

A Local Governance Survey 2013 in Thailand

Results by Rural and Urban LAOs

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1. The Local Administrative Organization(LAO)'s activities and projects

1.1 Classification of the LAO.

	Frequency	Ratio	the number of villages/communities Average (The numbers in brackets indicate S.D.)	
1) Sub-district municipality (Thesaban Tambon)	195	42.2	11.7	(6.1)
2) Town municipality (Thesaban Muang)	13	2.8	20.1	(11.3)
3) City municipality (Thesaban Nakhon)	6	1.3	57.7	(27.9)
4) Small sized TAO	6	1.3	10.2	(2.6)
5) Medium-sized TAO	207	44.8	11.7	(5.2)
6) Large-sized TAO	19	4.1	13.5	(5.7)
7) Phatthaya City	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Answer	16	3.5		

1.2 When your LAO considers beginning new projects, where and from whom does it find ideas? (Please select the three most important sources from the list below, and rank them by writing 1, 2 or 3 in the space provided.) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban (N=209)			TAO (N=253)		
	First priority	Second Priority	Third Priority	First priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
1) President himself	56 26.8	32 15.3	41 19.6	56 22.1	47 18.6	47 18.6
	1	3	4	1	0	3

2) Closely-associated person (e.g. Husband, wife, other family members, friends)	0.5	1.4	1.9	0.4	0.0	1.2
3) Local Council Members	11 5.3	60 28.7	64 30.6	6 2.4	64 25.3	69 27.3
4) Residents/ Civil society groups	129 61.7	43 20.6	21 10.0	154 60.9	38 15.0	20 7.9
5) Community organizations (Community councils)	2 1.0	15 7.2	16 7.7	4 1.6	16 6.3	22 8.7
6) Community groups (e.g. Housewives' groups, youth groups, elderly groups)	2 1.0	41 19.6	27 12.9	5 2.0	51 20.2	40 15.8
7) Intellectuals (Researchers, NGOs)	1 0.5	3 1.4	5 2.4	0 0.0	1 0.4	4 1.6
8) PAO presidents or PAO councillors	1 0.5	1 0.5	5 2.4	0 0.0	1 0.4	1 0.4
9) Other local governments (Thesaban, TAOs)	4 1.9	6 2.9	13 6.2	4 1.6	1 0.4	7 2.8
10) Provincial Governor, District Chief Officer or other officials	0 0.0	0 0.0	6 2.9	2 0.8	9 3.6	12 4.7
11) Others	0 0.0	3 1.4	5 2.4	2 0.8	1 0.4	4 1.6
No Answer	2 1.0	2 1.0	2 1.0	19 7.5	24 9.5	24 9.5

1.3 Do any public officials visit the LAO office for consultation on LAO activities?
(Please answer every question) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent)) (TS:
Thesaban, TA: TAO)

Visitor	Frequency of visits						
	6) more	5) Sever	4) Once	3) Once	2) Once	1) Never	No Answ

		than once a week	al times a month	a month	in 2-3 month s	or twice a year		er
1. Teachers/ Professors from schools	TS	32 15.3	76 36.4	53 25.4	34 16.3	12 5.7	2 1.0	0 0.0
	TA	19 7.5	70 27.7	53 20.9	70 27.7	32 12.6	1 0.4	8 3.2
2. Public Health Officials	TS	34 16.3	86 41.1	52 24.9	22 10.5	12 5.7	2 1.0	1 0.5
	TA	17 6.7	76 30.0	64 25.3	61 24.1	25 9.9	1 0.4	9 3.6
3. Local Council Members of your LAO	TS	115 55.0	70 33.5	16 7.7	6 2.9	0 0.0	0 0.0	2 1.0
	TA	106 41.9	103 40.7	22 8.7	10 4.0	5 2.0	2 0.8	5 2.0
4. Business persons	TS	10 4.8	38 18.2	31 14.8	51 24.4	52 24.9	25 12.0	2 1.0
	TA	11 4.3	23 9.1	24 9.5	75 29.6	62 24.5	40 15.8	18 7.1
5. President of other LAOs	TS	4 1.9	36 17.2	62 29.7	56 26.8	38 18.2	13 6.2	0 0.0
	TA	15 5.9	25 9.9	37 14.6	81 32.0	64 25.3	22 8.7	9 3.6
6. Clerk of other LAOs	TS	4 1.9	23 11.0	41 19.6	57 27.3	56 26.8	28 13.4	0 0.0
	TA	16 6.3	23 9.1	29 11.5	77 30.4	69 27.3	29 11.5	10 4.0
7. Kamnan, Village Head man	TS	51 24.4	88 42.1	34 16.3	13 6.2	11 5.3	10 4.8	2 1.0
	TA	55 21.7	112 44.3	42 16.6	25 9.9	12 4.7	1 0.4	6 2.4
8. NGO members	TS	6 2.9	44 21.1	48 23.0	48 23.0	41 19.6	19 9.1	3 1.4
	TA	8 3.2	23 9.1	35 13.8	56 22.1	60 23.7	52 20.6	19 7.5
9. People's Group (e.g. Housewife	TS	46 22.0	103 49.3	41 19.6	14 6.7	4 1.9	1 0.5	0 0.0

groups, female groups, elderly groups)	TA	31 12.3	97 38.3	57 22.5	36 14.2	23 9.1	2 0.8	7 2.8
10. Officials from Department of Local Administration	TS	3 1.4	28 13.4	44 21.1	54 25.8	50 23.9	29 13.9	1 0.5
	TA	7 2.8	28 11.1	38 15.0	59 23.3	67 26.5	46 18.2	8 3.2
11. Chief district officer or assistant district officers	TS	11 5.3	32 15.3	53 25.4	69 33.0	35 16.7	9 4.3	0 0.0
	TA	7 2.8	29 11.5	43 17.0	71 28.1	75 29.6	20 7.9	8 3.2
12. Provincial Governor (Vice Governor)/ Deputy Governor	TS	3 1.4	15 7.2	21 10.0	37 17.7	71 34.0	62 29.7	0 0.0
	TA	1 0.4	3 1.2	12 4.7	21 8.3	81 32.0	123 48.6	12 4.7
13. Members of Parliament	TS	3 1.4	15 7.2	38 18.2	64 30.6	48 23.0	41 19.6	0 0.0
	TA	2 0.8	9 3.6	10 4.0	42 16.6	94 37.2	89 35.2	7 2.8
14. Officials from Social Development and Human Security Ministry	TS	3 1.4	20 9.6	51 24.4	64 30.6	47 22.5	24 11.5	0 0.0
	TA	3 1.2	12 4.7	23 9.1	63 24.9	110 43.5	36 14.2	6 2.4
15. Officials from Community Development Department (CDD)	TS	8 3.8	32 15.3	59 28.2	60 28.7	37 17.7	11 5.3	2 1.0
	TA	3 1.2	34 13.4	52 20.6	84 33.2	63 24.9	12 4.7	5 2.0

1.4 If the local council opposes the local residents about project sites, how do you decide? (please choose only one answer.) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
	1	0

1) You <u>always</u> accept the needs of <u>the local councilors.</u>	0.5	0.0
2) You <u>mostly</u> accept the needs of <u>the local councilors.</u>	11 5.3	10 4.0
3) You <u>mostly</u> accept the needs of <u>the residents.</u>	179 85.6	205 81.0
4) You <u>always</u> accept the needs of <u>the residents.</u>	15 7.2	29 11.5
No Answer	3 1.4	9 3.6

1.5 How do consider good governance to be implemented in projects at the local level?
(please choose only one answer) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) To implement projects efficiently with a small budget.	184 88.0	217 85.8
2) To implement projects that meet the needs of residents by using time and budget efficiently.	24 11.5	26 10.3
No Answer	1 0.5	10 4.0

1.6 On average, how many staff members has your LAO already sent to seminars, training sessions, or meetings arranged by Higher Educational Institutes, other Local Governments, the Department of Local Administration, the King Prajadhipok Institute, etc.? What percentage of meetings, training sessions, and seminars have you learned about through leaflets? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) 80-100%	65 31.1	61 24.1
2) 50-80%	99 47.4	108 42.7
3) 30-50%	36 17.2	54 21.3
4) Lower than 30%	9 4.3	18 7.1
No Answer	0	12

	0.0	4.7
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2. The role of the LAO in environmental issues

2.1 Have you ever received any claims concerning environmental problems? (you may choose one or more answers) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from residents</u>	86 41.1	80 31.6
2) Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from factories</u>	60 28.7	65 25.7
3) Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from farms</u>	49 23.4	99 39.1
4) Garbage <u>from residents</u>	101 48.3	96 37.9
5) Waste <u>from factories or organizations</u>	21 10.0	21 8.3
6) Waste <u>from farms</u>	8 3.8	15 5.9
7) Others	26 12.4	28 11.1

2.2 Were you able to solve the following problems? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent)) (TS: Thesaban, TA: TAO)

Problems		The LAO could solve the problem(s) by itself.	The LAO could solve the problem(s) by contacting the other agencies in charge.	The LAO was unable to solve the problem by itself.	No such problems have arisen.	No Answer
Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from</u>	TS	69 33.0	25 12.0	1 0.5	43 20.6	71 34.0

<u>residents</u>	TA	72	51	6	54	70
		28.5	20.2	2.4	21.3	27.7
Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from</u> <u>factories</u>	TS	20	45	1	50	93
		9.6	21.5	0.5	23.9	44.5
	TA	16	69	13	68	87
		6.3	27.3	5.1	26.9	34.4
Odors, wastewater, air pollution <u>from</u> <u>farms</u>	TS	26	30	0	59	94
		12.4	14.4	0.0	28.2	45.0
	TA	58	70	9	49	67
		22.9	27.7	3.6	19.4	26.5
Garbage <u>from</u> <u>residents</u>	TS	93	11	1	38	66
		44.5	5.3	0.5	18.2	31.6
	TA	108	19	3	44	79
		42.7	7.5	1.2	17.4	31.2
Waste <u>from</u> <u>factories</u> or <u>organizations</u>	TS	15	15	2	67	110
		7.2	7.2	1.0	32.1	52.6
	TA	15	45	4	78	111
		5.9	17.8	1.6	30.8	43.9
Waste <u>from</u> <u>farms</u>	TS	4	11	0	76	118
		1.9	5.3	0.0	36.4	56.5
	TA	26	36	2	81	108
		10.3	14.2	0.8	32.0	42.7

2.3 To solve the following environmental problem(s), which office or personnel did you contact? (You may choose one or more answers) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio) (TS: Thesaban, TA: TAO)

Problems		Institution/ Person						
		Provincial Governor / District Chief Officer	Department of Industrial works	Pollution Control Department	Kamnan(Sub District Head)/ Village headman	Senior member of your community	MPsin your constituency	Intellectuals/Research Institute/ University
Odors, wastewater, air pollution from <u>residents</u>	TS	16	15	15	46	19	5	6
		7.7	7.2	7.2	22.0	9.1	2.4	2.9
	TA	32	15	21	131	30	10	5
		12.6	5.9	8.3	51.8	11.9	4.0	2.0
Odors, wastewater, air pollution from <u>factories</u>	TS	22	35	25	27	16	4	7
		10.5	16.7	12.0	12.9	7.7	1.9	3.3
	TA	39	57	36	56	21	11	5
		15.4	22.5	14.2	22.1	8.3	4.3	2.0
Odors, wastewater, air pollution from <u>farms</u>	TS	17	9	10	30	13	1	5
		8.1	4.3	4.8	14.4	6.2	0.5	2.4
	TA	43	22	34	103	26	12	5
		17.0	8.7	13.4	40.7	10.3	4.7	2.0
Garbage from <u>residents</u>	TS	9	2	5	53	29	0	3
		4.3	1.0	2.4	25.4	13.9	0.0	1.4
	TA	19	8	10	120	37	11	6
		7.5	3.2	4.0	47.4	14.6	4.3	2.4
Waste from <u>factories or organizations</u>	TS	7	13	12	17	5	0	3
		3.3	6.2	5.7	8.1	2.4	0.0	1.4
	TA	25	33	25	42	15	6	6
		9.9	13.0	9.9	16.6	5.9	2.4	2.4
Waste from farms	TS	8	6	7	14	6	1	2
		3.8	2.9	3.3	6.7	2.9	0.5	1.0
	TA	23	15	18	53	12	8	4
		9.1	5.9	7.1	20.9	4.7	3.2	1.6

What other offices or persons did you contact?	TS	33 (15.8%)
	TA	26 (10.3%)

2.4 Which of the following is best placed to find solutions to environmental problems that meet residents' needs ? (Please choose only one answer) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio (percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) LAO	48 23.0	21 8.3
2) Kamnan/ Village headman (or community leader)	1 0.5	3 1.2
3) Both LAO and Kamnan/ Village headman	117 56.0	187 73.9
4) Community leader other than Kamnan/ Village headman (important members of the community)	19 9.1	11 4.3
5) Other (Please specify)	12 5.7	15 5.9
No Answer	12 5.7	16 6.3

3. Direct election of the LAO President

3.1 In your view, how important are the following factors to winning the LAO Presidential Election? (Please answer every question) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio) (TS: Thesaban, TA: TAO)

		4) very important	3) a little important	2) not important	1) not sure	No Answer
1) The candidate's policies	TS	150 71.8	51 24.4	7 3.3	1 0.5	0 0.0
	TA	202 79.8	42 16.6	6 2.4	0 0.0	3 1.2
2) People's perceptions of	TS	199 95.2	9 4.3	1 0.5	0 0.0	0 0.0
	TA	241	9	1	0	2

the candidate's personality		95.3	3.6	0.4	0.0	0.8
3) Team work among executive members	TS	150 71.8	51 24.4	6 2.9	2 1.0	0 0.0
	TA	207 81.8	36 14.2	4 1.6	3 1.2	3 1.2
4) System of election canvassers	TS	103 49.3	65 31.1	32 15.3	9 4.3	0 0.0
	TA	143 56.5	89 35.2	6 2.4	8 3.2	7 2.8
5) Support from national-level politicians (MP and Senators)	TS	42 20.1	93 44.5	69 33.0	5 2.4	0 0.0
	TA	90 35.6	108 42.7	33 13.0	19 7.5	3 1.2
6) Budget support from political parties	TS	37 17.7	81 38.8	84 40.2	6 2.9	1 0.5
	TA	69 27.3	126 49.8	32 12.6	22 8.7	4 1.6
7) Personal network (e.g., husband, wife, relatives, friends)	TS	160 76.6	39 18.7	9 4.3	0 0.0	1 0.5
	TA	189 74.7	50 19.8	7 2.8	3 1.2	4 1.6
8) Response to the needs of poor people (various interest groups)	TS	117 56.0	59 28.2	29 13.9	4 1.9	0 0.0
	TA	156 61.7	71 28.1	15 5.9	8 3.2	3 1.2

4. Allocation of budget to LAO from the Central Government

4.1 Do you think the budget amount allocated to the LAO from the central government is sufficient? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Sufficient	4	14
	1.9	5.5
2) Not sufficient	205	233
	98.1	92.1
No Answer	0	6

	0.0	2.4
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4.2 If the budget amount allocated is not sufficient, which of the following need more budgetary support? (Please choose only two items) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Promotion of vocational employment	66 31.6	71 28.1
2) Infrastructure development	137 65.6	144 56.9
3) Agriculture	26 12.4	46 18.2
4) Environment	52 24.9	21 8.3
5) Social welfare	35 16.7	48 19.0
6) Education	77 36.8	51 20.2
7) Community-related matters	1 0.5	3 1.2
8) Other	3 1.4	2 0.8

4.3 Over the past several years, when your LAO was in need of greater budgetary support, from whom did seek help when you tried to obtain the extra funding (in addition to the normal procedure of forwarding a budget application form to the District office and the Provincial office) ? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent)) (TS: Thesaban, TA: TAO)

Sought support from		Got support for budget (3)	No support (2)	Did not ask Support (1)	No Answer
1) Members of the Provincial Council (So.Jo.)	TS	124 59.3	33 15.8	45 21.5	7 3.3
	TA	147 58.1	26 10.3	22 8.7	58 22.9
2) The PAO President	TS	147 70.3	27 12.9	31 14.8	4 1.9
	TA	178	32	13	30

		70.4	12.6	5.1	11.9
3) Members of Parliament (So.So.) representing the province	TS	154 73.7	27 12.9	26 12.4	2 1.0
	TA	170 67.2	24 9.5	20 7.9	39 15.4
4) Influential politician belonging to the government party	TS	55 26.3	32 15.3	113 54.1	9 4.3
	TA	42 16.6	40 15.8	78 30.8	93 36.8
5) Minister of a related ministry	TS	39 18.7	38 18.2	123 58.9	9 4.3
	TA	30 11.9	42 16.6	81 32.0	100 39.5
6) Provincial Governor	TS	110 52.6	37 17.7	57 27.3	5 2.4
	TA	113 44.7	32 12.6	40 15.8	68 26.9
7) Director General of Department/Chief of Section	TS	77 36.8	40 19.1	84 40.2	8 3.8
	TA	45 17.8	36 14.2	83 32.8	89 35.2
8) Budget Bureau (Pho O)	TS	21 10.0	32 15.3	146 69.9	10 4.8
	TA	24 9.5	32 12.6	87 34.4	110 43.5
9) Other (Please specify)	TS	0 0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	/
	TA	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 0.3	

5. The LAO President's background

5.1 How old is the local president now? Years old (as of 1st October, 2012)

	Average	S.D.	N
Thesaban	52.5	7.57	208
TAO	52.0	8.35	242

5.2 What is your (completed) level of education? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Primary Education	5 2.4	15 5.9
2) Lower Secondary	7 3.3	13 5.1
3) Upper Secondary	28 13.4	62 24.5
4) Diploma or equivalent	9 4.3	13 5.1
5) Bachelor's degree	74 35.4	99 39.1
6) Master's degree	82 39.2	47 18.6
7) Doctor's degree	3 1.4	1 0.4
No Answer	1 0.5	3 1.2

5.3 Which of the following positions have you been involved in before taking up the present post (LAO president)? (you may choose one or more answers) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Minister	0 0.0	0 0.0
2) Members of Parliament	3 1.4	1 0.4
3) Members of the Provincial Council	14 6.7	6 2.4
4) Members of the Thesaban Council	66 31.6	0 0.0
5) TAO councilors	43 20.6	105 41.5
6) Kamnan	14 6.7	36 14.2
7) Village headman	24 11.5	48 19.0
8) Assistant kamnan	6 2.9	2 0.8

9) Village committee members	15 7.2	45 17.8
10) Community organization members (e.g. Agricultural group, housewife groups, physical exercise groups)	15 7.2	39 15.4
11) Other (Please specify)	36 17.2	52 20.6
No Experience	18 8.6	8 3.2

5.4 Before becoming LAO president, what kind of occupation were you engaged in? (Please choose the occupation that you undertook for the longest period) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Theaban	TAO
1) Business owner	104 49.8	79 31.2
2) Private employee	9 4.3	12 4.7
3) Agriculture	39 18.7	102 40.3
4) Teacher/ Professor	14 6.7	24 9.5
5) Police or Military Officer	10 4.8	3 1.2
6) Other Civil Government official	5 2.4	4 1.6
7) Other (Please specify)	13 6.2	13 5.1
8) No occupation	2 1.0	5 2.0
No Answer	13 6.2	11 4.4

6. Flood disaster and problem solving

6.1 Was your LAO been damaged by flooding in 2011? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) All areas were damaged.	19 9.1	12 4.7
2) Most areas were damaged.	34 16.3	29 11.5
3) Some areas were damaged.	92 44.0	160 63.2
4) No areas were damaged.	63 30.1	49 19.4
No Answer	1 0.5	3 1.2

6.2 How seriously was your LAO affected by the flooding in 2011? (you may choose one or more answers) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Residents had to temporarily move out of the LAO.	30 14.4	27 10.7
2) Residents' assets of residents.	109 52.2	121 47.8
3) The LAO's buildings and assets were damaged.	37 17.7	55 21.7
4) The streets and paths in the LAO's district were damaged.	110 52.6	160 63.2
5) No specific damage compared with previous years.	11 5.3	17 6.7
6) Other	12 5.7	22 8.7

6.3 From which sources did your LAO receive help after this flooding? (you may choose one or more answers) (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Central Government	54 25.8	70 27.7
2) Provincial Governor	75 35.9	83 32.8
3) District Chief Officer	56 26.8	96 37.9
4) Other Institutions	47	76

	22.5	30.0
5) Never got help because the LAO could solve by itself.	33 15.8	42 16.6
6) Yet to be determined.	1 0.5	4 1.6

6.4 In cases of damage by this flooding incident, has the number of meetings between your LAO and the province or central government increased to restore the areas damaged by the flood? (Upper: Frequency, Lower: Ratio(percent))

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Increased	89 42.6	80 31.6
2) Remain the same	55 26.3	117 46.2
3) Decreased	1 0.5	3 1.2
No Answer	64 30.6	53 20.9

6.5 In cases of damage by this flooding incident, has the number of meetings between your LAO and the people's sector increased to restore the areas damaged by flood?

	Thesaban	TAO
1) Increased	96 45.9	89 35.2
2) Remained the same	48 23.0	109 43.1
3) Decreased	0 0.0	0 0.0
No Answer	65 31.1	55 21.7