

DETERMINANTS OF CONTRACEPTIVE USE AMONG HAUSA MIGRANTS IN ADO-EKITI, EKITI-STATE, NIGERIA.

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ABSTRACT

Little is known on factors contributing to the low level of utilization of contraceptives among the northerners and particularly the Hausa's. This study seeks to identify the determinants of contraceptives use among Hausa migrants in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti-State, Nigeria. A cross-sectional study on contraceptive methods use was conducted among 150 Hausa migrants in Ado-Ekiti. Data were collected using structured questionnaires. Information gathered included socio demographic, socio – cultural characteristics, current use of contraceptives and source of information about contraceptives. The study found out that 28.7% of the Hausa migrants in Ado-Ekiti reported to be using contraceptive methods. Highest (66.7%) use of contraceptives was reported among the migrants with tertiary education. The Factors found to be significantly associated with contraceptive use were: religion, level of education, number of children, society and support from husband/partners and access to information while age, occupation, duration and decision maker on desired number of children in the family were not found to determine the use of contraceptive methods. Socio-Demographic factor like level of education was found to influence the use of contraceptive methods among the Hausa migrants. Moreover, socio-cultural factors like religious beliefs and husband/partner support were also crucial in influencing the use of contraceptive methods. Therefore I suggest that the Hausa Community leaders who know the importance of contraceptives use and those who are educated should be used as catalyst to bring about an increase on the adoption of contraceptives methods among them.

Key words: Contraceptive Use, Migration, Decision Making, Ado Ekiti.