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The objective of this research was to formulate the indicators of strong family by applying the Delphi technique. The data were collected from nineteen experts comprising of five government officials; seven scholars and professors in higher education; and seven family development experts from non-profit organizations and family-related businesses that responded to three rounds of questionnaires. The first round was an opened-end questionnaire to gather the input from the experts regarding possible indicators of strong family. The second round was a rating scale questionnaire. The third round questionnaire was similar to the second one, with additional medians and interquartile ranges marked in each question for the experts to review and revise their answers from the second round.

The information gathered from the three rounds of questionnaires had shown the consensus of the expert for the indicators of strong family with the median that was higher than 4.50, and the interquartile range that was lower than 1.50. Such indicators were grouped into eight sections with fifty-four indicators as follows. Ten indicators in the risk, problem, and difficulty management; nine relationship indicators; eight health indicators; six child raising indicators; six social capital indicators; five morality indicators; five learning indicators; and five economic indicators.

The indicators yielded from the experts in this research could be further tested by family-related agencies to establish their application as the indicators of a strong family.

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