A STUDY INTO THE FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. A CASE STUDY OF JURU GROWTH POINT.

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ABSTRACT

The study focused on the factors associated with domestic violence at Juru Growth Point. The motivation for this research was the unprecedented increase of women being involved in domestic violence as a result of various problems at Juru Growth Point. Feminist and social learning theories were used to highlight the causes of domestic violence and to unpin the problems faced by women. The study used the mixed research paradigm utilizing case study and survey. The target population comprised of 200 women of which 20 respondents were selected using probability and non probability sampling representing a sample size of 10 percent. The key informants from Police and Ministry of Women Affairs Gender and Community Development were selected using purposive sampling and interviews were administered to the key informants. The data collected from the respondents and the key informants was presented using Microsoft Excel in form of graphs, tables and pie chart. The study found that the following forms of domestic violence are being experienced by women sexual, physical, economical, psychological, and emotional. The study also obtained that domestic violence is linked to the following causes poverty, gender inequality, misuse of power by men, gender relations, extra marital affairs, alcohol abuse. The effects of domestic violence noted were anxiety, depression, isolation, physical injuries and divorce. The study also noted that community development, research, awareness campaigns and empowerment programmes are key to the liberation of women. The study recommended the government to empower women economically educating people and abolishing all forms of violence against women.