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ABSTRACT

This study entitled, **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (A CASE STUDY OF BIRENDRANAGAR, MUNICIPALITY OF SURKHET DISTRICT)”**. It was based on primary data collected in May, 2006. The main objective of the study is to find out the domestic violence against women in Birendranagar Surkhet and the specific objectives are; to examine the socio-demographic backgrounds of the respondents, to explore types and reason of domestic violence against women, to assess the knowledge and awareness of women on domestic violence, to identify the situation of the sharing and reporting behavior of domestic violence cases.

For the purpose of the study, the researcher had applied the social science research methodology. The study was held on both exploratory and descriptive research design. The sources of data were both primary and secondary and the natures of data were both secondary were both qualitative and quantitative. It is not possible to take all so out of them 40 HH were selected on a sample random basis for the study.

The study was done on victim, adolescent girls and general women to know the domestic violence situation in Biendranagar, Surkhet. From the study It was concluded that their knowledge on violence against girls and women is quite satisfactory but when it comes to reporting behavior, it is very low and unsatisfactory. The social structure of our country forces them to be shy and tolerant. Their tolerance, their depressed feelings and lack of confidence within themselves encourage the perpetrators who always eager to violate them.

The problem of domestic violence against women has grown so terribly huge and has rooted up to the depth of this society that to prevent easily in just a click remains a fantasy. Majority of the cases are related with beating, battering, punish their spouse by drinking alcohol, child marriage/ polygamy are the major causes of domestic violence in that area that causes domestic violence. So, efforts should be done from the basic level by educating every people and make them aware. Slow,

careful and effective efforts should be made first in household level, then in the society and then in the national level to gain a satisfactory progress against the domestic violence cases.

Domestic Violence is wide spread problem in Birendranagar Surkhet. Cultural, Economical and religious factors reinforce male dominance and female subservience so thoroughly that neither the domestic violence nor the failures to complain about it are unusual. By law, men inherit and control most property with the concomitant responsibility to support parents, wives and children. Women's dependency is reinforced in law, religion and cultural norms. Moreover, grinding poverty, lack of jobs and alcohol abuse feed the opportunities for violence inherent in the dependency relationship.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CBOS	:	Community Based Organizations
CDP	:	Community Development Programme
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
DV	:	Domestic Violence
DVAW	;	Domestic Violence Against Women
GOs	:	Governmental organizational
GDI	:	Gender Development Index.
GEI	:	Gender Empowerment Index.
HDR	:	Human Development Report.
NGOs	:	Non- Governmental organizational
UNICEF	:	United Nations International Children's Emergency.
UNDP:		United Nation's Development Programme
INGOs	:	International Non-Governmental Organizational
VAW	:	Violence against women
VAGAW	:	Violence against Girls and Women
VDC	:	Village Development Committee