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ABSTRACT

Domestic violence is a universal problem. It cut across all social classes, castes, ethnic groups religious groups and all nationalities. The work was done to know the situation of domestic violence against women, to find out the different types of domestic violence and their causes, to find out the effects of domestic violence against women, to make relevant to concerned authority. Well devised structure questionnaire are used to for interview, in questionnaire, there are pre-coded and open question.

The study was conducted in one big squatter settlement of Kirtipur Municipality-6. The study area was selected purposively. Out of 50 HHs the researcher have taken 40 HHs. The study population consists of married women, widow and separated of aged 15-49 years age groups. Higher proportion 17.46 percent of women interviewed are at the age groups 11-20 and 41-50 years, 40 percent which is in intermediate age groups. Among 40 respondents 35 percent are from oppressed caste like, Newar, Deula, Maharjan, Shahi, Dangol Nepali, Gurung 7.5 percent, Magar are 5 percent, Rai and Tamang have same percent 7.5 joint family 57.5 Among 40 respondents, most of the respondents are involved in daily wages. According to field survey of squatter settlement the status of awareness level of women's legal rights and social and community based organization is poor. Most of the respondents keep the incident secret for the sake of prestige.

According to opinion of respondents the cause of violent behaviour domestic violence is alcohol which is 47.5 percent, gambling 52.5 percent unemployment misunderstanding and marital problem. Gambling, In the study area two types of violence shown by the abusers. Physical violence is 7.5 percent and psychological violence (verbal assault) is 92.5 percent.

At last, it is suggested that local youth clubs, CBOs and NGOs will give their attention in this field to prevent/eliminate DVAW. In addition to awareness and empowerment opportunity for educated women, strong political commitment is required to be capacitated to impose adequate punishment to perpetrators.

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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

CBOs	:	Community Based Organization
CDPS	:	Central Department of Population Studies
DVAW	:	Domestic Violence Against Women
H.Hs	:	Households
ICPD	:	International Conference on Population and Development
INGO	:	International Non-governmental Organization
NGO	:	Non-Governmental Organization
SAARC	:	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
UN	:	United Nations
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Program
UNESCO	:	United National Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	:	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNICEF	:	United Nation Children Fund
WHO	:	World Health Organization