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Summary

This study aimed to evaluate the performance of the agricultural co-operative in Al-Butain through studying the following minor aims:(1) Determining the most important features of co-operative movement in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,(2) Analysing facts and activities of the agricultural co-operative in Al-Butain, (3) Measuring of the most important financial monitors for the assembly, (4) Determining the most important problems and the obstacles facing the co-operative and how to overcome them.

This study depended on the description of economic analysis in achieving its aims and financial monitors used in measuring the efficiency of co-operative performance. In addition this study depended on primary data that weren't published and which were collected through a group of 44 respondents.

This study has produced a group of results:

First: Concerning the co-operative movement in Saudi Arabia it was clear that it has some features as follows:

- 1- Recent formation and recent combining.

- 2- Governmental support.
- 3- Spreading of multi aims co-operative assemblies.
- 4- Geographical and administrative prevailing.
- 5- Sector and activities prevailing.
- 6- The powerful and clearness of legal statements that support them.
- 7- Administrative independence.
- 8- Absence of united co-operative organizations.
- 9- Weakness of co-operative awareness for members.

Secondly: Concerning members' features and attitudes in the agricultural co-operative assembly in Al-Butain, it has been clear that:

- 1- Most farmers get their productive needs from local traders.
- 2- Most members didn't deal with the co-operative in marketing their goods but they sell their products in local markets themselves.
- 3- Most members didn't attend the meetings of general assembly of the co-operative for not feeling the importance of these summits.
- 4- Most members highly agreed on one service given by the assembly which is (stores or refrigerators for storing production elements and preserving crops).

Third: Concerning problems and obstacles that face agricultural co-operatives, it has been clear that:

- 1- There are five problems that face agricultural co-operatives and they are as follows: Not providing production supplies by the co-operative. Not providing money or financial services. Not getting the co-operative into rural industry. The rareness of machinery

owned by the co-operative. And finally, not providing marketing services.

- 2- The ways of overcoming these problems and obstacles that decrease the efficiency of agricultural co-operative's performance in Al-Butain are as follows:

Providing the members with all agricultural production supplies.

Providing agricultural instruments to be rented to members in suitable prices. Also the assembly should organize regular visits to the members and to give them advices.

In addition, marketing administration should be established to market members' production. Also entering the field of agricultural manufacturing and providing agricultural labourer for renting.

Fourth: Concerning the evaluation of agricultural co-operative assembly in Al-Butain, it has been clear that:

- 1- The financial results showed a decrease in the activity of the agricultural co-operative in Al-Butain and spending were more than incomes and co-operative budget were clear in most study years 1416 – 1428 A.H.
- 2- The retreat of performance measuring monitors and the financial position and economic activity for the agricultural co-operative in Al-Butain during study period 1416 – 1428 A.H.

Through the results that have been shown by the study, it recommends the following:

- 1- Giving a support to co-operative to form a strong economic position that enables them to provide production elements and agricultural instruments for the members in low prices.
- 2- Establishing a special administration for agricultural marketing in co-operatives concerning with marketing of members' products.
- 3- The necessity of establishing an agricultural co-operative assembly in every agricultural productive area.
- 4- Raising the standard of co-operative awareness of farmers through different ways.
- 5- Paying attention to co-operative training through training courses, to qualify members and workers in agricultural co-operative assemblies.
- 6- Forming a council for co-operative as it was settled in the new order of co-operative, for recharging experiences and to care for co-operatives affairs and improving them.