

**GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY
SOCIO-ECONOMIC THROUGH RUBBER PLANTATION IN
SABAH RUBBER INDUSTRY BOARD (LIGS) BONGAWAN**

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ABSTRACT

Government plays an important role to improve the socio-economic development of rural communities particularly through plantation which are one of the government's initiatives in trying to develop rural areas, by creating jobs opportunity and make the best use of the land. Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS) is an agency of the State Government that are responsible for the development of rubber plantations in Sabah, Malaysia. The agency involves the local community in planting rubber tree in order to create a permanent source of income and sustainable farmers among those who practice shifting agriculture, the poor farmers and impecunious farmers. The objective of this study was to investigate whether government involvement can help to improve the socio-economic development of society through plantation and to see revenues participants of Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS) that can be attributed to the effectiveness of the government's involvement. The method of this research is through the distribution of questionnaire form to the participant of Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS). Throughout this study, it can be seen 58.8% of the respondent really agree that the government involvement can improve their socio-economic in particular through rubber plantations. Besides that, 34% of increment in total revenue can be seen after the participants joined the program conducted by the Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS). The Sabah Rubber Industry Board (LIGS) provide eligible assistance in an effort to develop rubber plantation in rural community starting from land opening, skills in tapping, and consistent rubber production purchasing that help to increase income.