a good way to develop communities to understand and work together to solve problems. It creates success and the possibility of further action by community groups that join and work together to solve drug problems that occur in their areas appropriately and effectively.

2. Problems and obstacles, participation in operations, time, energy, and encouragement in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District.

The problems and obstacles in operation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District found that increasing knowledge activities about drugs and understanding steps to take to prevent and solve such problems. To help people realize the importance and participate in decision-making. Participation is an important element in helping to solve the drug problem in that area. But the main problems are a lack of knowledge and understanding. Lack of time and worry about the consequences for oneself if one gets involved. This makes people not have the courage to take part in solving these problems. Preventing and solving the drug problem should make people understand the impact and importance of participating in solving this problem. Creating an understanding of the process that needs to be done to reduce concerns that are obstacles and create time for activities that build community participation such as showing friendliness building good relationships and support for beneficial activities such as playing sports or learning how to use your free time beneficially. Most of the comments also wanted to be linked to authority and regulations. To be able to participate fully without worrying about the consequences that will happen to oneself later. Providing opportunities and encouraging people to be able to participate fully in solving the drug problem is also an important thing that should be considered. Talking and exchanging drugs in a friendly way and creating an understanding of the possible impacts on that community. It is a good way to build confidence and courage for the people to participate in solving this problem further. Creating knowledge and understanding among relevant personnel is also important to help create an environment filled with cooperation and participation in solving problems.

Suggestions for developing participation in operations, donating time, physical energy, and encouragement to prevent and solve drug problems in Khian Sa District.

In conclusion, participation in preventing and solving drug problems is very important. We can build community understanding and confidence through awareness and understanding activities about the effects of drugs. By preparing the community and creating groups that have the power to prevent this problem, such as workshops, and organizing activities that focus on sharing information and creating an understanding of procedures for drug prevention, and creating a network for people in the community to be able to cooperate in preventing and solving this problem very well. In addition, a variety of public relations media can be created to disseminate information about drugs, such as creating an understanding of relevant regulations and creating communications that can provide accurate and widely accessible information. Encouraging people in the community to have knowledge and understanding about drug prevention policies and study-related regulations. Moreover, a surveillance mechanism can be established to properly monitor

and evaluate in-depth results of the drug prevention process. Encouraging people in the community to participate and have confidence in the process will be an important factor that will help prevent and solve the drug problem even more. Creating understanding and knowledge for people in the community will help increase morale and motivation to cooperate in effectively preventing this problem.

3. Problems and obstacles, participation in receiving benefits Projects or activities that organize guidelines for preventing and solving drug problems. Promote cooperation love unity and good coordination within the community

The problem of promoting public cooperation in preventing and solving drug problems has many dimensions. People do not dare to express their own opinions or desires to participate and the consistency of coordination between the government and community needs is unstable, such as delays in project implementation. Promoting love and unity within the community still has shortcomings regarding response and understanding of the need for the participation of all parties in solving the drug problem in the area. Otherwise, strengthening understanding and connections between the government and citizens will be essential to resolving this issue. Creating a space that promotes cooperation and true understanding to learn and promote public participation is therefore necessary. To ensure that the needs and priorities of communities are properly supported in solving the drug problem in their areas. Creating understanding and cooperation from both the government and the community is therefore important to help solve these problems more effectively.

Suggestions for developing participation in receiving benefits projects or activities that organize guidelines for preventing and solving drug problems. Promote cooperation love unity and good coordination within the community

In conclusion, emphasis is placed on the importance of promoting cooperation and public participation in solving drug problems in various communities. It focuses on providing knowledge and connecting the government and citizens. To enhance understanding and cooperation in solving problems. Various suggestions connected to sympathetic emphasis are placed on the necessity of listening and connecting with the opinions of all citizens. To push for responsibility and participation in solving real drug problems in their communities. Prioritizing projects and explaining the details of implementation steps shows thoughtfulness and care in connecting with citizens. To achieve appropriate understanding and cooperation in preventing and effectively solving drug problems in the community. Cooperation and unity within the community play an important role in creating a better environment for preventing and solving drug problems. It also emphasizes promoting understanding in performing duties in project implementation. and sharing of information on perceived benefits and limitations. To create effective cooperation and connections in preventing and solving drug problems in the community efficiently and sustainably. Promoting and supporting the implementation process is important in solving the drug problem in various areas in a sustainable way and covering all layers of the community.

4. Problems and obstacles, participation in evaluation Participation in expressing opinions in support or opposition in the project implementation process.

The importance of public relations and providing complete information to provide opportunities for the public to participate in and understand the process of inspection, monitoring, and evaluation of projects or activities related to the prevention of drug problems. addiction in the community many informants confirmed that there were limitations related to a lack of understanding of the process that prevented citizens from participating adequately in inspections, monitoring, and evaluation. This may result in citizens not receiving sufficient information about activities. that happened and as a result, there was no full participation in solving the drug problem in their area. Developing a process that allows people to participate and provide clear information about related projects or activities is therefore important to consider to strengthen understanding and cooperation in solving the drug problem in various communities. full and comprehensive

Suggestions for developing participation in evaluation Participation in expressing opinions in support or opposition to the project implementation process. or various activities

In conclusion, recommendations regarding participation in evaluation and expressing opinions in the project implementation process or various activities were obtained from interviews with key informants.

Indicates the importance of providing opportunities for citizens to participate and participate fully in the inspection, monitoring, and evaluation process of various projects or activities related to preventing drug problems in the community. These recommendations emphasize providing citizens with complete and adequate information about activities and projects taking place in the community. and provide opportunities for them to participate in inspection, monitoring, and evaluation to strengthen understanding and cooperation in fully solving drug problems in the community and linking them with policies and operations that are correct for the community itself

Guidelines for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District Surat Thani Province

The researcher has synthesized the content and obtained a model (Model) for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems, “DOAE MODEL,” which consists of guidelines for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems. Addiction in the Khian Sa District area Surat Thani Province “SRAA MODEL” has 4 approaches to promotion: 1) Participation in decision making (D=Decide) 2) Participation in practice. (O=Operation) 3) Participation in receiving benefits (A=Aceiving benefits) 4) Participation in evaluation (E=Evaluation) and all 4 approaches must work together as a guideline for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province

From “DOAE MODEL” promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District area. Surat Thani Province Can be explained as follows:

1. Guidelines for promoting participation in decision-making (D=Decide)
 - a. Build confidence so that people feel safe and dare to open their minds. in expressing opinions and cooperating in performing duties
 - b. Provide opportunities for citizens to participate in decision-making. Present problems or needs fully and explain the steps in performing the work. Make the people understand and be ready to accept cooperation and participation in preventing and solving drug problems.
 - c. Create public awareness of the importance of participation in preventing and solving drug problems. as well as publishing a variety of information to make it more accessible to the public.
 - d. Build the morale of the people and encourage them to cooperate. Participating in prevention
2. Guidelines for promoting participation in practice (O=Operation)
 - a. Create knowledge and understanding to educate the public. Have knowledge and understanding and see the importance of preventing and solving drug problems in the community. By preparing the village Campaign to make the community aware of the dangers of drugs. Create social power, and community power, promote prevention, and solve drug problems.
 - b. Motivation should create morale or motivation. To encourage people to participate in preventing and solving drug problems, such as giving souvenirs to those who give a helping hand or help prevent drug problems in the area. as well as promoting the public to recognize the importance of drug prevention in the area
 - c. Establishment of guard duty Watch and monitor the behavior of children and youth. Do not mix with drugs and publicize requests for cooperation for citizens or parents to participate in drug prevention because it is their duty. that everyone in the village or community must help take care of.
3. Guidelines for promoting participation in receiving benefits (A=Aceiving benefits)
 - a. Concrete budget allocation in organizing projects or activities the steps should be explained in detail. and all expenses of that activity Including providing knowledge and understanding of the procedures for performing various activities.
 - b. Listen to opinions and push for action. All citizens can help each other to take care of the fact that the power of unity within the community is the best defence against drugs.
 - c. Create unity in participating in drug prevention. Openness to listen to problems and suggestions together as well as working together to promote prevention This will reduce the problem of conflicting opinions among the people.

4. Guidelines for promoting participation in evaluation (E=Evaluation)
 - a. Check transparency Provide opportunities for the public to participate in checking, following up and receiving news thoroughly. and evaluate the performance of various activities that the community has organized, such as checking for transparency and fairness in operations and evaluation of work in various process steps
 - b. Follow up and evaluate. Provide opportunities for the public to participate in monitoring. Receive information and evaluate the results of various activities in participating in drug prevention in the area
 - c. Encourage people to participate in drug prevention. Open the opportunity to listen to comments, doubts, or objections. Allow people to participate in freely expressing their opinions. as well as making people aware of their participation in prevention As a guideline for preventing drugs in the area

DISCUSSION

1. Problems, obstacles, and suggestions for developing public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District Surat Thani Province Participation in decision-making
 People do not participate in presenting needs, decision-making, thinking, and planning, and participation in decision-making does not lead to action. As well as the public access Information Local leaders should provide opportunities for people to participate in presenting needs, opinions, and decision-making, as well as participating in planning drug prevention plans. in the form of meetings and the dissemination of a variety of information to make it more accessible to the public This is consistent with the results of Orapan Nakmahachalasin (2007) said that providing information is considered the lowest level of public participation but is the most important level because it is the first step in allowing the government to provide opportunities for citizens to enter the process of participation in various matters. Methods for providing information can be through various channels such as printed documents and dissemination of information through various media. Organizing exhibitions, and newsletters, organizing press conferences, posting announcements, and providing information through websites. including listening to opinions It is a process that allows the public to participate in providing information, facts, and opinions to support decision-making by government agencies in various ways, such as listening to opinions. poll organizing a public forum expressing opinions through the website, etc. Therefore, guidelines for developing participation in decision-making are to listen to the needs and opinions and various problems of the people, together with communicating information to the public in a form of many channels and efficiency
2. Problems, obstacles, and suggestions for developing public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province Participation in operations
 People lack knowledge and understanding of the participation process, which results in people not seeing the importance and not cooperating. as well as lacking opportunities to participate in activities or projects organized by the government This should allow people to participate in activities or projects organized by the government, such as publicizing information. Appointing representatives or directors to participate in activities as well as changing the operating model that considers the interests of the people as important. This is consistent with the results of Orapan Nakmahachalasin (2007) said that involvement is an opportunity for people to participate in work or to suggest ways that lead to decision-making. To build confidence in the public information, opinions, and needs of the public will be considered. Consider it as an alternative in government administration, such as a workshop to consider public policy issues, public hearings, and establishment of working groups to recommend policy issues. and cooperation It is a group of people in public sector representatives are involved. By partnering with the government sector in Every step of the decision and continued joint activities such as a committee with divisions Citizens join as committee members Therefore, guidelines for promoting public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in the Khian Sa District area Surat Thani Province is to provide opportunities Citizens or public representatives take part in activities or projects organized by the government.

3. Problems, obstacles, and suggestions for developing public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District, Surat Thani Province participation in receiving benefits.
People who receive benefits from government activities or projects are not as good as they should be. This is because the activities or projects organized do not meet the needs of the people. Benefits from some activities are still not universal and equitable. As well as the implementation of activities and projects, there are delays and inefficiencies, resulting in public participation not being developed as it should be. This should allow the public to participate in the implementation of activities or projects. By inquiring about the needs of local people to solve Problems are addressed directly and efficiently. This allows the people to receive benefits from the project or activity organized equally, thoroughly, and efficiently. This is consistent with the principles of personality theory of Abraham H. Maslow (1970) who stated that the process of motivation is the heart of personality theory. He believes that humans are "animals with needs" and that it is difficult for humans to reach the stage of complete satisfaction. complete In Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs Theory, when a person desires to be satisfied and when People who receive satisfaction in one thing will continue to demand satisfaction in other things. Therefore, guidelines for developing participation in receiving benefits to prevent and solve drug problems in Khian Sa District Surat Thani Province It is important to listen to your opinions and needs. local people to respond directly and efficiently to the needs of the people. However, the opinions or needs of the people should be listened to before planning. Activities or projects in every action plan, due to the needs of the people, there may be changes in various situations
4. Problems, obstacles, and suggestions for developing public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District. Surat Thani Province Participation in Evaluation.
Do local leaders not give people the opportunity to participate in the investigation? Evaluate the project or activity organized. As a result, people did not participate because they did not receive information. News includes different time constraints. which should allow the public to Participate in the evaluation of projects or activities organized by campaigning or publicizing the public to receive various news and information. and appropriate time allocation to open opportunities allowing the public to participate more This is consistent with the results of Orapan Nakmahachalasin (2007) said that empowering the people is the step that gives them the highest level of role by allowing the people to decide, such as holding referendums on various public issues. Village fund project gives power to the people to make all decisions. Therefore, guidelines for developing participation in evaluating results in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District, Surat Thani Province. This can be carried out by giving opportunities for people to participate and give the public authority in the inspection and evaluation process of projects or activities. Organized taking into account the nature of the activity or project Method or procedure as well as the appropriate time and place to give the public more opportunities to participate.

SUGGESTIONS

Public participation in preventing and solving drug problems in Khian Sa District, Surat Thani Province has the following suggestions:

Operational suggestions

Suggestions for public participation workshops to prevent and solve drug problems in Khian Sa District Surat Thani Province are divided into areas with the following details:

1. Participation in decision making
 - a. There should be an opportunity for the people to participate in presenting their needs, opinions, and decision-making, as well as to participate in thinking and planning to promote public participation.
 - b. Projects, activities or workshops should be organized to educate the people. Know and understand the importance of participating in drug prevention.

- c. Stimulate and encourage people to participate in community meetings. as well as create public awareness of the value and benefits of participating in drug prevention in the area as well as publishing a variety of information to make it more accessible to the public.
2. Participation in operations
 - a. There should be opportunities for people to participate in activities or projects organized by the community.
 - b. Should provide knowledge to the public so that people see the importance of participating in drug prevention in the area. By creating public relations media in a variety of formats. and communicate thoroughly with the public
 - c. Representatives or committee members should be appointed to participate in various activities organized by the community. As well as changing the format of operations and schedules, such as setting meeting dates that have the least impact on people's working hours.
3. Participation in receiving benefits
 - a. There should be opportunities for people to participate in activities. By asking about the needs of local people to solve problems directly and efficiently.
 - b. Activities should be carried out that allow people to receive benefits from the project or activity. organized equally, thoroughly, and efficiently
 - c. There should be an opportunity for people to consider prioritizing problems. The need to organize activities that promote participation in drug prevention to meet the needs of citizens efficiently
 - d. Local leaders in the village should study and consider various rules, regulations, and laws to organize activities to promote participation in drug prevention that sees benefits. People should receive it.
4. Participation in evaluation
 - a. People should be encouraged to have knowledge and understanding in participating in the inspection, monitoring, and evaluation of projects or activities. To encourage people to feel a sense of shared local ownership.
 - b. There should be an opportunity for the public to participate in project evaluation. or various activities organized
 - c. People should be encouraged to participate in village community meetings. to listen to problems Report on the results of project operations or activities. or provide opportunities for the public to express their opinions, complaints, grievances, and opinions on the results of project projects and activities.
 - d. Public relations Advertising allows the public to receive various news and information. and appropriate time allocation to give the public more opportunities to participate.

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