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SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASELINE SURVEY  
MAE CHAEM DISTRICT POCKET AREA  
MAE CHAEM DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE

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## FOREWORD

This socio-economic survey of the Pai District Pocket Area, Mae Hong Son Province, the Mae La Noi District Pocket Area, Mae Hong Son Province and the Mae Chaem District Pocket Area, Chiang Mai Province was accomplished by the Payap Research and Development Institute, Payap University for the Integrated Pocket Area Development Project (IPAD) during the period April-June 1991.

This socio-economic survey was accomplished by Payap University researchers assisted by teams of field enumerators. Field work was done over a one month period. Most of the remaining time was used to analyze the data obtained and prepare the final report. The specific data obtained and the method of analysis and presentation was designed to respond to key indicators of development provided to the Payap Research and Development Institute by IPAD.

The success of this survey activity is the result of cooperation between many individuals and institutions, both in government and the private sector including the district chiefs of Pai, Mae La Noi and Mae Chaem, IPAD personnel including the Head of the Project Advisory Office and the project Chief Technical Advisor and the entire project staff. To each of these organizations and individuals the Payap Research and Development Institute wishes to extend our thanks. Our special thanks are also due to all the village leaders and farmers in the Pai District, Mae La Noi District and Mae Chaem District who willingly answered the many questions of the Payap field interviewers. Special thanks are also due to Dr. Boonthong Poocharoen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Payap University, who, in his capacity as Project Advisor, provided advice and encouragement from the outset of the project until its completion.

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## NOTES ON BASELINE SURVEY TABLES

### TECHNICAL NOTES

1.  $n$  = Total number who responded to the question. Excludes, e.g., persons who could not remember how much rice they purchased in the past year.
2. VALID  $N$  = Total number who have a non-zero response to the question. For example, in the table on pig production, the VALID  $N$  is the total number of households raising pigs. In this case,  $n$  is the number of households which were surveyed regarding pig production.
3. TOTAL = In the right hand column is the total number responding in each village, i.e., the total for that village. TOTAL in the bottom row of each table is the total for the entire project area. Where totals would be inappropriate or likely to be confusing, they have been omitted.

### NOTES ON THE DATA

1. Data on agricultural area owned and cultivated should be used with caution. Villagers often over or under estimate their land holdings for various reasons. The same caveat applies to a lesser extent to yields and values of crops sold.
2. Data on household expenses should be used with caution. It was often difficult for villagers to remember their expenses for an entire year.

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