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HIV/AIDS AMONG STONE QUARRYING YOUTHS
FEMALE**

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ABSTRACT

The study on Knowledge and Behavior among stone quarrying youths female in the context of STIs and HIV/AIDS was carried out based on primary data collected from Amarapuri VDC in Nawalparasi District. The main objective of the study is to find out the knowledge and behavior in the context of STIs and HIV/AIDS among stone quarrying youths female.

In this study stone quarrying youths female defined the youths female who are engage in stone quarrying at the time of survey. This study covers 120 sample household (out of total household) which 120 stone quarrying youths female are found from sample household. Among them 15-19 years constitute 33, 20-24 years constitute 49 and 25.30 constitute 38 out of total (120) youths female.

In study population, 72.5 percent respondents have heard about STIs and 82.5 percent respondents have heard about HIV/AIDS. The knowledge of STIs and HIV/AIDS is also determined by different caste group. In the study population most of the respondents are Dalit (53.3%), Married have more knowledge than unmarried respondents and the main source to gain information about HIV/AIDS is radio (74%). Among the respondents, 72.5 percent have knowledge on mode of transmission of HIV/AIDS is unprotected sexual contact. Among the respondents, 91.8 percent have knowledge of ways of preventive measure of HIV/AIDS is avoiding unsafe sexual contact followed by using condom during sexual contact (85.9%) and sexual contact with single person (69.4%).

Among the respondents, knowledge on symptoms of HIV/AIDS is diarrhea for more than one month (73.7%) followed by loss of body's weight by ten percent (59.6%). Among the respondents, 73.3 percent have sexual experience and 21.7 percent have multiple sexual partner and man occupation of sexual partner is driving (34.6%) followed by stone quarrying (30.8%). Among the respondents, 10.2 percent have suffering from any STIs, syphilis is main suffering disease (44.4%). Among the respondents, 55.6 percent taking consult form doctors and 22.2 percent have nothing have done. Only 51.7 percent respondents have told sexual activities with friend. Among the respondents, 38.7 percent have reason

for discussion about sexual activity with friend is to get adequate knowledge about STIs and HIV/AIDS and reason not discussion about it is because of hesitation. Above finding depicts that stone quarrying youths female are very vulnerable condition.

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Map: 1 Location Map of the Study Area

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATION

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
FSWs	Female Sex Workers
GOs	Governmental Organizations
HIV	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
ICPD	International conference on population and Development
i.e.	That is
IDUs	Injecting Drug Users
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
INGOs	International Non-government Organization
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MSM	Male Sex with Male
NCASC	National Centre for AIDS and STDs Control
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
PRB	Population Reference Bureau
PSSN	Population Student Society of Nepal
SLC	School Leaving Certificate
STDs	Sexual Transmitted Diseases
STIs	Sexual Transmitted Infections
TU	Tribhuvan University

TUCL	Tribhuvan University Central Library
TV	Television
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	United Nations Programs on HIV/AIDS
UNICEF	United Nations Child's Emergency Fund
USA	United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VDC	Village Development Committee
Vol.	Volume
WHO	World Health Organization