

Data Collection Strategies for The ADAM Program in Thailand

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Coordination process:

- ◆ It is necessary to work on preparation among related agencies.

The ADAM data collection have done in 5 areas; one police station for each region i.e. northern, northeastern, central and southern regions and two police stations in Bangkok

- ◆ The ONCB has delivered the official letters to the Police Department requested for cooperation.
- ◆ The implementation agencies contacted the target police stations for arranging date and duration of data collection.

Problems of coordination at the stations

The ADAM project in Thailand was desired to collect data in every 3-month within a year from police stations.

- ◆ The polices needed to be explained about the project every period. In addition, some stations changed administrators, therefore, the process of coordination started at the beginning.
- ◆ Inefficient of cooperation at low level polices in a few first days was found.

Problem of interview and urine collection

The ADAM project in Thailand was desired to interview arrestees and ask for their urine.

- ◆ The data collection was done by asking permission from the arrestees. All cases, except traffic case in the period of study will be recruited. After they were interviewed by a structure questionnaire, they were asked for a tube of urine. This was an anonymous collection, only the number from the questionnaire was recorded.


Problem from interview

- ◆ Some arrestees did not allow to interview as they afraid of their drug use will be reported to the polices.
- ◆ If the case is a foreigner, it is difficult to communicate.
- ◆ Some cases were drunk from either drug or alcohol so the interviews were failed.

Problem of urine collection

- ◆ If the cases did not report drug use to the police, they tended to reject of giving urine.
- ◆ Sometimes, we got less urine from an arrestee.
- ◆ It is necessary to investigate the tubes of urine immediately as some cases put water instead of their urine.

Problem from the policemen

- ◆ Sometimes the officer in the station did not communicate to their staff so the data collection were obstructed and delayed.
 - ◆ The area of some stations was inconvenient to interview.
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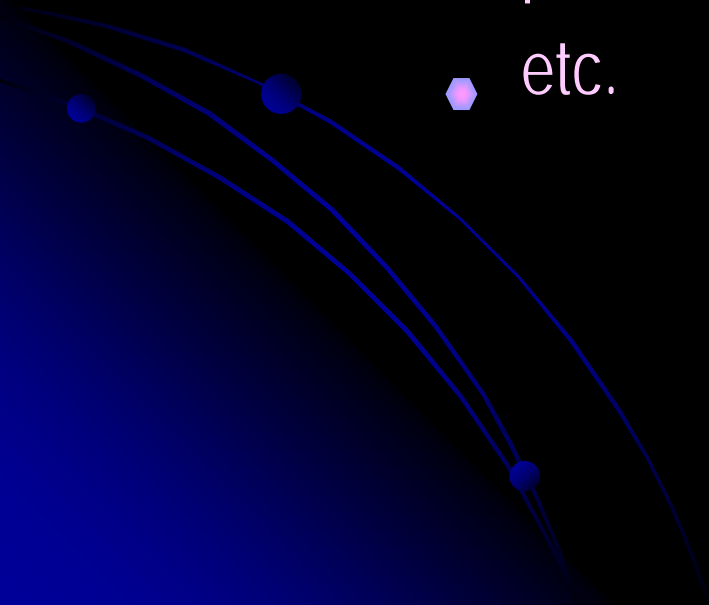
Bias from the policemen

- ◆ The cases, sometimes, depended on their policy. For instance, if they were ordered to arrest sex workers during the week, that week, a lot of sex worker cases were found.
- ◆ The ecology in each station was different so the cases were varied. For example, if the station situated in the entertainment area, the drug users tended to be found more than other cases.

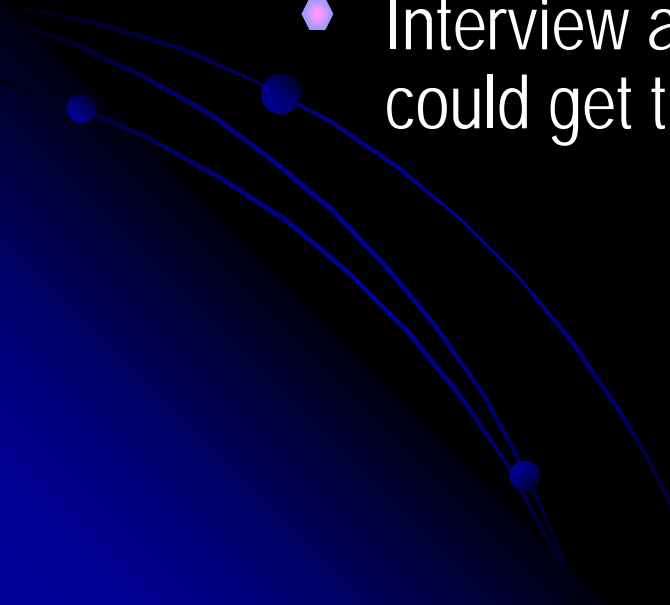
Limitation of the police work

The limitation of resources such as

- ◆ number of policemen
- ◆ petrol or gasoline
- ◆ etc.



Management of data collection

- ◆ The interview should be finished before the time to take arrestees to the court.
 - ◆ Sometimes, the case was finished before we could interview.
 - ◆ Interview atmosphere was another factor that could get the good information or not.
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Thank you for your attention

