**Data analysis and results**

**Table 1:Frequency and percentage of participants’ characteristics**

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| **Characteristics** | **Frequency**  **n=24** | **percent** |
| Gender  **Male**  **Female** | 10  14 | 41.7  58.3 |
| Age  **18 – 21**  **21 – 35**  **35 – above** | 12  11  1 | 50  45.8  4.2 |

**Table 1** shows that frequency and percentage of characteristics of participants. Total of 24 participants took part in this survey from Maldives with 100% respond rate. The lower age was above 35 (4.2%). And the highest age was 18-12 (50%), 21- 35 (45.8%). Among participants 14 (58.3%) were females and 10 (41.7%) were males.

**Table 2:** **Frequency and percentage of participant’s awareness about self defense**

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| **Statement** | **Frequency**  **n=24** | **percent** |
| Are you aware there is a self-defense law in Maldives?   1. **Yes** 2. **No** | 8  16 | 33.3  66.7 |
| Will you defend yourself against violence depending on the Maldivian law of self-defense to protect yourself ?   1. **No. because it doesn’t give me protection** 2. **Yes, I am confident that the law will protect me. Therefore, I will attack back in self defense** 3. **Others.** | 7  5  11 | 30.4  21.7  47.8 |
| Have you gone through a violent situation? If, so what kind of environment did it occur in?   1. **Home** 2. **Work environment** 3. **Social gathering** 4. **School** 5. **street** | 4  0  1  1  8 | 28.6  0  7.15    7.15  57.1 |
| What is your opinion on the strength of self-defense law in Maldives?   1. **Poor** 2. **Good** 3. **They are not aware about self- defense law in Maldives** 4. **others** | 8  1  3  7 | 42.1  5.3  15.7  37 |

**Table 2** shows that frequency and percentage of participant’s awareness about self-defense. Among all the participants only (33.3%) knows there is a self-defense law in Maldives. Majority of them (30.4%) stated that, they will not defend themselves against violence depending on Maldivian self- defense law, because it doesn’t give them protection. However, (21.7%) participants mentioned that they will attack back in self- defense because the law will protect them.

This survey shows that, most of the participants had occurred violent cases in street (57.1%). In this study, everyone believes that, (0%) work environment is the safe place since no one have gone through a violent case on there. In addition, (28.6%) says that violent cases also occurred on their own home. (42.1%) declared that the self-defense law in Maldives was very poor. On the other hand, minority (5.3%) believes that Maldives have a high standard self-defense law. And also, some of them stated that they are unaware on this law (15.7%).

**Appendices**

**Questionnaire**

Questionaries’ on reforming Maldivian law of self-defenses: providing a larger window of opportunity to escape

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| BIO- INFORMATION |

1. Gender

Male

Female

1. Age

18 - 21

21- 35

35 above

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| PARTICIPANT’S AWARENESS ABOUT SELF DEFENCE |

1. Are you aware there is a self defense law in Maldives?

Yes

No

1. Will you defend yourself against violence against violence depending on the maldivian law of self defence to protect yourself?

No. Because the law doesn’t give me protection,

Yes. I am confident that the law will protct me. Therefore, I’ll attack back in self defense.

Others.

1. Have you gone through a violent situation? If so what kind of environment did it occur in?

Home

Work environment

Social gathering

School

Street

1. What is your opinion on the strength of self-defense law in Maldives?

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