



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

JAN 16 - JAN 31, 2021

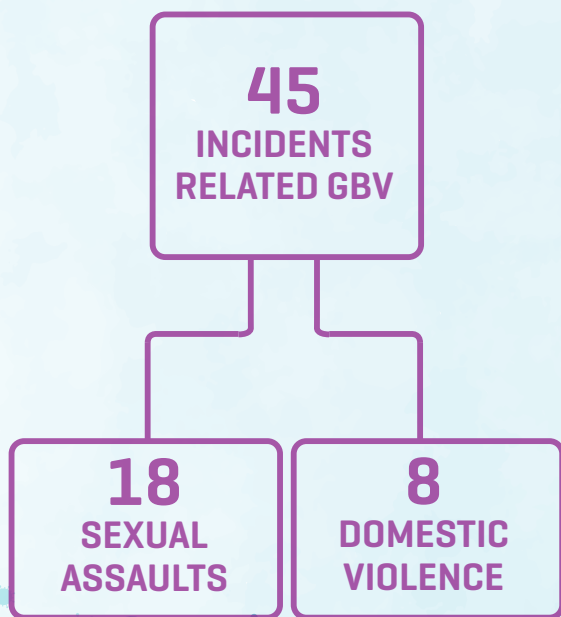


COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM JANUARY 16 - 31, 2021

From January 16 - 31, 2021 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project [PMP] recorded three incidents related to COVID-19. The incidents mainly involved protests demanding risk allowance by the doctors and demonstration demanding the opening of the Nepal-India border. Until January 31, 2021, the total number of positive cases reached 270,959 with 2029 deaths.¹

From January 16 - 31, 2021, 45 cases of gender-based violence [GBV] was recorded in which 18 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, eight 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.



INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

**JAN
18**

Resident doctors and medical officers staged a protest demanding COVID risk allowance at the BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan.²

**JAN
28**

Around 200 residential doctors of Bir Hospital, Kathmandu staged a sit-in at the hospital premises demanding their risk allowance.³

**JAN
31**

Local residents of Biratnagar staged a demonstration demanding the opening of Nepal-India Rani border in Biratnagar.⁴

INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

In the past 15 days, about 45 cases of GBV were recorded across Nepal. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 33 cases of rape in which 18 victims were below the age of 26 years. Despite several efforts from the government as well human rights organizations the trend of violence against women and girls still prevails. It is important to note that men and boys face gender based violence too but according to our data majority of the victims are women and girls.

Rupandehi district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with seven cases followed by Dang with five cases. Province 5 had the highest number of incidents of GBV with 17 cases.



FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [JANUARY 16-31, 2021]

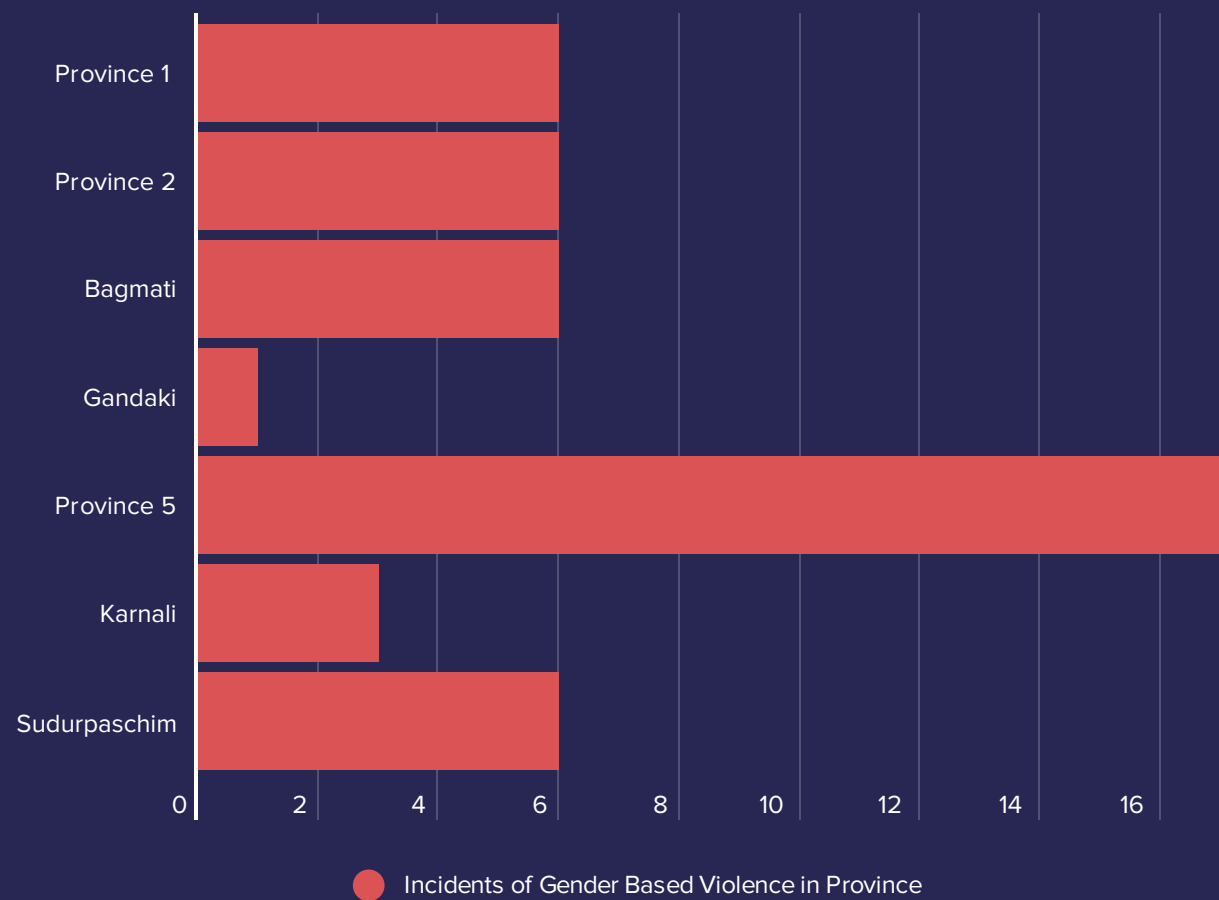
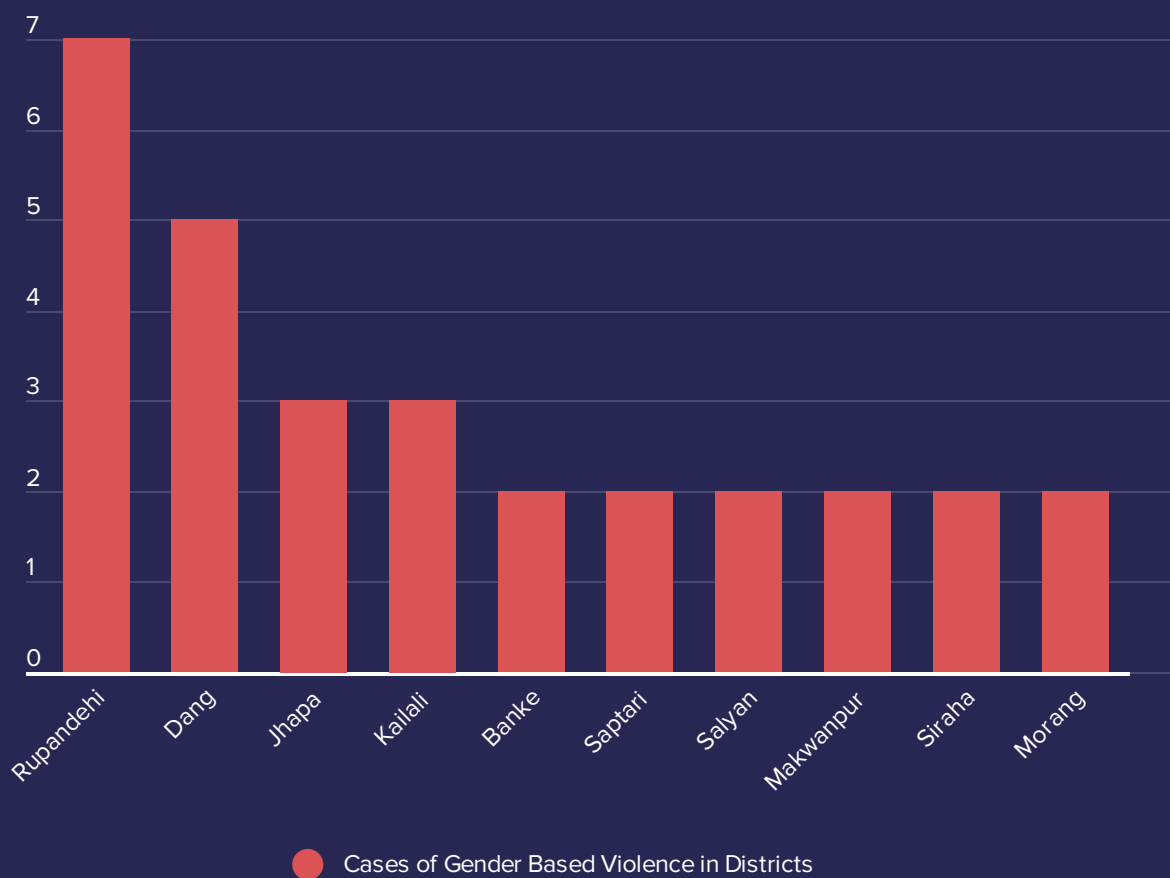


FIG 2: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT [JANUARY 16-31, 2021]



REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE) JANUARY 16-31,2021



ENDNOTES

1. See: Cases of COVID-19 and Related Deaths in Nepal
2. See: BPKIHS Doctors Stage Protest For Allowance
3. See: Residential Doctors of Bir Hospital Stage Sit-In Demanding Risk Allowance
4. See: Biratnagar Residents Held Demonstration Demanding Easy Movement At Nepal-India Border

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.

