

FACTORS RELATED TO WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN NON- DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES IN LAMPANG PROVINCE, THAILAND : IMPLICATION FOR HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION. Tippawan Manond.\*<sup>1</sup> Aminah Ahmad.<sup>2</sup>

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This study examined women's participation in non-domestic activities and factors related to their participation. A sample of 133 pineapple farmer's wives from nine villages in Muang District, Lampang Province in the Northern part of Thailand by using systematic random sampling were interviewed. Among the factors studied, education of women, financial need for children's education, age of women, family size and number of children below kindergarten-going age were found to be significantly related to women participation in pineapple farm practice activities. In particular, age of women and financial need for children's education were found to be the most significant factors. The findings imply the need for planners and extension workers, when designing both domestic and non-domestic education programme for rural women should consider women's special needs at different life stages as well as their financial concern for children's education.