

Economic Agency and Gender-based Violence among Women Domestic Workers in Dhaka, Bangladesh: A Randomized Controlled Trial Baseline Findings

Objectives

Explore prevalence of past 6-months physical, sexual, and/or emotional IPV and past 6-months financial abuse or harassment at work and associations with economic agency.

Sample

Analysis includes 3,134 partnered, actively working domestic workers recruited by a local NGO in Dhaka, Bangladesh for enrollment into skills and life empowerment programming.

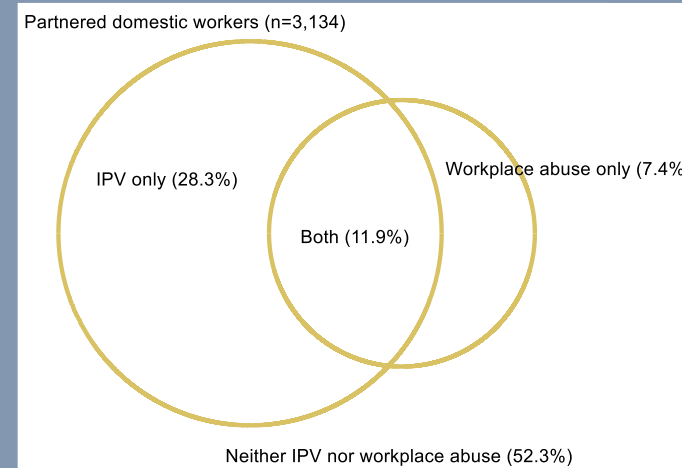
Results

Reporting being the main decision-maker on how to use own earnings and negotiating at work associated positively with IPV and workplace abuse.

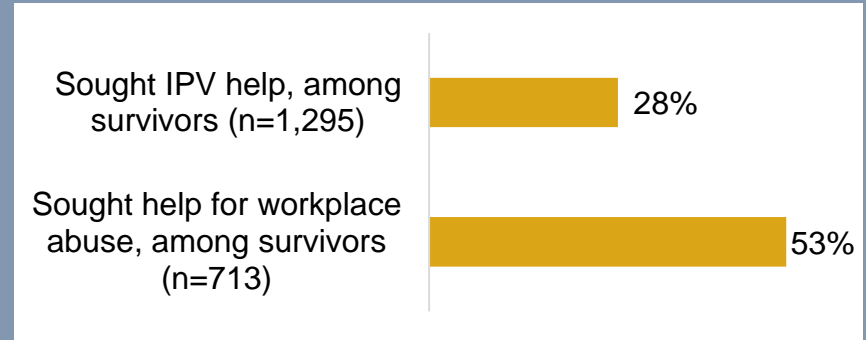
Forthcoming impact evaluation

Changes in associations between women's economic agency and GBV will be compared between women who were randomly assigned to trainings and digital platform opportunities, as compared to a control group.

Prevalence and overlap of IPV and workplace abuse



Help-seeking, by abuse type



Given evidence of backlash against economic agency, empowerment programs should promote skills that help women navigate spousal and workplace communication and decision-making, as well as help-seeking resources.

