
THE HIDDEN CHALLENGES OF WOMEN ON STREETS: A NEGLECTED ISSUE

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ABSTRACT

Health is one of the most important factors for all. The health condition is considered an indicator of several aspects of mankind. The main objectives of the research are to study the sanitation problem of street women during menstruation, to investigate the health issues of street women during menstruation and to understand the ways or the health care measures adopted by street women. The research methodology is divided into three phases viz, pre-field, on-field and post-field for better clarity of the research. The sample size is 449 respondents and out of 24 wards of Greater Mumbai 21 wards are surveyed. From the analysis it is clear that the street women do follow basic hygiene and almost 65.7% felt abdominal pain. Awareness campaigns, free health checkups and free distribution of sanitary napkins should be carried out. Government hospitals and public toilets should be made more accessible. This is a hidden challenge in the society and this issue is a neglected one.

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