

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Planification familiale et politique de la sant  de la reproduction   l' preuve de la croissance d mographique au Niger,

Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓,		
Techn. Quality		✓,		
Clarity	✓,			
Significance	✓,			

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

The article provides a critical analysis of the disconnect between Niger's official health policies and the country's persistent demographic realities, characterized by a very high fertility rate and rapid population growth. The author effectively highlights that despite the implementation of various family planning programs, social and cultural resistances—often rooted in traditional perceptions of large families and religious interpretations—continue to impede the success of these policies. This socio-anthropological lens is a major strength of the work, as it goes beyond clinical data to explain why reproductive health transitions remain slow in the Sahel region.

One of the most compelling aspects of the study is its discussion of "demographic capture" and the strain placed on public infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals, by an uncontrolled birth rate. The researcher utilizes a qualitative methodology, drawing on literature reviews and institutional reports to demonstrate that family planning in Niger is not merely a medical issue but a complex structural challenge involving gender dynamics and economic survival.

For the article to reach its full potential for publication, a few minor revisions are recommended. First, while the qualitative analysis is deep, the inclusion of more recent statistical data (from 2022-2024) regarding modern contraceptive prevalence rates would provide a more current "test" of the policies discussed. Second, the section regarding the role of international NGOs could be more balanced; specifically, it would benefit from an analysis of how local community leaders are being integrated into health communication strategies to overcome the aforementioned cultural barriers. Finally, a more explicit set of policy recommendations in the conclusion would enhance the practical application of the research for government stakeholders.

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Overall, the article is well-structured and addresses a vital issue for regional development in Africa. With these minor adjustments to data currency and policy specificity, the manuscript is highly recommended for publication as it contributes significantly to the discourse on demographic transitions in developing nations.

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