



To study the ISSUES AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN CHILDREN (6-14 years) SUPPORTED BY SAKSHAM NGO OF SHABAD DAIRY” Implemented by CRY.

INTRODUCTION

With the widespread emergence of sexual abuse, Child Care and You, (CRY), New Delhi, took an initiative to access the awareness of the community about abuse and provide knowledge regarding the same through this study.

The focus of this study was to understand the living status (with whom they are living) of children, and their encounter with sexual abuse, their age at first and last encounter, who have done this (family member or stranger) and whether they discuss about this with anyone.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the summer training were:

To understand the issues of sexual abuse among the adolescent children.

To spread awareness regarding sexual abuse in adolescent children especially in girl children.

METHODOLOGY:

This study is done in adolescent children who have been victims of sexual abuse. The following section explains the research methodology adopted to conduct the study.

Research design: Cross Sectional Study

Site of the study: Saksham NGO, which is located in the shabad dairy. This NGO is financially supported by CRY (Child Care and You).

Duration: 2 Months

Sample size: 100

Data collection: Structured interview

KEY FINDINGS

Table:1 Demographic characteristics of children

Characteristic	n=100	Girls	Boys	Percentage (%)
Age group years				
8-10	13	9	4	13
10-12	37	27	10	37
12-14	33	17	16	33
14-16	17	11	6	17
Sex				
Male	36			36
Female	64			64
Living with				
Parents	90	54	36	90
Others (step mother/relatives)	10	6	4	10

Table:2 Interaction regarding sexual abuse with their parents

Items	n=100	Male	Female	Percentage %
Parents ever talked about this	54	3	51	54
Which parent talked about this				
Father	2	2	0	2
Mother	43	0	43	43
Others	9	1	8	9
Whether parents explained family and friends can also abuse (yes)	39	1	38	39
They tell let an adult know if it happens	46	0	46	46
Were you ever told about sexual abuse in school	63	20	43	63

Table no.3 Distribution of children according to different types of sexual abuse.

	YES n=100	GIRLS n=64	BOYS n=36	PERCENTAGE (%)
Look at his/her genitals	33	32	1	33
Undress and show his or her genitals	33	32	1	33
Watch him/her masturbating	27	26	1	27
Look at pornography	5	5	0	5
Be naked & to expose to genitals for pictures	2	2	0	2
Submitted to full sexual intercourse with penetration	17	17	0	17
Submitted to having his/her figure or any object in body	21	21	0	21

Table no. 4 Distribution of children according to the frequency of sexual abuse.

INTERVALS	GIRLS n= 64	BOYS n= 36
Once	18	1
Between 2-5 times	3	0
Between 6-10 times	4	0
Over 10 times	7	0
It never happened to me	32	35

Table 5 Distribution of children according to their age at the first and the last encounter of sexual abuse.

Age	First time	Last time
8-10	3	4
10-12	5	2
12-14	5	3
14-16	17	10
Never happened to me	67	

Table:6 Distribution of children according to the preparator of sexual abuse.

Characteristic	n=100	Percentage (%)
Gender of person		
Male	31	31
Female	2	2
It never happened to me	67	67
This person was		
Stranger	4	4
Neighbour	16	16
Uncle/aunt	11	11
Teacher	2	2
Peer	3	3
It never happened to me	67	67
Did you ever talk about this (YES)	17	17
I was helped	3	3
I was not believed	4	4
Nothing changed	3	3
Never happen	67	67
Who did you talk about this		
Father	0	00
Mother	17	17
Teacher	9	9
Another person (friend)	7	7
It never happened	67	67
You know someone who experience similar (YES)	8	8

Table:7 Distribution of children according to Protective measures taken by them.

Items	n=33
Did you file report in police station (YES)	5
Did police co-operate (YES)	4
Don't know	28

Conclusion

The study was done to understand the issues of sexual abuse among the adolescent children and to spread awareness regarding the same especially in girls. Majority (70%) of children were in age group of (10-14) and (64%) of them were female. More than half (54%) reported that their parents have discussed about sexual abuse and specially with mother. Based on the findings it was concluded that 50 to 60 percent of adolescent girls were not aware of sexual abusive touch. Only 17% of children talk to their parents regarding sexual abuse and take initiative against this. It was also evident that there were only 5 cases of sexual abuse among children were reported out of total 33 cases rest all the cases were unreported because of fear of sexist remarks and eve teasing that they would have to face. This was found while interviewing the children. And also, social status stopped them from reporting the cases. Also, there were victims of family assault (16%), paternal uncles (17%) were mostly culprit in the cases.