RESEARCH STUDY



The Tulling Farmworkers' Multi-Purpose

Cooperative, Inc.: It's Effect on the

Socio-Economic Lives of the Members

Objectives

The study aims to find to what extent the Tulling Multi-Purpose Cooperative, its members. More specifically this study attempts to seek answers to the following questions:

- 1. What is the demographic profile of the members of the Tulling Farmworkers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc.?
- 2. What are the socio-economic effects derived from membership of the said cooperative in terms of:
- a. Family Income
- b. Psycho-social Values
- c. Farm and cooperative management
- 3. How to the members assess the implementation of the major activities of the cooperative?

Highlights

The following are the major findings of the study:

- 1. Majority of the respondent are males. Seven out of Ten fall within the age range of 26 to 45 years old. With regards to civil status, majority of the respondents are married. Four out of ten of the respondents were able to attend elementary education. Twelve of the respondents were able to reach college and fourty-three were identified to be illiterate.
- 2. Majority of the respondents were motivated by the DAR personnel to join cooperative.
- 3. Six out of ten respondent stated "purely economic" as their reason for joining cooperative.
- 4. Nine out of ten respondents are classified the Production Department of the cooperative.
- 5. Membership with the cooperative resulted to an increase in the monthli income of the respondents but the increase is percieved to be insignificant considering the present standard living.
- 6. Membership in the cooperative resulted in the general improvement, the psycho-social values of the respondents particularly towards work.

- 7. No significant improvement was experienced by the respondents in terms of farm and cooperative management as a result of joining the cooperative.
- 8. In terms of the attainment of the major activities of the cooperative, the over-all performance of the Tulling Farmworkers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc., as observed by the respondents are relatively fair.
- 9. Major activities of the cooperative on "Income generation" and "Market management" were percieved to be poorly carried out by the management of the cooperative.

Recommendation

The following are the recommendation of the study:

In order to enhance the effectiveness of the cooperative in line with production and marketing management, DAR, LBP, DA and other line agencies of the government should provide the significant constituent of the cooperative with series of intensive training on research, planning and development. This would strenghten the capability of cooperative in formulating and implementing realistic programs essential for generating income not only for the cooperative but for the individual members as well.

In addition to this, education and technical assistance should be made available to the production department, so as to ensure the success of whatever program that shall be carried out. Furthermore, the DAR, LBP, DA and other line agencies should take the responsibility in monitoring and eveluating the effectiveness of the cooperative's programs until such time the cooperatives becomes socially and economically stable.

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