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Article **Impact of a Self-reliance Programme on Family Planning Activities in Bangladesh**

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Abstract This article attempts to investigate the impact of the Swanirvar (self-reliance) Programme on contraceptive prevalence and consequently on fertility in Bangladesh. For comparison, a control group was considered. A review of the selected background characteristics revealed that the Programme has had a considerable impact on a number of cases in the programme area. It recommends that high quality counselling and education programmes at all levels should be initiated to remove many misconceptions that surround family planning methods.

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