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ABSTRACT

Impact of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence against Women. The general objective of this study to explore the status of domestic violence against women during lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic in “Slum Community” of Pokhara Metropolitan city, Ward. No.15, Kaskidistrict. An explorative and analytic study was used with non-probability purposive sampling technique where detail interview was used with semi-structured questionnaire for data collection. The sample size consisted of 40 women of slum area of Pokhara-15. The data was analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 20 software program and were presented in descriptive and inferential statistics. 100% of the victim informed that DV was increased during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. The different forms of violence faced by the respondents were physical 95%, Sexual 72.5%, emotional 57.5% and psychological 40%. Furthermore, the majority of respondents (92.5%) reported that alcohol was the main cause of DV, 85% due to lack of awareness, 37.5% economic dependency, 30% patriarchal society, 25% family pressure and 25% being illegal wife. The socio-economic status of women was poor as it was clear that 65% of respondents were involved in labor wages. 100% of the respondents told that they experienced increased DV during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

The 100 percent respondents were found to be experienced about domestic violence at some points. Though the severity and types of the violence varied from one to another, the respondents were compelled to endure domestic violence. Being a patriarchal society, the women were more vulnerable compared to male and they were ill-treated and discriminated. The female is supposed to be subservient and submissive to their spouse and family without any decision-making capacity and heavily relied on the spouse.

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ACRONYMS

WHO	:	World Health Organization
IPV	:	Intimate Partner Violence
DV	:	Domestic Violence
DVAW	:	Domestic Violence against Women
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Program
IPVAW	:	Intimate Partner Violence against Women
WOREC	:	Women's Rehabilitation Centre
COVID-19	:	Corona Virus Disease of 2019
INGOs	:	International Non-Governmental Organizations
CEDAW	:	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
VAP	:	Violence Prevention Alliance
WRVH	:	World Report on Violence and Health
GBV	:	Gender-based Violence
VAWG	:	Violence against Women and Girls
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
DOJ	:	Department of Justice
UN	:	United Nation
VAW	:	Violence against Women
IQ	:	Intelligence Quotient
UCLA	:	The University of California, Los Angeles
FWLD	:	Forum of Women, Law and Development
PCR	:	Polymerase Chain Reaction
RDT	:	Rapid Diagnostic Test