



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

MARCH 1 - 15, 2021

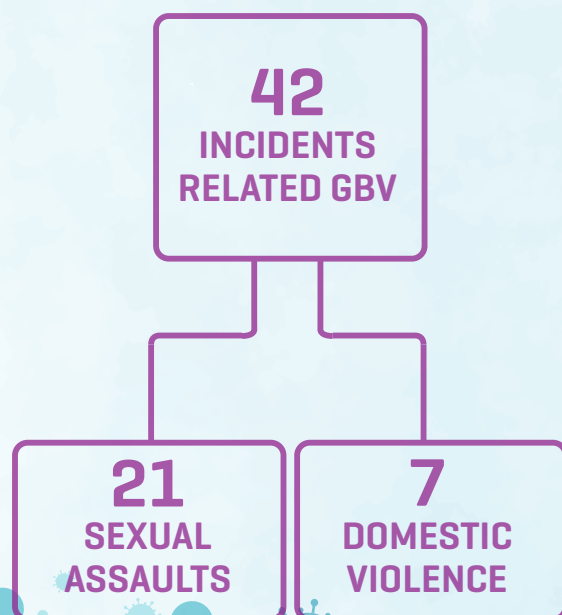


COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND COVID-19 FROM MARCH 1-15, 2021

From March 1 - 15, 2021 COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded two incidents of protest related to COVID-19. The incidents involved employees being deprived of their salaries and All Nepal National Free Students Union padlocking school. Until March 15, 2021, the total number of positive cases reached 2,75,310 with 3014 deaths.¹

From March 1 - 15, 2021, 40 cases of gender-based violence [GBV] was recorded in which 22 victims of sexual assault were below the age of 26. Similarly, four 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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The All Nepal National Free Student Union (ANNFSU) padlocked Adikavi Bhanu Secondary School in Chitwan for an indefinite period for arbitrarily charging fees of the lockdown period.²

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Laboratory employees of COVID-19 test laboratory returned home after not being paid for the past five months despite the decision of the District Disaster Management Committee.³

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 40 cases including 28 cases of rape in which 22 victims were below the age of 26 years. Domestic violence was the second most common form of violence with four cases. 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.

Parsa district had the highest number of incidents of GBV with three cases. Province 3 had the highest number of incidents of GBV with nine incidents.



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

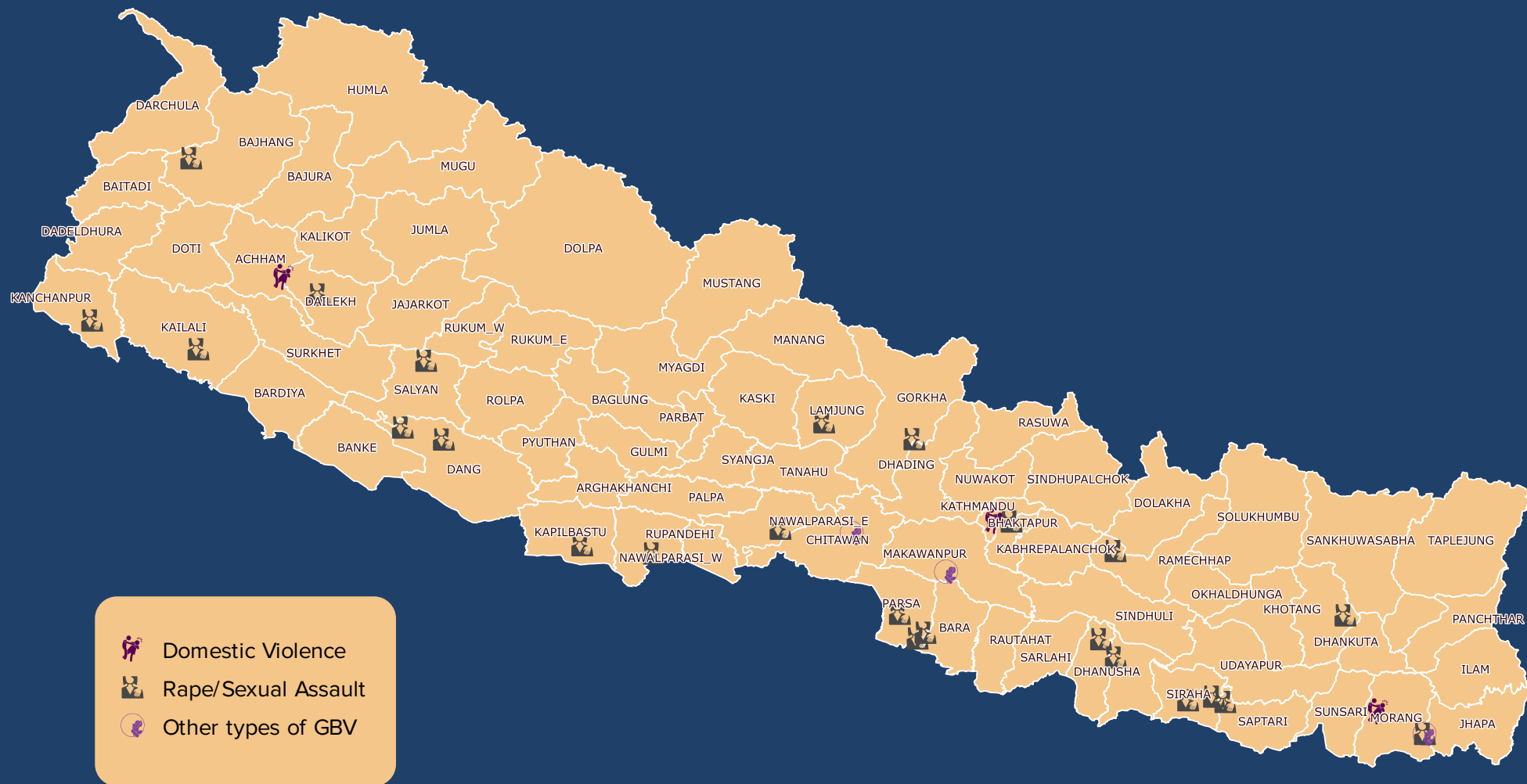
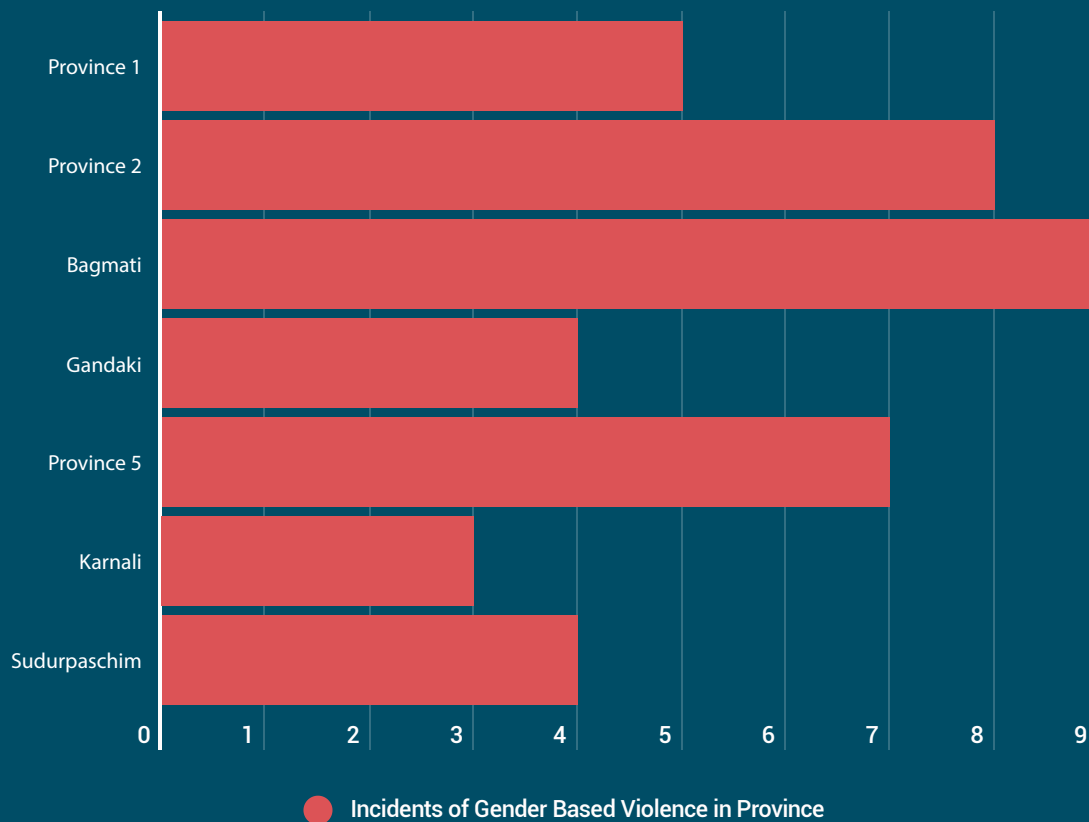


FIG -1 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE**FIG -2 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT**

ENDNOTES

1. See: Cases of COVID-19 and Related Deaths in Nepal
2. See: ANNFSU Padlock Adikavi Bhanu Secondary School in Chitwan
3. See: COVID-19 Laboratory Staffs Return Home After Non-payment of their Salaries

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.

