ASSESSMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF FLOODS IN RURAL AREAS OF WESTERN NEPAL

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ABSTRACT
Nepal ranks among the twenty most disaster prone countries in the world. The remote rural areas of western Nepal is comparatively poor and has less access to immediate support from governmental and non governmental organizations. Aim of the study was to document the psychological impacts of flooding in rural Western Nepal. This study was conducted two weeks after the devastating floods of August 2014 in two villages of Bardiya district. A total of 96 respondents were administered the GHQ-12 questionnaire in their local dialects to assess the psychological impacts of floods. The data was collected and collated and the results are compared with published literature from Nepal and other developing countries.

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References


