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STATUS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN POST 1994 GENOCIDE
CASE STUDY: KICUKIRO DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

1. Violence against women is a phenomenon that has become a developmental challenge in Rwanda. Media reports portray it, not only as an escalating problem, but also as one with new dimensions such as the sexual abuse of girl students and girl housemaids as well as trafficking of women especially to the Middle East for prostitution and house work.

2. This research study is entitled 'Status of violence against women in post 1994 Genocide. Case study: Kicukiro District'. The general aim of this study was to examine to which extent Rwandan women are aware of the violence against them considering different laws the Government of Rwanda has put in place for their protection and/or for promotion of woman rights in Rwanda after 1994 Genocide Against Tutsi.

3. To achieve the aim, the research was conducted by targeting four groups of women to respond to questionnaires: women employees, women students, housemaids and women villagers. However, the corresponding groups on man's side also were questioned in order to collect tangible facts on the gender issues in Rwanda. The total number of respondents was 156 all from Kicukiro District.

4. The research findings show that socio-cultural constraints particularly poverty, tradition beliefs and poor understanding of laws on Gender Based Violence (GBV) lead to silence on violence against women in Rwanda. Further, suggested solutions were proposed to eradicate this violence.

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