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Reasoning

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Issue/Problem

More children affect the life expectancy of each child

Concepts/Ideas

* “Too much on their plate”
* Not enough nutrients for all the children
* Short sad lives
* Other people having to pay to help

Assumptions

* If there aren’t as many children per mother then the children will live longer lives.
* If there are too many children in a family there will be shorter life expectancies

Implications/Consequences

* Short life expectancies
* Not enough nutrients
* Early death
* Sad parents

Evidence/Data

* As the amount of children go up the life expectancy goes down in a negative correlation
* The lower the amount of children the higher the life expectancies are

Inferences

* The mothers in countries like Sierra Leone have lower lives because of too many children
* Mothers that have less children like mothers in japan have longer lives

Point of View

There are so many children that have shorter lives because mothers are having too many children

Purpose/Goal

Allow longer lives and prevent high fertility

Total Fertility vs. Life Expectancy (years)