Issues Faced by Women in the Context of COVID-19

Problems faced during COVID-19

- Food Crisis: 17%
- Economic Crisis: 22%
- Mental Tension: 21%
- Gender Based Violence: 2%
- Access to Health Care: 16%
- Transportation: 20%
- Domestic Violence: 2%

A lot of families that relied on agriculture as the main source of income were hard-hit by the crisis. 60.5% faced a reduction in their income source. 27% family’s income has stopped completely.

76% pregnant women in their community could not go to the hospital easily.

91% have no availability of mobile health camps for pregnant women.

Overall: 64% are active to some extent in decision making and

- Sudurpaschim: 77%
- Bagmati: 58%
- Province 5: 50%
- Province 2: 54%
- Province 1: 50%
- Gandaki: 80%
- Karnali: 50%

Women’s participation in decision making in Local Level

- Active
- No role for women
- Inactive
- Active to some extent

76% stated that women’s work load has increased.

34% experienced some kind of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

62% reported that there was a risk of GBV in their communities.

Recommendations

1. Recognize that health care for pregnant women and lactating mothers is vital and ensure their right to health.
2. Increase collaboration between government and civil society to enhance the decision-making capacity of women.
3. Mobilise youth on all sorts of awareness-raising activities.
4. Use traditional and non-traditional forms of media to disseminate accurate information about the pandemic.
5. Respondents from the survey reported that they prefer information through:
   - Radio
   - TV
   - Social Media
   - Mobile Callback Tune
   - Overall

16% need economic support, followed by

30% who needed psychosocial counselling.

44% said the vaccination of the infants had been affected.

100% are active to some extent in Province 5.

11% Sexual

24% Social

19% Economic

30% Mental

Types of GBV: Physical 30%, Social 24%, Economic 19%, Sexual 11%