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ABSTRACT

A community based cross sectional survey by means of structured questionnaire was conducted in 4 villages of Naga, Cebu, Philippines from April 16 to 30,1990 to identify the selected determinants of Family Planning Behavior among rural married women of reproductive age . Mothers from 160 households were interviewed about selected determinants as demographic and socio-economic characteristics, cultural and psychological background as well as knowledge of contraceptive methods, awareness or benefits of family planning and their family planning behavior.

Statistical analysis (Chi-square and frequency distributions) was employed for the purpose of assessing the relationship of selected determinants to their family planning behavior.

The study revealed that family planning behavior has positive relationship with a number of determinants such as, duration of marriage, sex preference, occupation knowledge on contraceptive methods husband's agreement, friends and neighbor's recommendation, negative rumors, fear of side effects and religion.

No statistical significant relationship was seen among the variables age, age at marriage, education, number of living children, economic status and awareness on benefits of practicing family planning.

The result of this study will be important for the health planners to improve the family planning program in utilizing strategies and approaches appropriate for the Philippine setting.