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Determinants of Perceived Quality of Relationship in Families Where Parents and Married Children Co-reside

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ABSTRACT This paper explores the determinants of Quality of Relationship of the families where parents coreside with their married sons and daughters-in-law. 480 subjects from 120 families, equally drawn from the families belonging to upper middle (60 families or 240 respondents) and lower middle (60 families or 240 respondents) socio-economic strata were interviewed for the purpose. Multiple regression analyses was used to identify the factors which contribute significantly to Quality of Relationship of the families from two socio-economic strata. Findings revealed that work status of daughter-in-law and socio-economic status of the family contribute positively to the Quality of Relationship perceived by the family members. Besides this, it revealed that other relationship dimensions, that is, solidarity, active-recreation orientation, acceptance and caring and emotional support given by parents to children also contribute positively. Conflict and instrumental support given by children to parents were found to contribute negatively to quality of relationship of the families.