

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PERCEPTION ON 4-H CLUB'S
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEMBERS AND TO THE COMMUNITY
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ABSTRACT

SHARMA, GANESH PRASAD, Institute of Graduate Studies, Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. October 1989. FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PERCEPTION ON 4-H CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS AND TO THE COMMUNITY IN MUÑOZ, NUEVA ECIJA, PHILIPPINES.

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This study was conducted to present a profile of the 4-H Club members and adult leaders of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, find some organization-related factors and investigate the perception on club's contribution to individual members and to the community. It also sought to determine the relationships of said variables.

Muñoz, Nueva Ecija was used as the research locale. The study involved 143 rural youth club members and 10 adult leaders drawn using the simple random sampling technique. An interview schedule was used to gather the data needed in the study. Descriptive statistics and the Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Analysis were used to analyze the data gathered.

It was found that the 4-H Club members of Muñoz were young with a mean age of 17.57 years, were high school graduates and had undergone several trainings. Their

mean number of years as members of the club was 2.78 years.

The highest percentage of respondents (32.87%) were engaged in poultry raising; while the others, in goat raising (20.98%); swine raising and other agricultural projects (20.28 percent each) and in mongo production (5.59 percent).

The adult leaders of Muñoz rural youth clubs were mostly high school graduates and had been working as adult leaders for an average of 2.70 years. Majority of them (70%) attended trainings (project, leadership and officers) in the past.

Irrespective of what project they were involved in, the members generally rated their respective projects' objectives as specific, measurable, attainable, reliable and timebound. With regard to the club's general objectives, they believed that these were moderately attained. Funding and facilities were rated poor while administration/supervision was rated to be more than enough.

As regards the perception on club's contribution to individual members' gained knowledge thru the club it was assessed as helpful, sufficient and relevant. Gained skills were assessed as partially helpful, but sufficient

and relevant. Gained attitude was generally agreeable for the project, the adult leader, and the rural youth development officer and to the community.

Members' age, educational attainment and trainings attended were related to perception on club's contributions to individual members. This implies that young members with more training had more contribution to the club. For adult leaders, their educational attainment, work experience and trainings attended had significant associations to some of the perceptions on club's contributions to individual members and to community, implying that knowledgeable adult leaders had more contribution to the club members and to community.

All the organization-related factors were strongly related to perception on club's contribution to individual members' gained knowledge, skills and attitudes and to community. This implies that the clear objectives of the organization as well as properly guided administration/supervision contributed a lot to the development of the club members and the community.

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