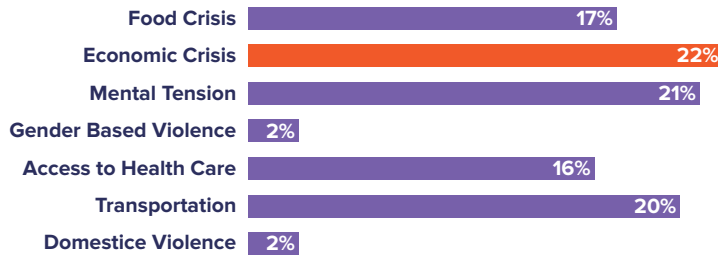


Issues Faced by Women in the Context of COVID-19



Female Participants

Problems faced during COVID-19



A lot of families that relied on agriculture as the main source of income were hard-hit by the crisis.

60.5% faced a reduction in their income source.



27% family's income has STOPPED completely.

76%

pregnant women in their community could not go to the hospital easily



91%

have no availability of mobile health camps for pregnant women



48%

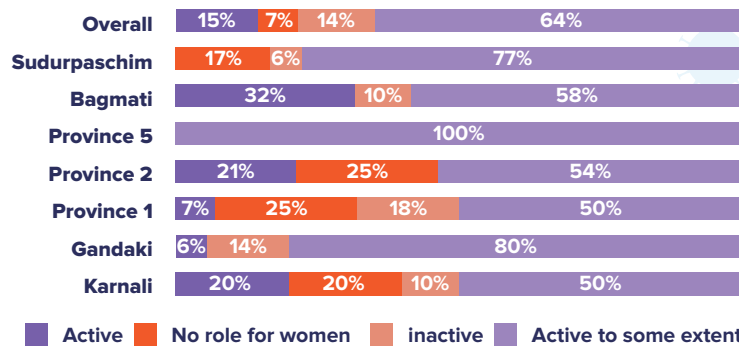
had difficulty in accessing post-natal care. Mostly from, **KARNALI - 60%**



44%

said the vaccination of the infants had been affected

Women's participation in decision making in Local Level



OVERALL

64%

are active to some extent in decision making and

100%

are active to some extent in **PROVINCE 5**



76%

stated that women's work load has increased.



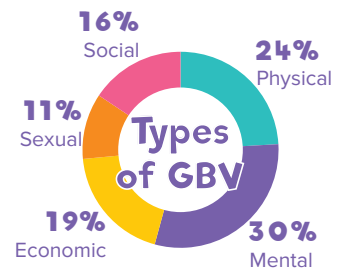
34%

experienced some kind of **Gender Based Violence (GBV)**.



62%

reported that there was a risk of GBV in their communities.



26% need economic support, followed by

25% who needed psychosocial counselling.

Recommendations

- 1 Recognize that health care for pregnant women and lactating mothers is vital and ensure their right to health.
- 2 Increase collaboration between government and civil society to enhance the decision-making capacity of women.
- 3 Mobilise youth on all sorts of awareness-raising activities.
- 4 Use traditional and non-traditional forms of media to disseminate accurate information about the pandemic.
Respondents from the survey reported that they prefer information through: Radio 📻 TV 📺 Social Media 📱 Mobile Callback Tune 📞
- 5 Mental health counselling and support is required at the field level. This should be combined with proper reporting mechanisms on gender-based violence.