

RESEARCH STUDY



Comparative Analysis of the Perceived Socio-Economic Conditions of Officers and Member-Cooperators Before and After Joining Cooperatives

Objectives

To determine the socio-economic influence of cooperatives on officers and member co-operators.

Highlights

Perceived Conditions of the Respondents before Joining the Cooperative Endeavor

There is uncertainty in the perceptions of the respondents on the following variables, namely:

- a. Housing condition
- b. Money to spend
- c. Source of Livelihood
- d. Employment of other family members
- e. Chances for higher education of children
- f. Access to health services

The aforementioned socio-economic related variables have significant influence on the lives of the cooperators.

Perceived Conditions of the Respondents After Joining the Cooperative Enterprise (2006-2009)

The same social and economic related variables were taken as bases of the respondent's perception of their life condition four years later from periods 2006-2009.

Perceived uncertainty on the influence of the input variables namely: a) Housing condition b) Money to spend c) Source of Livelihood d) Employment of other family members e) Chances for higher education of children f) Access to health services

Same results were arrived parallel to their perception of socio-economic conditions prior to joining the cooperative.

There was agreement in their responses that input variables such as a) Participation in the Community affairs: and b) Amenities in life appeared to have significant advantages to them as member-cooperators.

Significance OF the DIFFERENCE in the PERCEIVED Social and Economic Conditions of Officers and member-cooperators

The study established insignificant difference in the socio-economic conditions of the co-operators before (2005) and after joining the enterprise from the periods of 2006-2009. Paired Samples Correlation of the Perceived Socio-Economic Conditions of the Officers and Member-Cooperators

Results of the study revealed significant relationships with respect to the perceived socio-economic conditions of the respondents before and after indulging in the affairs of the cooperative enterprise.

Recommendation

The cooperative as effective self help organization may continue receive support from the government and non-government organizations

The government and the NGOs may continue promoting cooperativism and encourage people and to facilitate equal distribution of wealth and profit.

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) may fully coordinate with the local government and its respective cooperative officers to further enhance the services provided by the cooperative for the ultimate attainment of the social and economic goals of its member



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