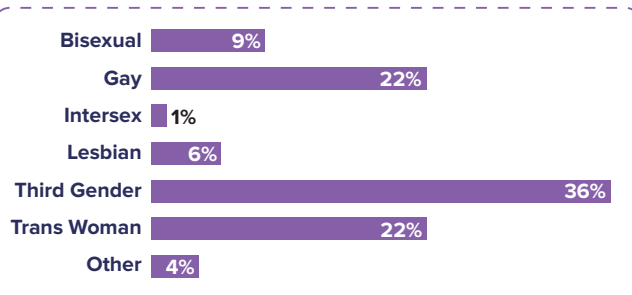


Issues Faced by Gender and Sexual Minorities in the Context of COVID-19



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Respondents



76%
couldn't have their preferred gender identity in their **CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES**



48% reported that their **FAMILY STILL HAVEN'T ACCEPTED** their gender identity.



58% reported **NOT TO BE TREATED EQUALLY** by family and society.



47% were staying in a rented house.



33% have faced verbal abuse.



26% received threat of being thrown out.

41% respondents rents had increased.



52% said that information disseminated on COVID-19 weren't friendly for Gender and Sexual Minorities



59% stated lack of essential medicines during lockdown.



86% reported that quarantines are not weren't friendly for Gender and Sexual Minorities.



39% said that they had to face **GENDER BASED AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.



28% reported to have **FACED/WITNESSED CYBERCRIMES**

Easy means for accessing information



17%
TELEVISION



16%
RADIO



16%
SOCIAL MEDIA



14%
MOBILE CALL BACK TUNES



12%
LGBTIQ ORGANIZATIONS

Recommendations

- 1 Long term interventions on the front of social norms change in family and society for LGBTIQ rights and equality.
- 2 Advocacy for their identity in every form of government issued identity cards.
Enhance LGBTIQ participation to ensure LGBTIQ friendly information dissemination.
- 3 Support on the management of LGBTIQ friendly quarantine centres and other infrastructure.
- 4 Government and civil societies should manage programmes for income regeneration activities and explore alternate employment opportunities for LGBTIQ people who have lost their jobs, especially in informal sectors.
- 5 Reform / review some discriminatory policies targeted to LGBTIQ issues like citizenship, self-respect and dignity, identity and social justice.
- 6 Launch massive awareness program/campaign federal to local level by government and stakeholders to mainstream their issues, meaningful participation in decision making and alternative livelihood.