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#### **ABSTRACT**

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A study was conducted to trace the historical development of DSAC Faculty and Employees Credit Cooperative, analyze the different stages of growth and development of DSAC Faculty and Employees Credit Cooperative and identify the perceived factors affecting the growth and development of DSAC Faculty and Employees Credit Cooperative.

Data were gathered through personal interview with the manager, bookkeeper, teller and members and from the cooperative's records and files.

The DSAC Faculty and Employees Credit Cooperative was established 20 years ago but it only started its operation two years after it was founded. The Cooperative passed through the different life stages of growth and development as Infant, Expansion, Rational, Wilderness and Transforming but skipped the Dying Stage.

In terms of membership, cooperative has an increasing trend of members. However, slight decrease was observed in 1991 to 1992 but increases at rapid rate in 1998 to 2000. The cooperative passed through the different stages of growth and development and currently is in the transforming stage.

In terms of share capital, it has generally an increasing trend though fluctuations were observed in some years. It also passed through the different life stages and presently in the transforming stage.

The cooperative had a fluctuating trend in members' equity. It skipped the expansion stage but passed through the rational stage to wilderness stage. In terms of members' equity, it is now in the wilderness stage.

The major contributory factors to the growth and development of the cooperative as perceived by the members were cooperation between and among members, unity among members, and honesty of staff, officers and members.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The critical role of cooperative is an inevitable instrument of development and social change when a country is passing through difficult times. This is so as the essential characteristic of cooperative is that it perpetually interacts with the public, promoting social cohesion and mutual obligation in the rural societies (Jaya, 1992).

According to Ian MacPherson, Chairperson, Committee on Cooperative Principles, cooperatives have existed as formal institution since the early years of the nineteenth century. They have been organized to meet virtually all the social and economic needs which people have to face. They can be found in every country, among all kinds of people, under all kinds of government, and within every kind of economy (MacPherson, 1995).