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ABSTRACT

Fertility is a major factor of high population growth. The high rate of Population growth and characteristics related with it may constitute serious challenges to socio economic development . Developing countries are facing7 problem of rapidly increased population resulting from high fertility and declining mortality. So, they are several imbalances between the population and resources available. Therefore, balancing between them and achieve a sustainable development in the developing countries like Nepal are required to lessen their growth rate of population.

This thesis entitled "Fertility Behaviour of Tharu Community in Padampur VDC", Chitwan used the primary data as main source of information. Data was collected by field survey. Questionnaire was prepared and interview was taken to the sample of targeted population. Secondary data was obtained from journal books of VDC records, PHS reports and previous studies also. The study sample included 99 ever married women or reproductive age group. It attempts of analyzed the Fertility Behaviour of Tharu Community by some selected socio-economic and demographic variables.

It is agreed that fertility remains high due to early marriage, high infant and child mortality, minimum used of contraception, low status of women and strong religious and cultural beliefs towards large family in Tharu community.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CBR	:	Crude Birth Rate
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	:	Central Department of Population Studies
CDR	:	Crude Death Rate
CEB	:	Children Ever Born
CPR	:	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
DDC	:	District Development Committee
FPAU	:	Family Planning Availability and Use
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
IEC	:	Information Educational and Community
INGO	:	International Non Governmental Organization
KAP	:	Knowledge Attitude and Practice
MOH	:	Ministry of Health
NDHS	:	Nepal Demographic Health Survey
NFFPS	:	Nepal Fertility and Family Planning Survey
NFHS	:	Nepal Fertility Health Survey]
m NGO	:	Non Governmental Organization
INGO	:	International Non Governmental Organization
PHC	:	Primary Health Center
PRB	:	Population Reference Bureau
PRSP	:	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
SLC	:	School Leaving Certificate
TFR	:	Total Fertility Rate
TMFR	:	Total Martial Fertility Rate
TU	:	Tribhuvah University
UN	:	United Nations
UNFPA	:	United Nations Population Fund
USA	:	United States of America
VDC	:	Village Development Committee