# Impact of One Tambon One Product (OTOP) Program on Household Income in Thailand

# タイの一村一品プログラムが世帯所得に与える影響

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Case 1: OTOP group in Ban Nong Bua Noi (Group A)



Case 2: OTOP group in Ban Hua Fai (Group B)



## Background

### One Tambon One Product (OTOP) Program in Thailand

 Community-based enterprises have been promoted to enhance household income in rural Thailand.

• OTOP Program registers village's products while it also supports their marketing activities.

OTOP groups have been rapidly growing.

### Heterogeneity in OTOP's impact on household income

 OTOP program has significantly increased household income in some villages, but not in others.

### Research question

How can we enhance household income through the **OTOP Program in rural Thailand?** 

## Goals

This study aims to:

- (1) Estimate OTOP program's impact on household income;
- (2) Identify mechanism in which OTOP program enhances household income; and

Discussion on policy implications

(3) Draw policy implications for supporting community enterprises in developing countries.

## Methods

## **Nationwide Analysis**

Matched difference-in-difference model

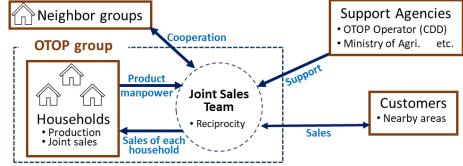
- Treatment group: villages registered for OTOP program in 2019
- Control group: villages not registered for OTOP program from 2017 to 2021

Data: Village-level basic information (2017, 2019, 2021)

### Case Study in Khon Kaen

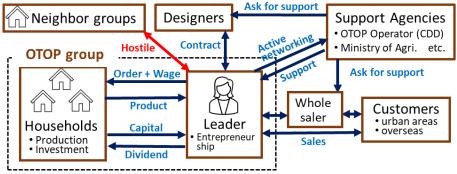
Interviews with two "Mudmee Silk" groups and supporters in Khon Kaen (Nov. 27th to 30th, 2023)

- Case1: Group in Ban Nong Bua Noi
- Case2: Group in Ban Hua Fai



Stakeholder relationship regarding Case 1

## Stakeholder relationship regarding Case 2



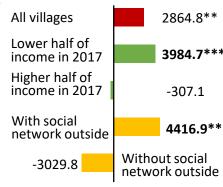
## Results

OTOP

## **Nationwide analysis:**

- OTOP registration significantly increased average HH income by 2864.8 THB/year.
- Difference of impact between lower vs. higher-income villages = 4291.7 THB/year;
- Difference of impact between villages with social networks outside vs. those without = 7446.6 THB/year.

### Impact of OTOP registration on household income (THB/year)



#### \*\*\*: p<0.01; \*\*:p<0.05; \*:p<0.1

### Case study in Khon Kaen:

- OTOP program changed attitudes toward production and formalized production activities in both cases.
- Group A focused on coordination within village while Group B highlighted networking outside village.
- In Case 2, support agencies have mediated networking with outside businesses, enabling Group B to expand their marketing activities.

## Conclusions

- OTOP program increases HH income in rural Thailand.
- The impacts are greater in villages with lower income and social networks outside village.
- Government should support networking between community industries and businesses outside.

