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Article **Family Planning and Fertility in Bangladesh**

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Abstract Bangladesh is one of the best and most recent examples of a country with a strong family planning programme effort which has brought about a significant fertility decline. This article examines the trends in contraceptive use and fertility levels since 1975, as well as the factors affecting contraceptive use and fertility based on a secondary analysis of the 1993/94 and 1996/97 Bangladesh Demographic and Health Surveys. The study draws out policy and programme implications: any further acceleration in contraceptive prevalence and fertility decline will require major efforts directed at improving women's status, increasing access to mass media, and improving programme efforts in the low-performing divisions.

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