

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

1.1 The Rational Background

Poverty create the damage in childhood. Growing up in poverty means hunger, pain , cannot join activities with friends and does not the asset that other people think it is necessary. In addition, poverty affects to the children's health. (Child Poverty Action Group, n.d.)

Poor children according to the definition of UNICEF is children who living in poor families that unable to access the basic factors and they need to survive, develop themselves, have a freedom and have participation in society. The main causes of poor children come from poor families. Families who have one father or one mother who only work a job, children tend to have higher poverty than family who have both father and mother work a job for taking care their children. (Porntip Wakabayashi, 2014)

Child poverty destroy opportunities in their life which is the important factor affect the salary in the future because poverty is cause to make children drop out from school. (Child Poverty Action Group, n.d.)

Poverty in childhood is an important barrier of children to get higher education because poverty affecting ability to learn. Some research found poor children have low ability to learn. (Porntip Wakabayashi, 2014)

Problem of poverty make many children in Thai's society lack opportunities in education. Although, government will issue policy free education for 15 years but it also has a cost that parents have to pay for their children education. It not free follow policy's objective and it also has inequality to receive an education services. (Decha Sungkawan, 2012)

Economic stimulus policies of public and private sectors make household face an increasing of debt because government give opportunity to people to make more loan that make families can access more source of investment funds. (Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, 2015)

Poor children are the part of the underprivileged children who can become the problems of the countries that makes countries will lose high quality of human resources. It will make group of poor children have risk of aggressive behavior. From research found there are about 100,000 poor children per year transport into reformatory.(Amornvit Nakorntrup, 2014)

Lacking stable housing leads to lack opportunity to know and access services from government. It also make poor people lack the capital to make a living that will be an obstacle of chance to get higher income affect to children in their families, they will lack opportunity to get high education.(Poomsith Suwannasak,2003)

Poor families have to face the insecurity situation in the economy because they have an uncertainty job leads to unstable income while their cost getting higher. This is one reason that make poor families do not have enough money to use in daily life and to take care their children.

Poor people lack opportunity to study and training which can help them increase their efficiency of work. The mot of head of poor families have low education, it will affect to their children. Although, their children can get higher education than them but they will get an education which cannot use for work that pay high salary and they have a little chance to choose a job. If no one hire them, they do not have work to do. (Thanapol Saranjit, 2015)

It hard for poor families to save and determine their income because they have limited of capital, income and knowledge.

Household who are poor and low income will get low of money which send back from their children to their families when compare with households with high income. The research about a survey of money which send back to families of worker in Thailand from nation statistic office by using Socioeconomic Survey (SES) data in 2016

found the amount of money which send back to families depend on level of income and the level of asset of household who receive money. (Chanon Techasunthornwat, 2014)

An investment in children who living in poor families will get the maximum return to 17 times. From the study of Professor James Joseph Heckman who is an American economist and Noble laureate found an investment in children is the best method that society will get the long term of return. (Thai Health Promotion Foundation, 2012) Improving children's knowledge and skills will make all of them grow to be an efficiency human resource and they will become an important factor to develop their countries. (TDRI,2012)

In the United States has establish No Child left Behind Act. The law to reform education that have objective to make every children reach to efficiency education. It reduces the gap in education of poverty children because every children will receive the equality of education. Government determine school have to create the rule and responsible for teaching of teachers and studying of student by measuring the result from the test score in math and reading skill of students. The law focus on developing high potential of teachers. Moreover, government has set a target for school to reach. If school cannot reach the target, it has punishment by government. Therefore, it will make school have an incentive to improve their quality. This law is the best method that make every children receive an education equality.

Another power country in the world that focus on child poverty is the United Kingdom that has establish Children Poverty Act to help children who live in poor family and also children who abandoned. The objective of this act to reduce the amount of poverty children in country by government intervention such as increase hiring parents to work, giving the special right to poverty children such as Child tax credit which is help families that have child who age less than 16 years but not over 20 years and have low level of income by giving the educations' fund and health care.

Therefore, it is critical to study the determinants of the formation of child poverty fund in Thailand because no one can reject to help poor children who will become potential human capital for the development of the nation.

1.2 Fund to promote and develop poor children

Strategic Development Committee solve problem of poverty by allocating fund to children who come from household that have low income. To solve problem of poverty, institution need budget from government. In Thailand government has a project to allocate scholarship to student who come from family which receiving impact from higher cost of living by allocating the amount of fund 800,000 fund to help student education for 1 year.

There are many students who come from poor families whom do not receive this assistance from government. There are 2,900,000 poor children in 2016 but government can provide only 800,000 fund to help them. It means there are still have some poor children who do not receive assistance from government about 2,100,000 people.

The establishments of fund to promote and develop poor children need a goal to have a clear set of budget, framework and efficiency process of management. Therefore, it necessary to study and review the guideline for establishing the fund to promote and develop poor children in Thailand.

Therefore, to solve the problem of poor children, it should set the fund to promote and develop poor children because spending budget in term of fund will make the payment use in the right point. Fund will make budget can be use efficiently. Moreover, fund will continuously to help poor children and also have good monitoring system and evaluation.

1.3 Objective of the Study

1.3.1 To study problems of poor children in Thailand and the cause that make poor children's problem happen

1.3.2 To study and compare the solution of poor children in other countries with Thailand

1.3.3 To study the suitable form of fund to promote and develop poor children in Thailand

1.4 Advantage of the Study

This study will determine the approach to establish poor children fund in Thailand for reducing the level of poverty in Thai's children. To ensure that poor children who receive help from fund will become an effective human resource and can get out of poverty when they grow up. And it will help government to reduce the burden for helping and taking care poor children in the long term.

1.5 Scope of the Study

The study Determinants of the Formation of Child Poverty Fund in Thailand for analyzing the relevant information with policy, report, research and other information by studying example from other countries used to help poor children in their countries.

The unit of analysis in this study is poor families with children. This study analyze the possibility of establishing a fund to help poor children and create guideline for establishing fund to help poor children in Thailand.