

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The completion of this study has been a long journey. Many people have guided and helped in diverse ways. To the following I express my deepest gratitude:

To Dr. Robert Ferguson, for his encouragement and guidance throughout this research, in spite of seemingly insurmountable odds.

To Mary Kamenicky, who guided my childhood and developed the potential to learn.

To Dr. Ezzat El-Mehairy, who grew to understand that 'a woman's place' is to serve humanity, for his patient assistance in translating volumes of Arabic into English and his invaluable criticisms on the final text.

To Dr. Mark Kennedy, for his helpful criticisms and especially his faith in my efforts.

To those Professors who laid the foundation for the pursuit of knowledge, Dr. Nicholas Ciacchio, Dr. Cynthia Nelson, and Dr. Frank Blanning.

To Professor Lorraine Baric' for her criticisms and special efforts.

To Dr. Salah El-Sayed and Ms. Soraya Hamdan for prompting me to do the initial pilot study which formed the embryo of this work.

To Dr. Mohi Hussein for his special encouragement and granting me permission to use his value scales.

To Dr. Saad Gadalla special acknowledgement for the role he played.

To my informant who must remain anonymous for providing relevant insights into the problems of rural health service as a young physician sees them.

To the many anonymous respondents who provided the information and insights included herein.

To the Ford Foundation for providing a fellowship to attend Workshop '78, "Planning Management Systems for Programme Coordination and Control" which provided additional knowledge in the management of rural health services.

To the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., for financial assistance which provided me with a year of study unburdened with financial concerns.

To Dr. Saad Nagi, Dr. Kamel El-Zayat, Dr. E. Valsan, Dr. Amr Mortagi, Ms. Zena Thomas, Ms. Samira Shehata, Dr. Nabil El-Mehairy, and Dr. Nadia Mowaffi, my special acknowledgement.