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Abstract

The status of women is an important factor affecting the socio-economic development of a country. In most societies there are differences and inequalities between men and women in responsibilities assigned, activities undertaken access to and control over resources as well as decision making opportunities. This discrimination creates social injustices which has negative impact on social and economic development.

From the various studies it is found that women have suppressed by their male counterparts and their status is low due to their backwardness in many cases. So, low status of women has become serious problem to society and the nation. Women should get equal role in decision-making and opportunity in each and every sectors of development for this it is important to explore their present status and roles, responsibilities, decision-making power and problems. It is equally important to find out the participation in economic activity, education and access to resources.

*This present study **Socio-Economic Status of Women: A Case Study of Mudikuwa VDC- 5, Parbat** is based on primary information collected from the field survey. This study displays the role in household work, participation in education, economic activity and decision- making.*

It also explores the attitudes of women on ownership of property rights. The outcome of the study helps in formulation and implementation and appropriate policy and action programs by development workers.

This study shows that majority of women have been deprived from the role, responsibility and decision making on economic and education while decision making is very low in every sector.

In totality, women have low status in society and they are deprived form various facilities and opportunities. They have low access to resources. Gender inequality is persisting deeply in our society. Unless and until women are in the mainstream of development, the goal of social justice, equity and sustainable development will be unfulfilled dream. Therefore, we should empower or emancipate the women to develop their status with proper policies and programmes.

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Acronyms

BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDAW	Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women
DDC	District Development Committee
FWLD	Forum for Women Law and Development
GNP	Gross National Product
HDR	Human Development Report
HHs	Households
ICESCR	International Convent of Economic, Social and Cultural rights
INGOs	International Non-governmental Organization
ILO	International Labour Organization
MOPE	Ministry of Population and Environment
NGOs	Non Governmental Organization
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme

UNICEF

United Nations Children's Fund

VDC

Village Development Committee