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ABSTRACT

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The purposes of this research were to describe the profile of the respondents, analyze the perceptions of the respondents concerning cooperative principles, determine the living conditions of the respondents before and after they joined in CADC, and determine the significant difference in the living conditions of the respondents before and after their membership in the CADC.

The average age of the respondents was 48 years. In total, 40 percent of the respondents were women. All of the respondents were married. Most of the respondents were not given the opportunity to finish their college degrees. The average number of dependents of the respondents was two. The average length of membership of the respondents is 11 years.

Using the case studies approach, it was found that there was a low significant difference in the living condtions of the respondents before and after their membership in Café Amadeo Development Cooperative.

The results of this study may be used as a guide by the subject CADC in improving their projects and programs to directly benefit its members; they may adapt the strategies of successful cooperatives internationally. In addition, the

CADC may require its members to attend technical lecture at least once a year. The subject CADC may launch a Credit Counseling Program for its members to guide them in handling their loans. The subject CADC may play a central role in the coffee improvement program. Finally, the subject CADC may invest in workshops for their Educational and Training Committee and have their own training inventories where they can monitor seminars and trainings attended by their members.

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