

STALLING FERTILITY TRANSITION IN BANGLADESH

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The very nightmare of stalled fertility is over as soon as Preliminary Report of Bangladesh Demographic Health Survey 2007 declares that total fertility rate (TFR) is 2.7. Last three successive surveys announced a minor change in TFR, which become a cause of concern as it is responsible for reaching replacement fertility level later than expected. This paper argues that countries that have experienced stalled fertility once, contraceptive discontinuation rate, wanted vs. unwanted fertility rate, unmet need for family planning, and regional difference are the potential indicators that would indicate possibility of experiencing stalled fertility in near future.

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