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ABSTRACT

Socio-economic status of Nepali people is still poor. There are various challenging factors to increase socio-economic status in our community. Many of VDCs of Nepal are found rural and underdeveloped and some are developing gradually. Some of cities are developed but majority of peoples including the large numbers of female population are under the poverty line. Lives are difficulties due to lack of education, health, economic excess etc.

This study is done in Hemja VDC of Kaski District to study on impact of community organizations on women. This area is located in northern side of Pokhara valley. The VDC has 10,429 total population where 4912 male and 5517 female. All wards are taken in this study. This study includes only female population who are involved in community organizations.

The main objectives of the study area: 1. to find out socio-economic status of women who involve in the community organization. 2. To find out the impact of community organization on poverty reduction through women empowerment. 3. To examine the role of women in community organizations. Descriptive with quantitative research design is used. Similarly, interview and observation are used as the main tools of study. Both primary and secondary resources are used to gain required data. Random sampling technique is used as the sampling process to select total 60 respondents from all women member of COs in VDC.

This study has found some conclusion and findings but finding are not satisfactory. Still the socio-economic status of women in the VDC is in backward stage. Early marriage is a great problem in the community. Literacy rate of women in the VDC is found weak. A few community organizations members are found educated and they are found participating active role in COs. Traditional behaviors are seen in early women. The

Situation of gender discrimination in the VDC is higher which is a great barrier of socio-economic development of community. Majority of women of the VDC are found poor. Though some are found sufficient but many are found lack of resources to fulfill basic needs, lack of education, lack of awareness and lack of access. So, although the VDC is located near Pokhara valley some of special educational programs and providing occupation of women are needed for the peoples of Hemja VDC through active role of COs.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CBO's	: Community Based Organizations
COs	: Community Organizations
DDC	: District development committee
DEO	: District Education Office
GNP	: Gross National Product
GO	: Government Organizations
HH	: Households
HMG/ N	: His Majesty's Government of Nepal
ILO	: International Labor Organization
LGP	: Local Governance Program
MLD	: Ministry of Local Development
NGOs	: Non Government Organization
No	: Number
NPC	: National Planning Commission
PCRW	: Production Credit for Rural Women
PDDP	: Participatory District Development Program
UN	: United Nations
UNDP	: United Nations Development Program
VDC	: Village Development Committee
WDS	: Women Development Section

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