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## **ABSTRACT**

Earthquake is one of the hazards affecting many districts in Nepal, and women headed households are excessively affected by these earthquake. Women mostly present in areas of Lalitpur within the domestic and informal sectors are often the most affected by disasters; thus the rates of unemployment among women after a disaster are high. In general, women are most likely to be affected by earthquake, but their concerns are least likely to be addressed. Women are typically absent from the forum where Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) decisions/ planning is made, so when priorities are established, the interests of women are often poorly represented.

There is a need of detailed analysis on how disaster or earthquake affects women and how DRR planning could be more gender-sensitive. The study is commissioned to examine in detailed impact of earthquake on women in Nepal. The study investigates how earthquake affect women differentially from men, what are the most significant problems that women face during and after a disaster; and make recommendations on how to integrate gender analysis into disaster planning.

This research employed both qualitative and quantitative methods.

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