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## **THE QUALITY OF VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF DEFENSE VILLAGES IN 2018**

### **Abstract:**

□The purposes of this study were to 1) to survey people's opinion towards the strength and weakness of the Voluntary Development and Self Defense Villages (VDS) and 2) to assess the quality of VDS villages in overall and 3 aspects, namely Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability and classified by region. The samples were 959 people from 60 VDS villages in 4 regions of Thailand in 2018. The samples were collected by multistage random sampling. The instrument used for data collecting was a questionnaire. The t-test for one sample and F-test were used for the data analysis The findings are as follows:

□1. The strength of VDS villages is a) the diligent people for making living b) the care and unity people and c) the dedicated and honest leaders, respectively. The weakness of VDS villages is a) the village administration and management b) ineffective infrastructure and c) destroyed natural resources, respectively.

□2) The quality of VDS villages is good in overall and 3 aspects, namely Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability.

□3) The quality of VDS villages in each region is good except the northern region which is fairly good.

### **Keywords:**

The Quality of Village, Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability