

Executive Summary

A Study on Policy Direction for Multicultural Families in Fishing Villages

1. Purposes

- Departing from the perspective of simply supporting multicultural families, the study aims to suggest policy direction for multicultural families living in fishing villages as a member of fishing village community as well as a participant of its development.
- The study takes an approach in the relevance of local community and local society by shifting the awareness from ‘family’ to ‘household’.

2. Methodologies and features

1) Methodologies

Features	Major contents	Data collection	Reasons for selection
Literature review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preceding study related to multicultural families – Analyze domestic and foreign policy related to multicultural families – Analyze legal system regarding multicultural families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preceding study – Investigate legal systems and policy materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Need to conduct basic environmental analysis due to the lack of related research in Korea
Field case analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adaptation to the life of fishing villages (life and type of fishing villages, support groups) – Cultural difference (difficulties, solution measures) – Child rearing (child care service, child education) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On-the-spot interview with multicultural families in fishing villages – On-the-spot interview with those in charge of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identify basic policy desire for the benefit of multicultural families in fishing villages and understand their living status

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Education and finding jobs 	<p>multicultural family support center</p>	
Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Participation to the programs of multicultural family support centers, life and economic activities of fishing villages, services necessary to multicultural families and the human capacity of multicultural families – Systems and programs to support multicultural families, policy status of multicultural families in fishing villages, necessary government support, cooperation and policy direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conduct a survey to multicultural families who belong to self-managed fisheries community – Carry out survey to those in charge of multicultural family support centers in coastal cities and districts as well as government officials responsible for multicultural families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Intend to make a statistical generalization on the status of multicultural families in fishing villages and aim to use it as a basic material for understanding the status of multicultural families in fishing villages as well as establishing policy direction – Understand the status of multicultural family support policy and the policy status for supporting multicultural families in fishing villages
Group interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Different positions in the current policy and the necessity of a new policy – Policy direction for multicultural families in fishing villages – The possibility of establishing specialized policy for multicultural families and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Group interview with experts working in the government (central, basic), research institutions, fisheries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consultation and discussion for establishing policy direction for multicultural families in fishing villages

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	action plans – Discussion topics related to multicultural family support center programs – Potential restriction/promotion factors in regards to multicultural family policy	cooperatives etc.	

2) Features

- Conventional studies were focusing on the policy that supports multicultural families. However, this study is the first attempt to shift the perspective towards support & application policy for multicultural families which reflect the characteristics of fishing villages.
 - It reviews the possibility of establishing policy for multicultural families in fishing villages to satisfy the following needs; response to the demographic changes of fishing villages, the role of human resources in fishing villages, the medium for opening fishing villages and the necessity to improve the quality of life as a member of fishing villages.
 - Policy target and basic policy direction for multicultural families were established. Accordingly, the study suggests various policy tasks for establishing a policy foundation for multicultural families in fishing villages, supporting them and applying policies to them.

3. Results

1) Summary

- Departing from a unilateral policy of supporting multicultural families in fishing villages, it is important to implement policy to provide opportunities to utilize their experience and knowledge. Therefore, relevant policies should ultimately lead to the improved quality of lives.
 - The policy target for multicultural families in fishing villages should be ‘improving the quality of lives by supporting and making use of multicultural families in fishing villages’.

- The basic policy directions for multicultural families in fishing villages are as follows; first, supporting multicultural families in fishing villages to improve the quality of lives, second, making use of those immigrate for marriage and their genuine culture, connecting policies between multicultural family related government departments, taking a mid-to-long term approach to multicultural families in fishing villages and establishing policy implementation system reflecting the characteristics of fishing villages.
- It is necessary to establish a policy foundation for multicultural families in fishing villages and to set up and implement various policies for supporting and making use of them.
 - Tasks for establishing a policy foundation include conducting survey to multicultural families in fishing villages, building an efficient system for distributing information, and operating education programs for shifting awareness on immigrants by marriage.
 - Tasks for supporting multicultural families in fishing villages consist of supplementing education programs for learning Korean, supporting technical training related to fishing works and fisheries processing industry, supporting exchange programs among multicultural families in fishing communities and supporting programs for harmonizing multicultural families in fishing villages.
 - Tasks for making use of multicultural families in fishing villages include utilizing their traditional culture and food culture, creating an environment for engaging in fisheries to relatives and in-laws, granting a guidance role to women in fishing communities, etc.
- Policy tasks for multicultural families in fishing villages can be implemented by improving legal system, establishing investment plans and governance system as well as cooperation system among related government departments and setting up a specific implementation roadmap.
 - From legal perspective, it is necessary to expand the subjects under the multicultural related policy by establishing the legal concept of multicultural family. Also, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) should participate in multicultural family supporting policy as a competent department and discover MOF related policies. In addition, it is important to review connecting and applying multicultural family support laws to MOF related laws, and the legislation of related ordinance to local governments of coastal cities and districts.

- Related system should also be improved by establishing a system for understanding the current status of multicultural families in fishing villages and discovering multicultural family policy participated by fishing communities. It is also essential to support economic and non-economic policy for multicultural families in fishing villages and come up with approaches and action plans per policy subjects.
- In terms of governance, it is necessary to use fisheries related organizations and fishing cooperatives and establish a cooperative system among related government departments.

2) Policy contribution

- The study presents policy direction by understanding the current status of multicultural families in fishing villages which lead to strengthen the support for the adaptation of multicultural families. Then, it builds a foundation to connect with oceans and fisheries sector and fishing communities
- The study vitalizes the employment and spreads the gender equality by utilizing the capacity such as culture and experience of multicultural families. For this, it suggests methods to support and apply multicultural families in fishing villages

3) Expected benefits

- It provides action plans based on the establishment of policy and the development of policy measures for multicultural families in fishing villages. By doing so, it contributes to improving the quality of their lives.
- The study contributes to the establishment of cooperative system in the central government regarding multicultural families in fishing villages
- It also contributes to increasing interests and supports on multicultural families in fishing villages from basic local governments as well as fishermen related organizations.