

BOOK REVIEW

Title : Population and Family planning manpower and training.

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This book deals with one of the the most interesting subject concerning problems of population growth, which is the availability of sufficient manpower trained to direct and operate population and family planning programs.

The study is restricted to United States personnel and United States-based training centers and is divided into six chapters, the first is a summary and it focuses attention on the major conclusions and recommendations of the study.

After distinguishing between demographers and population specialists the author estimates their available supply and future production and proceeds to answer the question of future demand for manpower to operate and administer expanded family planning programs, but since the required manpower is a qualitative as well as quantitative problem, the author discusses training programs and training requirements for both demography and family planning. He points out the importance of increasing the basic understanding of reproductive biology.

I think this book is mainly devoted to discuss U. S. A.'S Case. We can not extend its conclusions and recommendations on Egypt, but it is quite useful in drawing our attention to the importance of surveying our available population specialists and it may help us in deciding the minimum staff requirements needed to operate and administer family planning programs in an ideal way.