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Mrs. Cho-iam Jindawiwat



Interview

Sawadee naka. My name is Mrs. Cho-iam Jindawiwat. I am 75-year-old woman. I am a food vendor from **Nakkila Village Economic Area Market**. I’ve been selling food for over 30 years since the market opening. I’m from the north, which is long way from Bangkok, but my grandchild invited me, and She said that this location is high demand. It sold nicely at first, but now it’s not so good and not sold out due of COVID – 19. Most of them will donate their food to others to consume and take home

I began selling at six o'clock in the morning and continued until one o'clock in the afternoon. From midnight until six o'clock in the morning, I prepare ingredients. I and older sister push a little and a large cart to market by ourselves. We return home at midday since there must be who someone to sell. At a different time, we must switch with friend. I keep my food and take a break. At midnight I got up and prepare ingredients for selling the next

day. If we don't wake up and do it. we'll starve to death. I can't hire a lot of people because I don't have enough money to pay them.

There are 3 people in my family. Older sister, grandson, and me. My sister has many medical conditions, including diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. I am lucky who have not a medical condition. It's only an osteoarthritis of the knee, but I must take a medicine because I was in a lot of pain. I am the mother of 3 daughters. They all have families. They do not live in the same house, and they don't rent same house. Each person is burdened by several obligations, such as a mortgage and vehicle loan. They must look after our family. I didn't dare to plan my future since I think if I really can't do it, I must stop food selling. Now I can do myself. I would not want to bother my relatives that make me uncomfortable because each another has a lot of burdens. I am comfortable if I can do it myself.

Before Covid-19, Income is enough to live. However, this time is very bad. I invested and did not receive a return on my investment. For example, I invested 1,500 baht and received 1,000 baht. These days, People rarely buy food. Because people are terrified of Covid-19 that make me can't selling well. They are afraid to go out and purchase food. I had a lot of troubles since Covid-19. Especially, I don't have the money to pay the rent and when the market is closed. We are unable to sell, we must economize. we'll eat what we need to eat. When it rains, the water rises to the level of the knees and there are several issues. To be honest I don't like rain. It's raining cats and dogs that make me drenched, and the water is dark.

I receive a little amount of government aid on regular basis. Every month, the senior allowance is 700 baht, and I was vaccinated because my daughter took me to be vaccinated, and I couldn't go by myself. I'd like the government to provide financial. Assist the subsidization of occupational capital. In order to be able to pay the rent the difficulty is that we don't have enough money. I need to borrow money from someone else. We are fortunately member of the cooperative. We requested that we be able to borrow money in order to Investment, and that we be able to send money every month. Interest rates of Cooperatives are cheap. We used to borrow 20% of our informal debt, but now we don't borrow it at all because the interest rates are high. I borrowed 10,000 baht and had to pay 2000-baht interest.

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sabai saiyasat



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Sawadeeka, I'm sabai saiyasat. Also known as bai and I'm 50 years old. I'm now selling Pork Blood Soup and Paste of rice flour at [Nakkila Village Economic Area Market](#). I was recently afflicted with covid – 19 and out of quarantine of a few weeks. After that I effort to sell it. However, it's still selling well. But I have to come to a half and sell some. We can sell 3,500 baht per day, but we haven't subtracted the cost of raw materials. income is more than ten thousand baht on average. But not nearly enough because I'm head of the family. I'm older of sister-in-law who look after everyone in my house. There are 7 people in my family who all live together. There is a mother who is blind now, two grandkids who are study in elementary education 6 or grade 6 and primary high school 2 or grade 8, and my daughter who is sophomore. They are online study at home, while the younger sibling returns to work because the 14 – day quarantine period has ended. We received dried food from khun ya

who is **Nakkila Village Economic Area Market president** and committee of nakkila Village Community Service Cooperative. I have to thank everyone for always helping me because while I am infected with covid-19. I only have husband can cook. He is a person who looks after the people in the house and doesn't selling Pork Blood Soup and Paste of rice flour.

I began selling at **Nakkila Village Economic Area Market** because I meet husband and parent have a place here since market opening. I've been selling food for over 30 years. I am part of the fight for market. since they let our move to the opposite market, we fight has returned to the same market to sell till now. As a result, we assist one another in managing the market.

Before Covid-19, Income is enough to live. But when the covid-19 arrives, the revenue is concentrated in one way. I used to sell both morning and evening. Now I only sell in the morning. My husband isn't work because he was brain surgery and he unable sell food, but he helps me look after mother and sell food. It's tough to buy anything while the market is closed. I had to go shopping at the supermarket because some can be purchased. Some things are beyond purchase and there is little career capital. After covid-19, I want to pay off all my debts. And The business will thereafter sell food and be passed on to my daughter.

Now, we're selling food. sometimes we sell and sometimes we don't sell due to a lack of funds. I'm looking for funds to invest in occupational capital. I want the government to assist in the subsidization of occupational capital and the care of family pillars since when we are trouble, there isn't anyone to assistance. the government should investigate how many people are sole provide for their families. By the way I want the government to come and inquire about the news of other villagers, in case there are those who are in a worse situation than us. Where they may get a plethora of benefits.

During the Covid – 19, I and my husband received only 5,000-baht cash subsidies from the government. The blind mother and my husband were the only who received vaccination. I, on the other hand, was unable to register in time like the other. Nonetheless, I continue to register. despite the fact that it was postponed. The daughter said she would go to school for register vaccine. When we aren't immunized, the result is that we are unable to food selling. Since we can only sell one if I become sick with Covid-19, by the way I am the house's pillars if I am sick. Everything has come to a halt. No source of income. We have no idea how I become infected with covid. We didn't leave anywhere; I came home after finalizing the food selling.

When we come together, we gain power. We are still members who support each other whenever we have an issue."

Ranu Daweloa



Sawadeeka. My name is Ranu Daweloa Also known as **Nakkila Village Economic Area Market president** and committee of nakkila Village Community Service Cooperative. Since 1997, I and my friends have been selling in this market. The National Housing Authority came to control us and set a monthly rental amount of 375 baht. Next, The National Housing Authority took action and they said that they would develop a market for selling that were diametrically opposed to the present market. Later, The National Housing Authority granted private business privileges. Let us to rent for a pretty high cost and stay in the rear zone while the front zone is for the capitalists. So, we didn't go to the market that he had provided.

A gathering of hundreds of able-bodied males gathered on August 2, 2004. They come to ruin our possessions We escaped for our life at 2 a.m. We went to the courthouse afterwards to file a complaint to file a complaint. We were successful in our case. The firm that has taken over has agreed to cover our remuneration. which has only been partial to certain persons.

The Housing Authority then filed a lawsuit against all 149 of us, which we fought until the Court of Appeal. which the Housing Authority is waiting to enforce the case against us have let us sell first until we find a place to support it with the promise that the opposite side of the open-air market would be arranged for us.

A group of merchants got together in 2007. establish a savings group with a monthly budget. At the time, there were roughly a hundred thousand baht in savings. And then, in 2007, we formed a nakkila Village Community Service Cooperative with 200 members and a monthly share capital of around 5 million baht

The group has activities with the community all the time. Every time the community has a project, the group will work together and participate in the safety of the community. The market has donated funds to the community in order to maintain the CCTV system. The market hosts an annual children's day event, with proceeds going back into the community.

Goods were good sold in every store prior to Covid-19. We are greatly impacted by Covid -19. The market is rarely visited. Then there are those of us who have been infected with the coronavirus, around 25 people out of 200, and some businesses have closed. Clothing stores are unable to sell their wares. The other merchants, on the other hand, selling is decrease and sell for half the price.

Helping of membership

Foundation for labor and Employment, or HomeNet Thailand and Federation of Informal Worker (Thailand) have shown us mercy. they were the one that brought aid packages. in order to forwarded to members and community members who are in need. Moreover, a group of caring adults has also joined the market. has brought rice boxes to distribute around the market on a daily basis

Advantages of aggregation and assisting one another in time of crisis

When we come together, we gain strength and to achieve oneness When we are confronted with difficulties, we must remember this. Members can readily call on each other for assistance. and can successfully bargain with the government, as well as communicate with the community, government, and achieve positive outcomes

What would we like to say to the government?

1. I'd like the government to assist us with low-interest or no-interest funding for our profession since many families of membership are trouble. There are individuals who are unwell at home, sell stuff is not well and some people borrowed money from informal loans. This makes me feel sadness and sympathy, and I'd like to help in this area.
2. I'd like the government immunization to be widely distributed because Vaccination is difficult to obtain.
3. Registration for covid-19 subsidy Due to the fact that some members cannot register. As a result, they were not paid and missed out on possibilities in this part. So rather than registering, I would prefer the government to check the House Particulars.