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## **ABSTRACT**

This study is carried out to know the situation of domestic violence against married women, types of domestic violence, knowledge of human rights, women's right, gender issue, knowledge of legal provision, social and community level organization which are working to protecting victim women, causes of violence and situation of seeking remedy of violence against women. Well-devised structure questionnaire are used for interview. In questionnaire, there are pre-coded and open question.

The study was conducted in all wards of the VDC but researcher were selected 12 respondents from each wards of the whole VDC. The researcher have taken 108 respondents for study purpose. The study population consist of married women, currently married women, widow and separated of aged 15-49 years age groups. Highest proportion 22.1 percent of women interviewed are at the age groups 25-29 years, followed by 30-34 years age groups 18.5 percent which is intermediate age groups. The total number of respondents are 108 among them 42.5 percent are from Newar caste, followed by Chhetri/Thakuri 28.7 percent, Brahmin 17.6 percent, Gurung 5.6 percent and 62.1 percent married women, 23.5 percent are divorced, 9.26 percent are divorced women and lowest percentage 5.6 are separated women of the study area. According to the field survey, most of the respondents are living in small family. Total number of respondents is 108 among them, most of the respondents are involved in agricultural work.

According to field survey of this VDC the status of awareness

level of women's legal rights and social and community based organization is not so high, most of the respondents conceal incidents for the sake of prestige.

On the basis of opinion of the respondents the cause of domestic violence is misunderstanding, unemployment, alcohol, gambling, drug addicting, childlessness, not able to work, marital problem. For support of victim, majority of respondents give emphasis on skilful training and make able to economic activities. Variation in solutions of domestic violence according to the opinion of respondents 20.5 percent said providing job opportunity, 14 percent said to control alcohol, 10.2 percent said creating rallies and campaigns, 13 percent said to skilful training for women, 7.4 said that believe to each other, 8.3 percent said that to respect wife, 6.5 said that to love daughters-in-law.

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 qualified women and women should have right of self determination.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of the all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
DVAMW	Domestic Violence against Married Women
DVAW	Domestic Violence against Women
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
NOG	Non-Governmental Organization
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
TU	Tribhuvan University
UN	United Nations Labour
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nation Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNICEF	United Nation Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization