COCAP’S “COVID-19 BIWEEKLY” COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM JANUARY 1 - 15 2021

From January 1 - 15, 2021 COCAP’s Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded only one incident related to COVID-19. The incident involved a sit-in staged by the Janata Samajwadi Party and a group of businessmen who supported their demand to reopen the Nepal India border. Until January 16, 2021, the total number of positive cases reached 267056 with 1954 deaths.¹

From January 1 - 15, 2021, 40 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) was recorded in which 23 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, three 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

The cadres of Janata Samajwadi Party (JSP) and a group of businessmen staged an hour long sit-in in West Nawalparasi demanding to open Nepal-India Maheshpur border. The participants of the sit-in demanded immediate reopening of the border as according to them it affected their businesses and religious celebrations.

INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

In the past 15 days, about 40 cases of GBV were recorded across Nepal. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 30 cases of rape in which 23 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.

Kathmandu district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with four cases followed by Sunsari three cases. Province 3 had the highest number of cases of GBV with 10 cases followed by province 1 with 9 cases.

FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [JANUARY 1-15, 2021]
FIG 2: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT (JANUARY 1-15, 2021)

Cases of Gender Based Violence in Districts
REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE)
JANUARY 1-15, 2021

Domestic Violence
Rape/Sexual Assault
Other types of GBV
ENDNOTES

1. See: Cases of COVID-19 and Related Deaths in Nepal
2. See: JSP Stages Sit-in At Maheshpur Border of West Nawalparasi Demanding Opening of 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.