



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

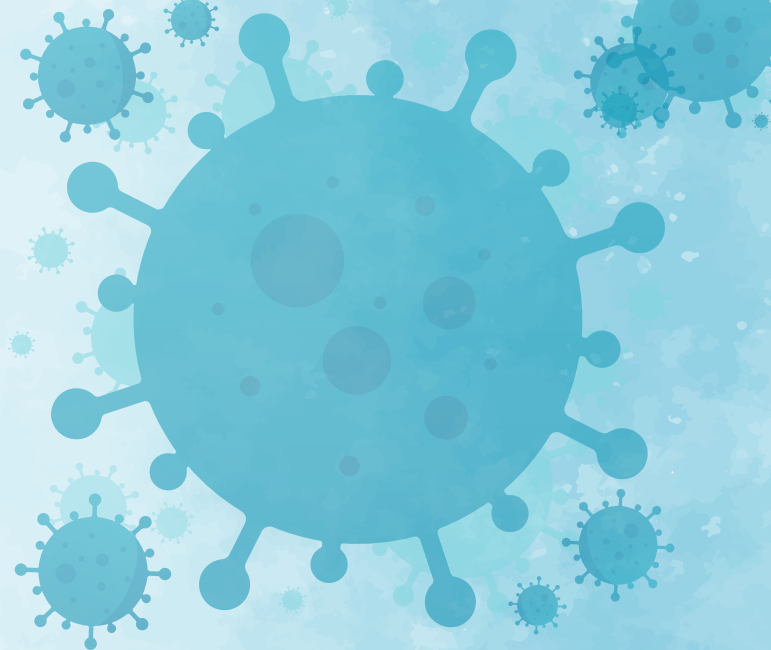
DEC 1 - DEC 15, 2020



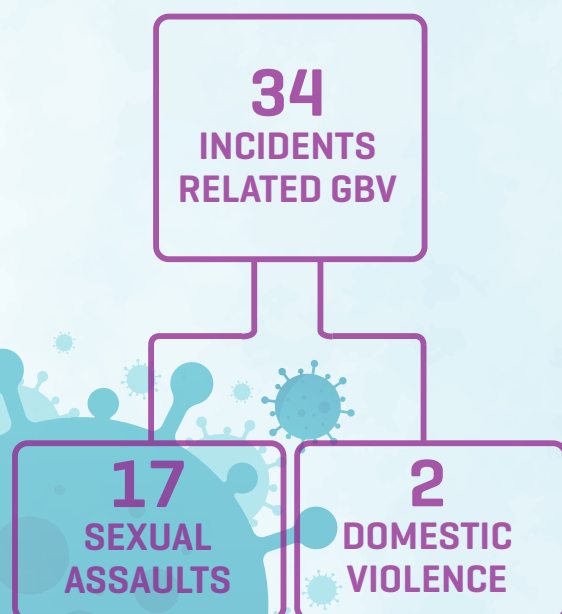
COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM DECEMBER 1- DECEMBER 15, 2020.

From December 1- December 15, 2020 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded six incidents related to COVID-19. Majority of incidents were related to issues related to the issue of increased school fee, protests demanding the opening of Nepal-India border and labour disputes regarding the practice of keeping workers who tested positive in the isolation centers. Until December 15, 2020 the total number of positive cases reached 250,180 with 1730 deaths.

From December 1- December 15, 2020, 34 cases of gender based violence (GBV) was recorded in which 17 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, two cases of domestic violence were recorded.



This bi-weekly report is aimed to inform our readers on the added crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected everyone's livelihood and made some group of people even more vulnerable. It also aims to make the readers aware about the issues surrounding the violence against women and girls in the Nepali societies.



COVID-19 RELATED INCIDENTS

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Parents picketed and chanted slogans in the education department in Dharan Sub Metropolis against the charging of arbitrary fees due to the delay by the sub-metropolitans in setting the fees of private schools.¹

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Locals under the banner of Parivartan Samaj staged a one-hour sit-in at Biratnagar Customs at the area of Jogwani checkpoint in Morang.² They complained that the legal closure of the Nepal-India border for the last nine months has affected Nepal-India trade and business.

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Workers mobilized by SinoHydro under the Tanahu Hydropower Project protested for the third time accusing the company for hiring the workers who tested positive for COVID-19 and not keeping them under isolation.³

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Local civil society leaders staged a sit-in in front of the Rani border demanding the government to open the Nepal-India border.⁴ The protest was organized under the banner of Nepal-India Open Border Dialogue Group.

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Janata Samajwadi Party (JSP) leaders staged a sit-in for an hour in front of the Kunauli border demanding the government to open the Nepal-India border.⁵ The participants in the protest included central executive member and member of parliament from JSP, central member of JSP Nepal and Central Member of Nepal-India Open Border Dialogue Group, the Mayor of Rajbiraj Municipality and Chairman of Tilathi Koiladi Rural Municipality.

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The Nepal-India Open Border Dialogue Group staged an indefinite sit-in against the government of Nepal and India to open the sealed border in the Devanganj rural municipality of Sunsari.⁶

CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

In the past 15 days the Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded 34 cases of gender based violence which took the lives of six women. Sexual assault was the most common form of violence against women with 26 cases which include 26 cases of rape in which 17 victims were women and girls below the age of 26. The youngest victim of this heinous crime was a 1 year old girl from a marginalized community in Jhapa.⁷ Two cases domestic violence was recorded in Dolpa⁸ and Dang⁹ district. Jhapa district had the highest number of cases of GBV with three incidents [see fig 2] whereas Province 3 had the highest number of cases with 11 incidents [see fig 1].

FIG -1 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE

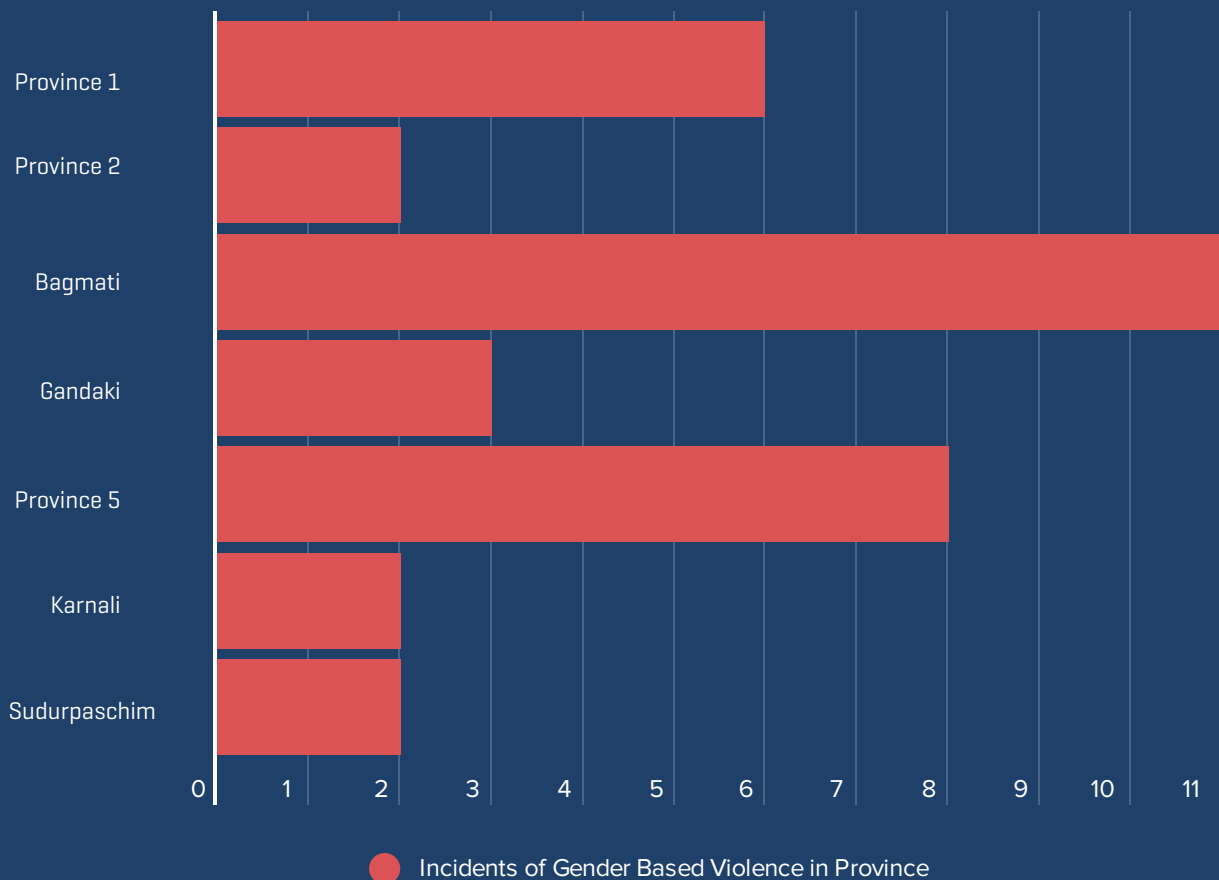
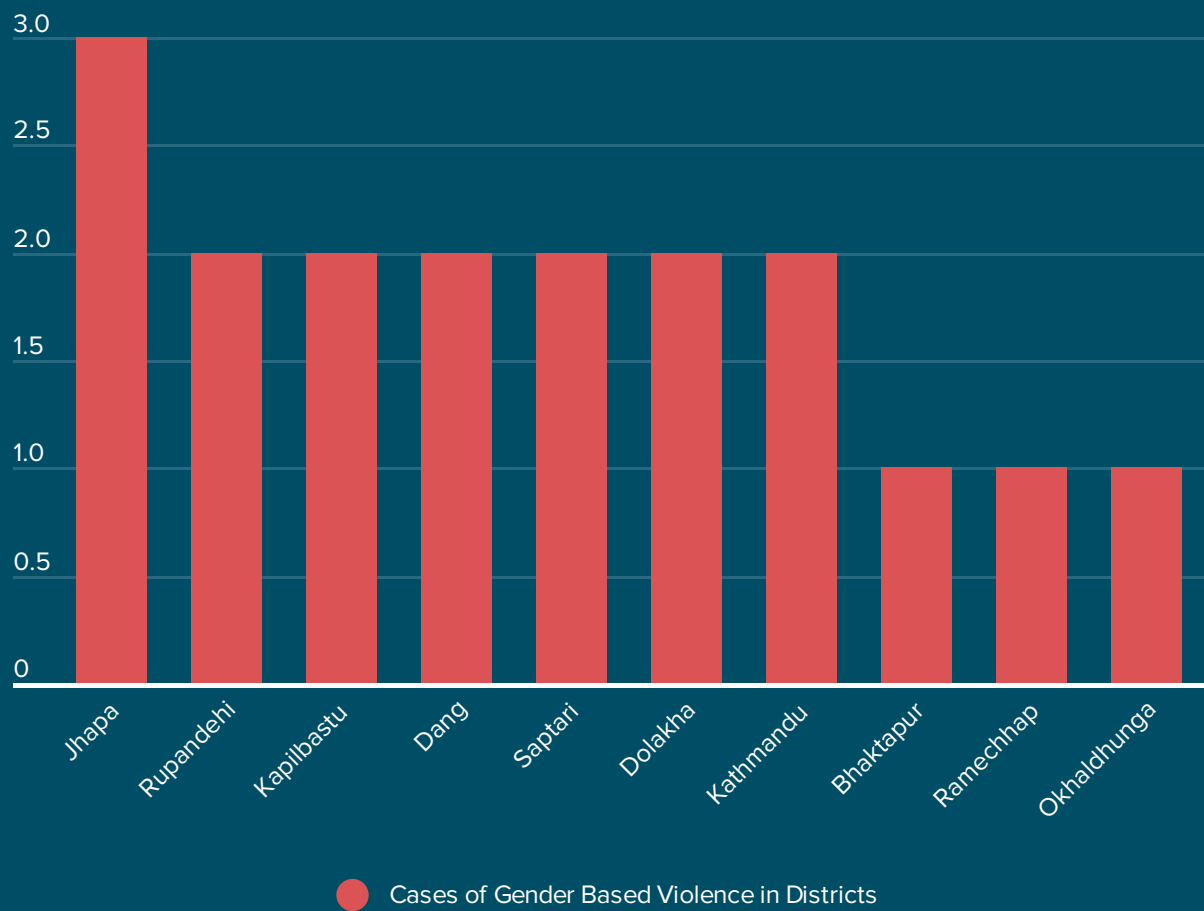
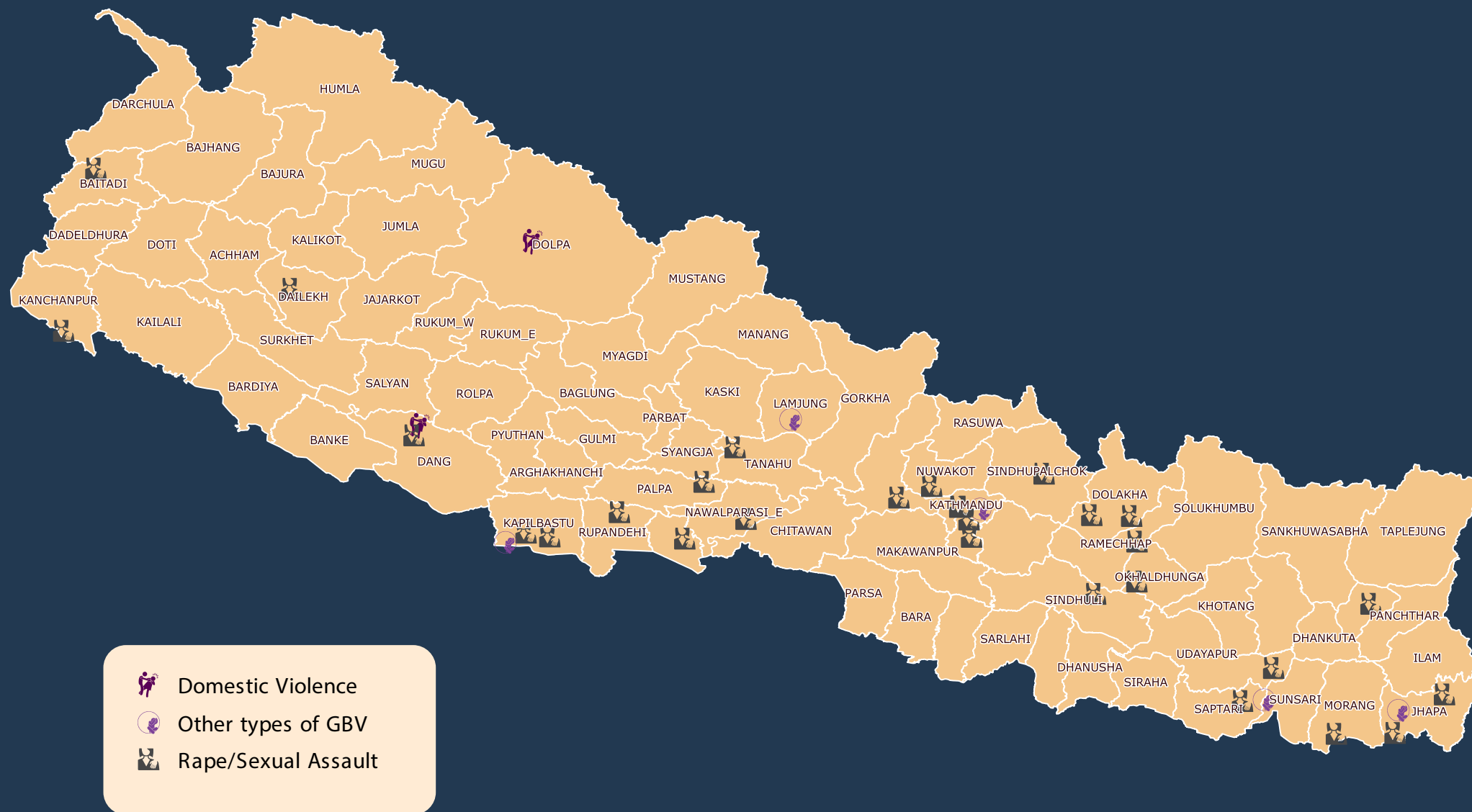


FIG -2 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT

**Reported Incident of GBV (Gender Based Violence)
December 1-15, 2000**



Endnotes

- 1 See: Parents Picket Dharan Sub-Metropolitan Office Protesting Against Expensive School Fees
- 2 See: Locals in Morang Staged An Hour Sit-in Demanding opening of Jogwani Border Point
- 3 See: Tanahun Hydro Workers Agitated For The Third Time Demanding PCR Tests Of All Workers
- 4 See: Sit-In At Biratnagar Demanding Opening Of Nepal-India Border
- 5 See: JSP Leaders Staged Sit-In At Spatari Demanding Opening of Nepal-India Border
- 6 See: Indefinite Sit-In Started in Sunsari Demanding Opening Of The Nepal-India Border
- 7 See: ASI Accused Of Attempting To Rape 12 Year Old Girl in Jhapa
- 8 See: Woman Lodges Complaint Of Domestic Violence Against Her Husband In Dolpa
- 9 See: Police Constable Arrested On The Charge Of His Wife's Murder in Tulsipur

The PMP gathered data on violent and latent incidents past 15 days of the lockdown period by compiling reports from all major online news portals, national dailies, local newspapers from 20 districts, and incidents reports directly submitted to us. The goal of the report is to deliver an update and understanding of the incidents surrounding the pandemic of Coronavirus to better respond to the situation and to promote peace. The numbers recorded in this report are based on the reports mapped by Nepalmonitor.org.

