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ABSTRACT

The present study "Women Participation in Household Decision Making Process: A Study of Subhang VDC, Panchthar District", is based on primary information collected from field survey. This study demonstrates the role, decision making, responsibility, constraint and opportunities of women with comparative to their male counter partner with respect to household work, economic condition, education, health and political sector etc. The outcome of the study helps in the identification of the problem of study area. Which will help in formulation and implementation of appropriate policies and action programmes.

Majority of women are deprived from the roles, decision making and responsibilities, economic, educational activities, while decision-making is very low in such sectors. Decision making of women is contradictorily low than role and responsibility in each sector while these male counterparts have comparatively high decision making. Majority of women had listened about gender equality who are in favour of parental property rights to women as soon. Majority of women are not given the parental right to them, they have focused on will system of parents property rights to them.

The main objectives of this study was to examine the socio-economic status and women participation in household decision making process in Panchthar district Subhang VDC. In this context, this is a case study of Subhang VDC. In order to fulfill objectives, the 65 households in the study area were selected questionnaire, observation key informants, interview were the major tools of data collection.

This study has addressed socio-economic status of women of Subhang VDC. The socio-economic parameters included livelihood

analysis of women of Subhang VDC. Women have the low decision making in their personal life such as choice of means of contraception, sexual intercourse, determine to the size of the children. They also have the low decision making in social participation, activities. Women deprived from the decision on specific economic issues in their male dominating of the family. Therefore, we should extremely emancipate the women to develop their status as well as the nations with proper policies and programmes.

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ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

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|--------|--|
| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| CBS | Central Bureau Statistics |
| CEDA | Central for Economic Development and Administration |
| FP | Family Planning |
| HDR | Human Development Report |
| HHs | Households |
| INGOs | International Non Governmental Organizations |
| ICPD | International Conference on Population and Development |
| ILO | International Labour Organization |
| M.A. | Master in Arts |
| NHDR | Nepal Human Development Report |
| NDHS | National Demographic and Health Survey |
| NPC | National Planning Commission |
| No. | Number |
| S.L.C. | School Living Certificate |
| T.U. | Tribhuvan University |
| T.V. | Television |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UN | United Nation |
| UNDP | United Nation Development Programme |
| VDC | Village Development Committee |