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ABSTRACT

This study entitled "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST MARRIED WOMEN (A Case Study of Gundu VDC of Bhaktapur District)" is written for partial fulfillment of the requirements for degree of Master of Arts in Rural Development. The general objectives of this study is to assess domestic violence against married women in Gundu village Development Committee of Bhaktapur District. The specific objectives are a) to trace out the knowledge and causes of violence against married women, to explore the remedy and way of prevention of violence against married women, c) to explore the situation of legal provision and reporting behavior of violence cases against married women.

Violence against women is the main obstacles for the women empowerment. Violence against women is the violation of women's all forms of human rights. It makes the women less confident, inferior and it also damages the women's self esteem, create social humiliate. This study deals with only the domestic violence in Gundu VDC in Bhaktapur District. The researcher had taken 54 respondents from the entire VDC through purposive sampling method. The study area was found diversity in caste, ethnic groups, religions, culture and socio-economic background. In this VDC people get transportation facilities, education, health facilities, electricity, pure drinking water, modernization, economic opportunities. In this VDC, most of the respondents are Hindus, 70.4 percent, followed by Buddhist 18.5 percent and Christianity 11.1 percent.

On the basis of field survey, in this VDC the events of domestic violence were highly occur in intermediate age. Due to low level of living people were also found uneducated, poor health, unaware, engaging in alcoholing, gambling, traditional believes, due to these reasons most of the women facing violence behavior.

Most of the women keep the incident secret for the sake of prestige, which is also increase in the domestic violence against women. From the view of respondents, the cause of domestic violence are not mutual understanding between couples, unemployment, alcohol, gambling, not able to work, drug addicting. Finally awareness and empowerment, skillful training for women, opportunity to work for women. Stronger political commitment groups to be active to impose adequate punishment to abuser and protect women from victimization.

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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	:	Central Department of Population Studies
GOs	:	Governmental Organizations
ICPD	:	International Conference on Population and Development
ILO	:	International Labor Organization
MOH	:	Ministry of Health
MOPE	:	Ministry of Population and Environment
NESAC	:	Nepal South Asia Centre
NFHS	:	Nepal Family Health Survey
NGOs	:	Non Governmental Organizations
NPR	:	Nepal Population Report
SAATHI	:	An NGO Working Against Violence in Nepal
UN	:	United Nations
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	:	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	:	United Nations Children Fund
VAGAW	:	Violence Against Girls and Women
VAW	:	Violence Against Women
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WDR	:	World Development Report