



The Impact of COVID-19 on the Psychosocial Wellbeing of the Sexually Marginalized Community in Bangladesh

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Brief Overview: The research looks into the lives of 20 individuals from the sexually marginalized community to understand their anxieties and stress during the COVID-19 pandemic and what impacts that are creating on their psychosocial wellbeing. In this research, we will look for their personal support system and their needs to cope with these challenges. In addition, we will try to understand which kind of institutional psychosocial support systems already exist for this community and how the people from the sexually marginalized communities are accessing these supports.

Objectives:

1. To explore COVID-19 impact on the psycho-social well-being of the sexually marginalized individuals in the Bangladeshi society and identify their coping mechanism.
2. To understand the challenges faced due to lock down and the long term impact of the pandemic on the platforms/organizations and ongoing rights movements that are working for the sexually marginalized communities in Bangladesh.

Methodology: A rapid qualitative study will be conducted on 20 members from the sexually marginalized community who are living in Bangladesh. Telephone interviews will be done to collect information.