

FACTORS INFLUENCING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AMONG WOMEN IN MERU, KARATU AND MONDULI DISTRICT COUNCILS, TANZANIA

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ABSTRACT

The study on the factors influencing intimate partner violence among women was conducted in Meru, Karatu and Monduli District Councils in 2019. Broadly, the objective of the study was to assess the factors influencing intimate partner violence among Maasai, Meru and Iraqw. Specifically, the study examined the causes of the persistent act among intimate partners. Data was collected from 400 respondents, whereas triangulation of quantitative and qualitative methods was used in the study. A survey was used to collect quantitative data, at the same time focus group discussions and in-depth interviews were used to collect qualitative data. The study has shown that the causes of the persistent act among intimate partners was male dominance, poverty, alcoholism, dissatisfaction in family and traditional factors were among the main factors towards intimate partner violence among the Maasai, Meru and Iraqw. Apart from those Anger, past history of violence, multiple partners, low level of education and weak legal sanctions as factors influencing Intimate Partner Violence. The study recommends that a stronger commitment be shown by the government by providing necessary support in terms of financial and human resources. Government's commitment should go beyond policy declarations and start to play a proactive role in capacity building to the entire community of the most affected areas. Community leaders and families should be sensitized on the dreadful of intimate partner violence and discriminate against women.

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