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### **Empowerment Impact on Fertility and Family Planning in Egypt.**

Human resources are the most important factors in the economic and social development of any country. No country can develop in a well-balanced way without the utilization of all its human resources including men and women.

Women represent about half of any population, and in addition to their responsibility for family health and care, they are main contributors to the welfare of the society as a whole.

This study focuses mainly on examining the impact of women's empowerment on fertility and family planning in Egypt. More specially, the study will try to meet the following objectives:-

- Portray selected aspects of women's status in Egypt, in terms of health, educational attainment, participation in the labor force and participation in political life.
- Develop and customize alternative indicators to measure women's empowerment and assessing the current situation of Egyptian women.
- Examining the relationship between women's empowerment and family planning.
- Examining the relationship between women's empowerment and fertility.

The Study heavily used the data obtained from the 2000 Egypt demographic and health survey (EDHS).