

Editorial

Health Education Association of Nepal (HEAN), a non-profit professional association, is pleased to publish the peer-reviewed journal 'Journal of Health Promotion' (JHP) 8th volume through print and online version via <https://www.nepjol.info/index.php/jhp>. In consonance with the aims of HEAN, it has been publishing JHP, a professional journal, since 2005. HEAN is a common platform for every health education professionals for expressing academic exercise including discussion and sharing issues and challenges and innovation of school health, reproductive health, environmental health, professional preparation, curriculum, pedagogy, and so on. Thus, JHP opens an avenue for health education professionals in Nepal as well as from abroad.

The current issue of the JHP embraces 14 articles covering diversified issues in health promotion. Padam Prasad Simkhada and his friends have written a guest article discussing the role of health promotion during the COVID-19 pandemic, preventive measures to control further spread of COVID-19, and responses taken by the government. Likewise, Bhagwan Aryal has presented awareness of body weight and status of body mass index and hypertension in Nepalese school teachers.

In this current issue, four articles are associated with the field of sexual promiscuity and misbehaviour that hinder women's empowerment and social development. Among them, the first article by Kalpana Gyawali explores perpetrators and commonplaces of sexual harassment against adolescent school girls. The second article written by Sushil Sharma, based on a review of all published articles up to 2018 from the Hinari database, sheds light on growing risky practices of sexual behaviour among children in the absence of parental guidance. Similarly, the third article, written by Yadu Ram Upreti and his friends throw light on premarital sexual behaviours among secondary school adolescents. The fourth article written by Bhagawati Sharma reports the causes and types of intimate partner violence against women.

Furthermore, five articles are related to reproductive health. Amongst them, an article written by Belpatara Nath Yogi examines the factors associated with early marriage in rural Mid-Western Nepal. Similarly, Madhavi Gautam Ghimire analyses multiple issues during menstrual hygiene management while Sudha Ghimire has reported common problems faced by girls during menstruation and ways for managing menstrual hygiene. Likewise, Shanti Prasad Khanal examines multi-level barriers to the utilization of youth-friendly reproductive health services whereas Bhu Dev Jha explores the knowledge and use of emergency contraceptive pills among Bachelor's level female students.

Moreover, Milan Acharya and her friend pay attention to teachers' and parents' perceptions of the eating behaviour of primary school students. Mohan Kumar Sharma analyses the dominant causes and health status of street children, and Yoko Oda Thapa and her friends examine the effect of a pilot programme using a capability approach to prevent lifestyle-related diseases.

The articles of the current issue of the journal contribute to enhance an understanding of overwhelming health issues and challenges and their management and need for inquiry in several aspects of health promotion using different approaches. We expect the present issue will be helpful for health education professionals, students and scholars to enhance understanding of health promotion and health education. We always welcome genuine and creative comments from the readers to make this journal an academic and scholarly platform.

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