

The Impact of COVID-19 on the social, economic, and psychosocial wellbeing of Sex-Workers in Bangladesh

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Objective:

Broad Objective: To understand the economic, mental, and physical health burdens imposed female sex workers by the COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh.

Specific Objectives:

- 1. To document how the COVID-19 pandemic has diminished the economic opportunities for sex workers, and how to the SW community has changed their behavior in response to economic burdens;
- 2. To explore the knowledge, attitudes and response to COVID-19 precautions by female sex workers
- 3. To identify the factors associated with or which contribute to strained mental and physical health of the workers in the challenging contours of the pandemic; and
- 4. To understand the current support networks, and what means of future interventions would be most effective and necessary.

Methodology (Qualitative or Quantitative): Qualitative

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