

A Qualitative Study on the Reasons Why the Rural People in Nan Province Use Contraceptive

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The purpose of this study is to investigate the reasons that rural people in Nan Province choose particular contraceptive method, and place of services. The study utilizes the data from the study on the Impact and Efficiency of the Family Planning Program in Thailand : Phase II, which applied in-depth interview and small group discussion techniques.

Findings indicate that wanting to limit the number of children to two, wanting to space pregnancy, the limit of land, the conflict with working situation, and economic hardship are the reasons for using family planning.

The major sources of contraception are health center, community health office, village health volunteer, village health practitioner, the border patrol police unit, and the military unit including other government agencies in the areas.

As for reasons for choosing a particular contraceptive method, convenience in practice and on obtaining services, desire for more children and concern over side effects are important.