

ABSTRACT

Male Responsibility Towards Family Planning

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This study seeks to examine the issue of male responsibility towards family planning among school students (age 16 - 20 years) in the Business Administration Department at Excelsior Community College.

The information was obtained over a two week period by the use of questionnaires. The respondents were categorized into two age groups namely; under 19 (16-18 years old) and 19 and over (19-20 years old).

The variables included issues such as: Is child rearing equally the responsibility of both parents; having children with more than one woman; vasectomy as a possible method of family planning; who should ensure that a woman does not get pregnant; whether men have financial responsibility towards their children, and the concept of birth spacing.

Male responsibility towards family planning in this study was reasonably high as judged from the responses from the study population. However, there was an obviously lower level of responsibility demonstrated by the respondents in the lower age group, i.e. among the 16-18 year olds. It is recommended that the government develops a planned approach, through the school system to inform young men about issues such as the fatherhood role

in the home and their responsibility to their partners
and children.