

Table 1: Socio-demographic background of the female sex workers included in the sample(N=425) in 2006

Variables	N	Percentage
Age		
15-19	43	10.1
20-29	269	63.3
30 and above	113	26.6
Mean (SD)	26 (6.04)	
Level of education		
Illiterate	144	33.9
Informal-primary level	213	50.1
Secondary and above	68	16.0
Years of education completed		
None	275	64.7
≤ 1 year	35	8.2
2-5 years	41	9.6
6-10 years	63	14.8
> 10 years	11	2.6
Types of FSWs		
Establishment based	117	27.5
Street based	308	72.5
Caste/ethnicity		
Brahmin / Chhetri	154	36.2
Newar	63	14.8
Janajati (Gurung/Rai/Limbu/Magar/Tamang/Sherpa)	187	44.0
Chaudhari / Madhesi	15	3.5
Dalit caste (Kami / Damai / Sarki)	6	1.4
Religion		
Hindu	289	68.0
Buddhist	99	23.3
Christian/Muslim	37	8.7
Total	425	100