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## **Poverty Alleviation Strategies in Mukdahan Province**

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### **Executive Summary**

Poverty reduction is an important policy for the government which aims to solve the root causes of the problem and to reduce the gap between the rural and urban societies. Mukdahan Province has used the Basic Needs Approach as the indicators to increase household incomes to the above minimum income level. It has also developed a poverty reduction model called “Mukdahan Model” by identifying a target group of about 1,127 low-income households in 2009 and has assigned 52 agencies to be responsible and accountable for the low-income household in each of the 42 towns and 243 villages. The program was implemented during January - June 2009. The results clearly show that the Program could train the low-income people for occupational skills that could help generate income for about 900 low-income households and help support about 227 low-income households, help subsidize the household maintenance and repairs as well as build houses for about 133 households.

Other than the fact that these 52 government agencies in Mukdahan Province have collaborated in reducing the poverty for the low-income households to have better quality of life according to their accountabilities, the government officials in these government units also had learned also had learned how to develop the low-income household in a strategic direction. They had gained their experiences in development activities which had led to the better incomes for these household and lifted about 910 households or about 80.74% out of the poverty level according to the basic needs approach. This researcher hopes that the poverty reduction based on the Mukdahan Model will be one of the meaningful lessons on poverty reduction strategies and will be further improved which will benefit the Thai society in its poverty reduction effort.

#### **Recommendations :**

1. The role of the local government agencies such as the Town Administration/ Municipality/ and Provincial Administration should be supported as the key driver agencies in poverty alleviation strategies and implementation activities.
2. The Poverty Alleviation Operation Team should be supported in their follow-up activities to help reduce poverty at the town/village/community levels together with the targeted poor households on

a continuous basis.

3. There should be a potential and capacity building plans in driving the mechanism for poverty reduction at all levels and which should be suitable for each local areas, aligned with the existing policies and various rules and regulations concerned.

4. The role of educational institutions should be promoted and should involve their participation in driving the poverty reduction programs at both the household and community.

5. Every unit and sector concerned should formulate and align their poverty reduction strategies in a consistent direction.

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