

CHAPTER 3 RESEARCH DESIGN

Research Design

Qualitative study using the Delphi technique

Research Questions

Primary Question

Which strategic issues do affect the achievement of the mission of DHCCs in Khonkaen?

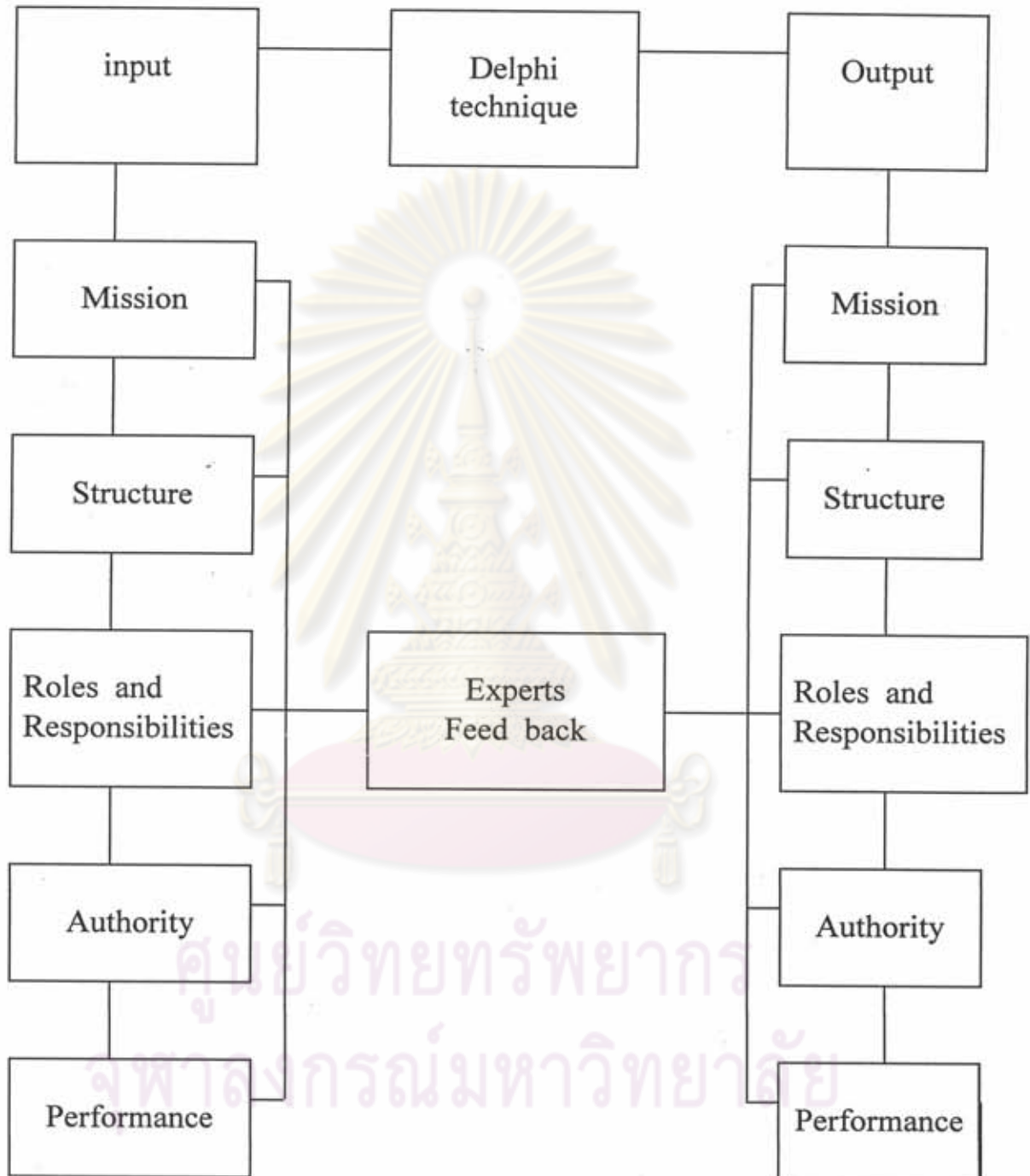
Secondary Questions

1. What are the strength and weakness of DHCCs?
2. What are the elements which maintain the existing DHCCs according to the experts' opinion?
3. What are the present roles and future perspectives of DHCCs?

Objectives

1. To identify the strategic issues affecting the mission of DHCCs.
2. To identify the strengths and weaknesses of DHCC.
3. To identify the elements which maintain the existing DHCCs.
4. To clarify the present roles and future perspectives of DHCC.

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Conceptual Framework

Assumption

1. The experts are familiar with the missions of DHCC in Khonkaen.
2. The questionnaire is responded under individual thoughtful consideration.

Definition

1. **District Health Coordinating Committee (DHCC)** means the committee which consist of 6 representatives from Community Hospital and 6 from District Health Office in the same district. The number of members can vary according to the consideration of the committee of each district. The Provincial Health Office reports the list of members of DHCC to the provincial governor in order to be posted officially.

2. **Strategic issues** mean methods, activities or processes which effect the process of work of the DHCCs in Khonkaen.

3. **Mission** means the roles of DHCCs in Khonkaen which are given from Provincial Health Office and/or MOPH.

4. **Experts** are health administrators at the district level, supervisors or technical health officers at the provincial level in Khonkaen. These are only those who participate in giving their opinions toward the present and future roles, and works of the DHCCs in Khonkaen. All of them must answer the questionnaire through the whole study process.

Limitation and Obstacles

In the process of data collection, each expert answers three rounds of questionnaire. In the third round, some statistic figures are given but may not be understood by the experts.

Expected Benefit and Application

The results of this research will be helpful for the policy makers and administrators, in case there is a review of the DHCCs' role in Khonkaen. It may also be applicable to other provinces and the MOPH.