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## **ABSTRACT**

The present study is the analysis of “Participation of Women in Household Decision Making” among Danuwar Rai married women. The objectives of this study to find out the socio-economic and demographic characteristics among Danuwar community, And to identify the level of participation in the household decision making of Danuwar women. Its sample cluster is Naubise VDC, Ward No. 4, Dhading district. This study is based on primary information of 125 married women among 369 females in the selected area, taken purposively as sample. Out of 162 household 125 households were included purposively as sample for the study. The information has been collected by direct interview with the help of semi structured questionnaires. The processing of the collected data has been done using software package SPSS.

This study has attempted to portray the decision making power of married women in age groups 15-49 years in household chores, farm management, educational aspects, and family planning related activities. It also demonstrates the socio-economic status of women with respect to decision making as a whole in the study area.

In this study, though women are lagging behind in terms of educational status. 17.6 percent of primary level, 2.4 percent lower secondary, 1.6 percent secondary and 4 percent of respondents are SLC passed. They have satisfactory access in terms of using the modern resources and household in income possession 5.6 Percent of respondent’s participation in social activities is in the bottom line.

Married women of the age groups 15-49 years are well informed about family planning and most of them are involved in decision making on choosing the proper method.

It has found that, Danuwar Rai women are found in a better self decision making position regarding the household activities.

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	:	Asian Development Bank
BBC	:	Beyond Beijing Committee
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	:	Central Department of Population Studies
CEB	:	Children Ever Born
CREHPA:		Centre for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities
DHS	:	Demographic Health Survey
EWN	:	Empowering the Women in Nepal
FP	:	Family Planning
FWLD	:	Forum for Women, Law and Development
GEM	:	Gender Empowerment Measure
INSEC	:	Informal Sector Service Center
IPM	:	Integrated Pest Management
NPC	:	Nepal Planning Commission
PAN	:	Population Association of Nepal
RH	:	Reproductive Health
SLC	:	School Leaving Certificate
SPSS	:	Statistical Package for Social Science
UNDP	:	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	:	United Nations Children Found
VDC	:	Village Development Committee