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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to examine the determinants of fertility in Kenya by observation of the interaction between non -proximate and proximate determinants of fertility.

Data utilized in the study was from KFS(1977/78) and KCPS(1984). Bongaarts model technique and descriptive analysis technique were used in the study for examining determinants of fertility.

The findings from the study were as follows: The four combined proximate determinants (Cc*Ci*Cm*Ca) exhibit greater influence towards fertility reduction than the uncombined ones or any of the two combined proximate determinants .

The study furthermore reveals that substantial variation in fertility levels in Kenya is existent by religion , status of woman , residence , education , literacy , contraceptive use , marital status of husband , post -partum abstinence and exposure interval to pregnancy .

In this regard ,there is need for utilization of the above mentioned variables in fertility reduction policy measures by governmental and non -governmental agencies committed towards fertility reduction in Kenya .