

Demographic Profile of a Village under Zero Population Growth Programme in Sherpur Thana of Bogra District
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b) Objectives

The specific objectives of the study were as follows;

- i. To assess the population structure of the village;
- ii. To study the family structure of the village;
- iii. To explore age at marriage of the women of the village; and
- iv. To assess the adoption of family planning methods by the eligible couples in the village.

c) Findings

The findings of the study shows that the family size and practice of family planning methods in the village is encouraging when compared to national figure. The average family size of the village was 4.5 compared to national average 5.61 in 1985. Percentage of practicing family planning methods among the eligible couples was 67.69 in the village. The national achievement was only 30.80% in the same year. However age at marriage of women in the village was 15.16, which was 3 years less than the national average. Therefore, we can conclude that Zero Population Growth programme might have some impact in the village to accept family planning methods by a large number of couples in the village. But in respect of age at marriage the programme could not make any impacts.

