

SOCIAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ON WOMEN IN ARUMERU DISTRICT, TANZANIA

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ABSTRACT

The study on the Social and Health Effects of Gender Based Violence on Women was conducted in Arumeru District in 2019. Broadly, the objective of the study was to assess the effect of Gender Based Violence against women in Arumeru district. 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 effects of Gender based violence on Women appeared in different forms including physical, sexual, psychological and economic violence from health, social and economic impacts. 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 be sensitized on the dreadful of intimate partner violence and discriminate against women.

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