

***DETERMINANTS OF PROCREATIONAL BEHAVIOR OF RURAL WOMEN IN
MINUFIYA GOVERNORATE***

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ABSTRACT:

The main objective of this study was to identify the correlates and determinates of procreational behavior of rural women in menufiya governorate. This main objective was achieved through the following sub-objectives: a- Detecting of social, economic and demographic correlates which affect the procreational behavior of rural women. b- Recognizing of each of knowledge, attitudes and used practices of family planning by rural women. Methodologically, two villages were chosen from Shohada district according to the index of human development. Kafr El-Shabaa as a developed village and Drageal village as a less developed village were selected. A sample of 240 rural wives who were less than 45 years old, married for at least Two years and had a child or more was drawn randomly from the two villages. Data were collected from respondents through personal interviews by using Questionnaires of this study. Data were analyzed by using descriptive statistics, T-scores, simple correlation, multiple regression and reliability estimate. Findings of this study can be summarized as following: c- As Coefficients of determination indicated that independent variables explained about 64% and 42% of total variances of actual procreational behavior and total procreational behavior as dependant variables respectively. d- The reliability alpha estimate of rural wives attitudes scale was 0.81 which considered acceptable. e- There were non significant differences of procreational behavior between the developed village and the less developed village. The study ended with some suggested recommendation.

Key words: Procreational behavior, Rural women, Minufiya Governorate.