

# ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH FOR REDUCED PRODUCTION COSTS, ECONOMIC RECOVERY AT BANASRA

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### SITUATION

- ▶ The flat and low-lying area is suitable for cultivation and gardening. The majority of households in this area are engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry.
- ▶ The average household income is 149,800 Baht per year, while the average household expenses range from 135,800 to 165,000 Baht per year.
- ▶ In the community, 175 people (27.37%) have contracted COVID-19. As a result, continuous medical treatment is required for some individuals, and some may have to take leave from work, leading to increased expenses.

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- ▶ There are 20 individuals in the community who are experiencing stress and anxiety.
- ▶ Social capital in the community is represented by groups involved in composting, self-sustaining economic activities, and networks that provide support. However, there is still a need for these groups to come together more seriously and form stronger collaborations.



### SUCCESS FACTORS

- 1 Monthly committee meetings.
- 2 Active participation from internal and external community networks, such as the village committee, community leaders, Village Health Volunteers, sub-district health promotion hospital staff, agricultural groups, and etc.

### PROCESS

- 1) Team meetings
- 2) Exchange and learning sessions on pesticide-free agriculture, vegetable gardening in fruit orchards, developing products for the One Tambon One Product (OTOP) program, and household accounting
- 3) Home visits for encouragement.
- 4) Participating in temple activities
- 5) Promoting physical exercise, and
- 6) Monitoring and evaluation.



### OUTCOME

- 1) Improved mental health for 100% of individuals facing mental health issues.
- 2) 50 participants participating in exchange and learning sessions about composting and herbal pest control can reduce agricultural costs by 500 Baht per month per person.
- 3) All 50 participants planted vegetables in the orchard