



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

FEB 1 - FEB 15, 2021

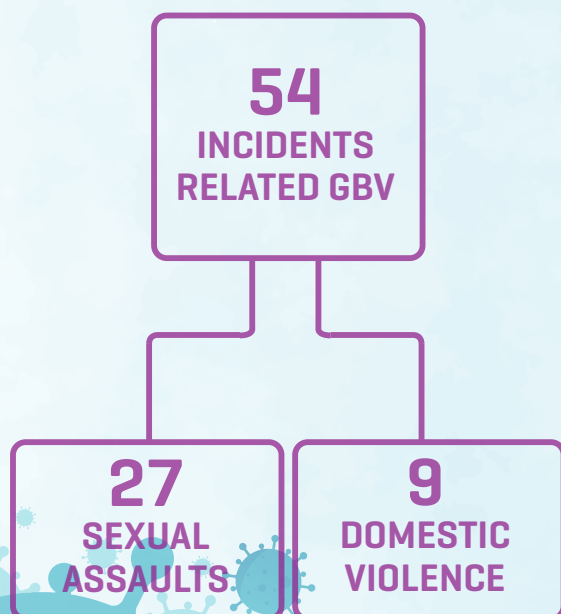


COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM FEB 1- FEB 15, 2021

From February 1 - 15, 2021 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded three incidents related to COVID-19. The incidents mainly involved protests by the health workers demanding risk allowance and demonstration by businessmen demanding exemption as promised by the government during the lockdown. Until February 15, 2021, the total number of positive cases reached 272,840 with 2755 deaths.¹

From February 1 - 15, 2021, 54 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) was recorded in which 27 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, nine 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

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Doctors of Bir Hospital, Kathmandu staged a sit in demanding risk allowance which the government had promised to the health workers on the frontline during COVID-19 pandemic.²

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A group of entrepreneurs staged protests at Baluwatar, Kathmandu demanding tax exemption as promised by the government during the lockdown.³

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Health workers and employees of Matrisisu hospital in Pokhara staged a protest demanding risk allowance for working on the frontline for the patients of COVID-19.⁴



INCIDENTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN NEPAL

In the past 15 days, about 54 cases of GBV were recorded across Nepal. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 31 cases of rape in which 27 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.

Morang and Rupandehi district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with four cases each. Province 5 had the highest number of incidents of GBV with 12 cases.

FIG 1: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [FEBRUARU 1-15, 2021]

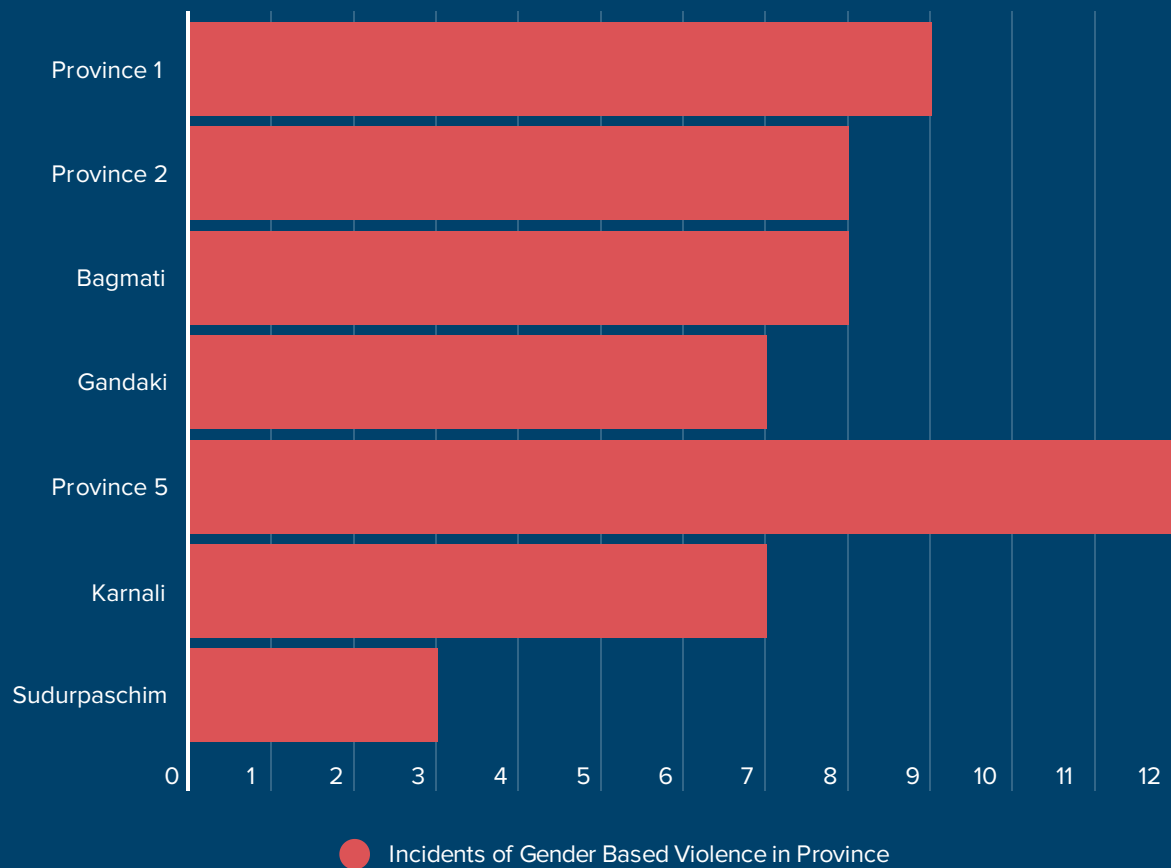
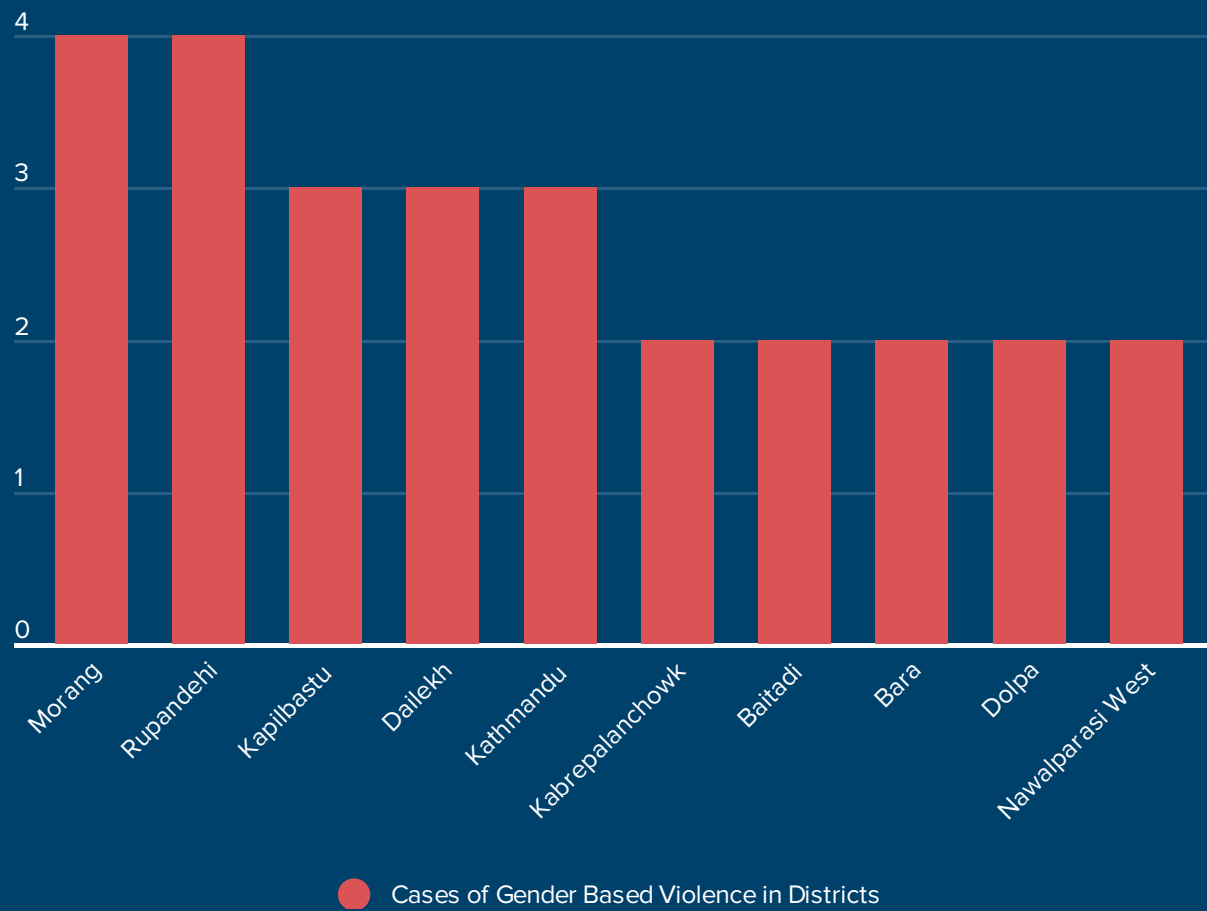
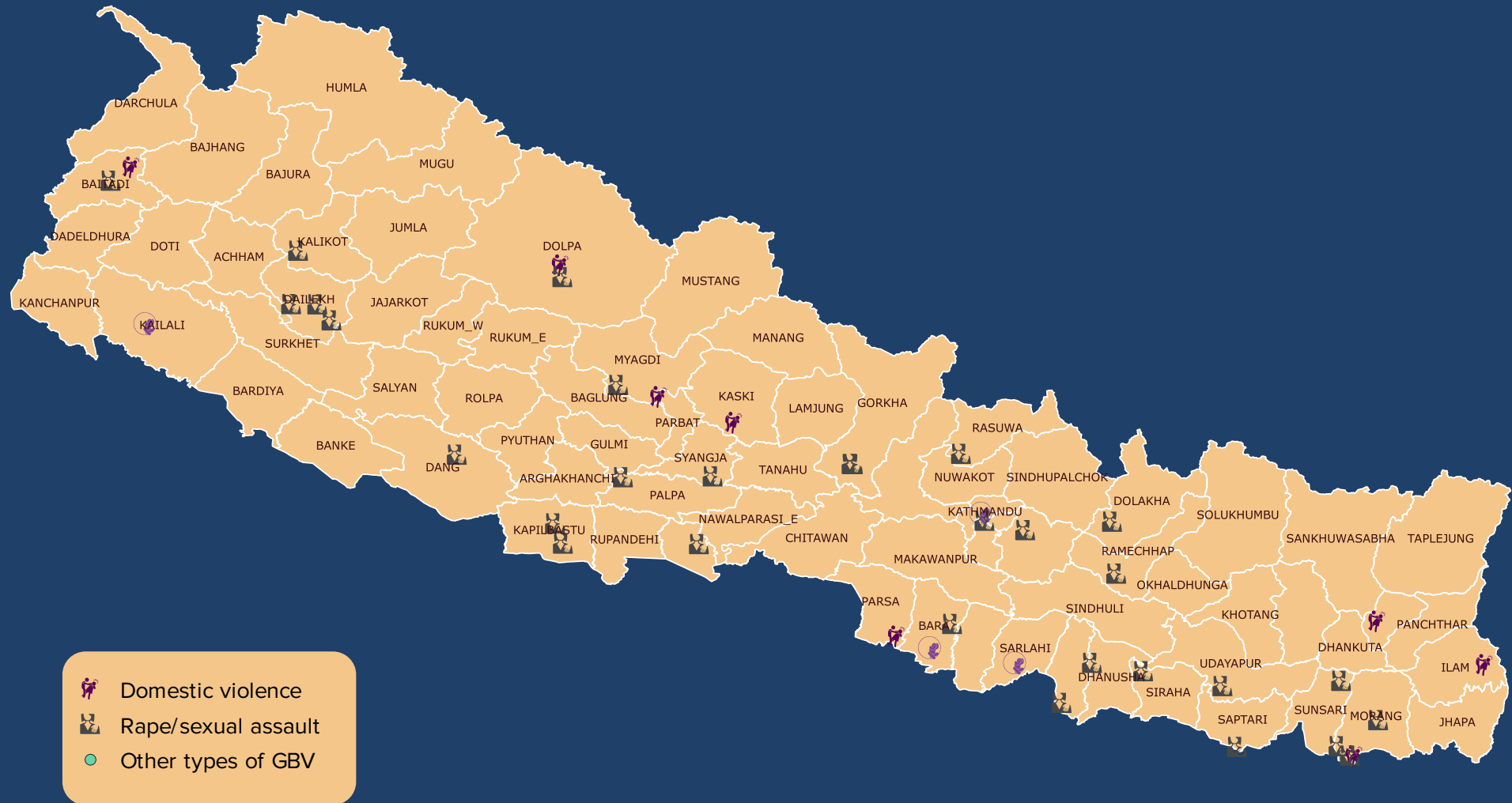


FIG 2: REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE [FEBRUARY 1-15, 2021]

REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE) FEBRUARY 1-15, 2021



ENDNOTES

1. See: Cases of COVID-19 and Related Deaths in Nepal
2. See: Doctors At Bir Hospital Stage Sit-In Demanding Risk Allowance
3. See: Entrepreneurs Stage Protests, Urge Govt To Honor Tax Exemption Promise Made During Lockdown
4. See: Health Workers At Matrisisu Hospital Agitated Demanding Risk Allowance

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.

