"Ending community violence against women in developing country Nepal"

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Problem under study

At least on women in every eleven has been beaten, coerced into sex, or may have otherwise been abused in her lifetime- most often by the family. So it is a major public health concern and a violation of human rights. In Nepal, this may either for dowry system, gender inequality, poverty, illiteracy, early forced marriage, drug abuse. This creates fatal outcomes such as suicides, HIV/AIDS, abortions, and mental problems.

Objectives

To know the major contributing factors that creates violence against women. To analyse and find solution that prevents violence against women.

Methodology

A random samples of family, working factory and hospital female patients (1720 total) from different community and caste of aged 18-55 years were interviewed and taken the both qualitative and quantitative data, so were analyzed. A follow up data and get new information was also done.

Results

Violence against women & girls includes physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual and economic abuse. Many cultures have beliefs, norms and social institutions that legitimize and therefore perpetuate violence against women. In Nepalese communities, many women and girls abused due to poverty, illiteracy 72%, by family domestic violence because of dowry system 12%, abused by their own family 13%, other causes 3%. So maximum violence found more in homes than in working areas. It leads to social, reproductive, mental and physical problems.

Conclusion

Due to male dominating society, poverty, gender, inequality, illiteracy early forced marriage, alcohol, drug abuse are the major contributing factors that create violence against women and girls. To end this problem, governments should have strong law, policy and hard punishment, education to girls, rehabilitation centers, gender equality, changing community norms and awareness program should implement in all community that help ending this violence.