

Up-gradation of communication in Socially Isolated Sex worker Females: A point of view

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ABSTRACT

Social isolation is the lack of social communication, connexion with other persons. Those who socially isolate have a lack of contacts with family and friends. Library is a social organisation. A library is a collection of sources of material and similar assets. A library is also a treasure-house of information. A well-stocked library is an asset to our society. The purpose of library or information centre is to meet the needs of public. Communication is the conveying or replacing of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium. Communication helps general people to claim their rights. Communication plays an important role as a foundation for men's development. Communication helps us with empowers an individual to think. From library people get communication, information as well as education. The communication and educational needs of female sex workers as a community are generally unexposed. Library help them to get education and communication. This article examines the Up-gradation of communication in Socially Isolated Sex worker Females.

Keywords: Social isolation, Sex worker, Females, User interaction, Communication

Introduction

The word isolated comes from the Latin word insula, which means island. Social isolation refers to a complete or near-complete lack of contact with people and society for members of a social species. It is not the same as loneliness rooted in temporary lack of contact with other humans. Social isolation can be an issue for anyone despite their age, though symptoms may differ by age group.⁵ Social isolation may be shown when a person's avoidance of social interaction:

- Persists for an extended period of time
- Is a result of depression, shame, or low self-worth
- Is associated with abandonment fears or social anxiety
- Proves detrimental to important social or professional relationships⁶

Sex worker is one of the example of socially isolated female. The term "sex worker" was coined in 1980 by sex worker activist Carol Leigh. The word 'Sex worker' began to come into common usage in the late eighteenth century. Sex working' was a part of daily life in



ancient Greece. A sex worker is a person who works in the sex industry. The term is usually used in reference to those in the sex industry that actually provide such sexual services, as opposed to management and staff of such industries. Some sex workers are paid to engage in sexually explicit behavior which involve varying degrees of physical contact with clients (prostitutes, escorts, some but not all professional dominants); pornography models and actors engage in sexually explicit behavior which are filmed or photographed. Phone sex operators have sexually-oriented conversations with clients, and do additive sexual role play. Other sex workers are paid to engage in live sexual performance, such as web cam sex and performers in live sex shows. Some sex workers perform erotic dances and other acts for an audience. (Wikipedia). Sex worker can be defined as the granting of sexual favors for monetary gain. Sex working is the sale of sexual services, such as oral sex or sexual intercourse, for money. Sex workers face violence in many forms- from social stigma, discrimination, intimidation, pressure and irritation to blatant physical and sexual violence. Experiences of their violence affect communities from various geographical, cultural and economic settings. In modern India, we find different types of sex worker. They are Street prostitutes, bar dancers, Call girls, Religious prostitutes, Escort girls, Road side brothel, Child prostitutes, Gimmick prostitutes, Beat prostitutes. Education is lifelong learning. Knowledge is power. Education helps us with empowers an individual to think, question, Education is the best way to satisfy our curiosity, without extinguishing the burning desire to learn and explore more. Sex worker faces many challenges day to day life. Education help them to face this challenges. For this reason education and communication skills must be necessary for female sex worker.

Objectives:

Objectives of this study are below:

- to know the distribution of Questionnaire
- to know native and ancestral home
- to assess existing work schedule of female sex worker
- to examine chemical dependency of female sex worker.
- to observe reasons of Involvement in Sex working.
- to determine duration of Involvement in Sex working.
- to know age distribution of Sex worker.
- to examine educational level and other vocational experience of Sex worker.
- to assess the child placements of female sex worker.
- to examine health Consciousness of female sex worker
- to observe awareness about Sex workers' in their rights and law

Scope:

The study deals with socially isolated sex worker women. The geographical location of the study is red light areas in Sonagachi and Naihati. Sonagachi is approximate 1 Km distance from Kolkata railway station. Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal. Sonagachi is one of the most famous places in Asia. Naihati is approximate 41 Km distance from Kolkata railway station.



Methodology:

Data was collected through questionnaire, individual discussions and interviews with sex worker. Questionnaire was revised based on the suggestions given by the experts. The present study deals with the sex worker of red light areas in Naihati and Sonagachi. Total 100 structured questionnaires were distributed to collect the primary data. Therefore, collected data are analysed and presented in systematic way duly keeping in view the objective of the study.

Data Analysis and discussion

The structured questionnaire were distributed among the 100 respondents. Out of which 40 respondents were from Naihati, 60 respondents were from Sonagachi. 70 questionnaires were received. Among them 25 respondents were from Naihati, 45 respondents were from Sonagachi (Table-1).

Table-1: Distribution of Questionnaire

Name of the College	Questionnaire distributed	Questionnaire received
Sonagachi	60	45
Naihati	40	25

Table 2: Native and Ancestral Home

Native and Ancestral Home	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Urban Background	15	33.33	13	52.00
Sub Urban	20	44.44	5	20.00
Rural background	10	22.23	7	28.00

Table 2 shows 33.33 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 52.00 percent sex worker of Naihati came from urban background. 44.44 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 20.00 percent sex worker of Naihati came from sub-urban background. 22.23 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent sex worker of Naihati came from rural background.

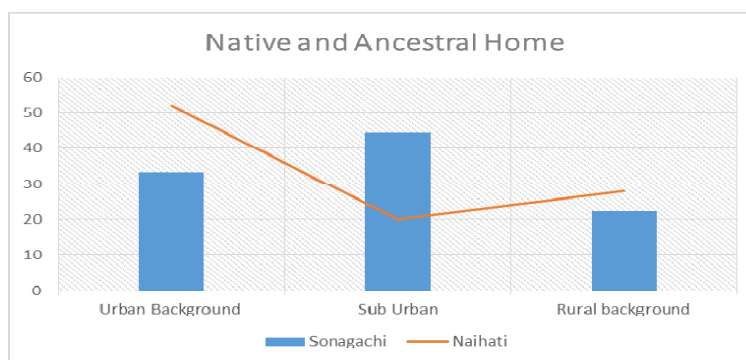


Table 3: Work schedule of female sex worker

Work schedule of female sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Only at night	6	13.33	4	16.00
Only at Evening	8	17.77	5	20.00
Only at Morning	3	06.66	1	04.00
Only at Whole Day	5	11.12	3	12.00
Almost Daily	10	22.23	6	24.00
Several Times in a week	9	20.00	4	16.00
Rarely	4	08.89	2	08.00

Table 2 reveals work schedule of Female Sex worker. 13.33 percent respondents of Sonagachi and 16.00 percent respondents of Naihati work only at night. 17.77 percent respondents of Sonagachi and 20.00 percent respondents of Naihati work only at evening. 06.66 percent respondents of Sonagachi and 04.00percent respondents of Naihati work only at morning. 11.12 percent respondents of Sonagachi and 12.00 percent respondents of Naihati work only at whole day and so on.

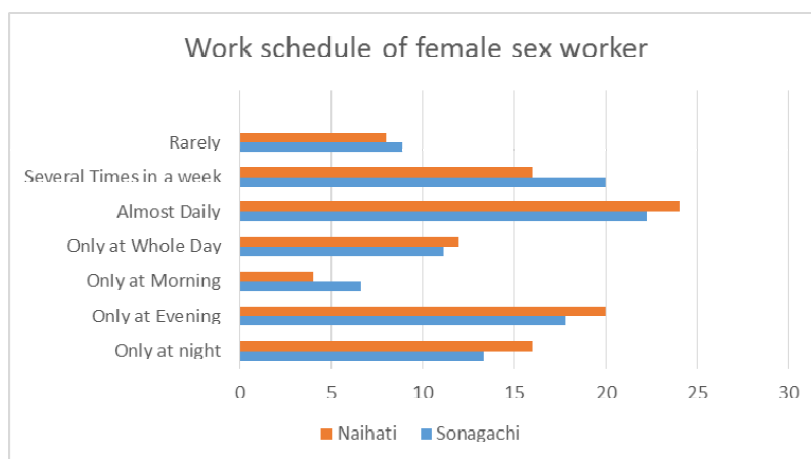


Table 4: Chemical Dependency of female sex worker

Chemical Dependency of female sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Drinking	10	22.22	6	24.00
Smoking	9	20.00	4	16.00
Chewing pan and tobacco	6	13.33	4	16.00
Drugs	15	33.34	8	32.00
Others	5	11.11	3	12.00



Table 4 displays 22.22 percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 24.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati chemical dependency is drinking. 20.00 percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 16.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati chemical dependency is smoking. 13.33 percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 16.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati chemical dependency is chewing pan and tobacco and so on.

Table 5: Reasons of Involvement in Sex working

Reasons of Involvement in Sex working	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Poverty	10	22.22	7	28.00
Criminal defence work	6	13.33	3	12.00
Illiteracy	7	15.55	4	16.00
Early marriage and desertion	6	13.33	2	08.00
Family prostitutes	9	20.00	5	20.00
Bad company	5	11.12	3	12.00
Ill treatment by parents	2	04.45	1	04.00

Table 5 displays reasons of involvement in sex working. 22.22 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this occupation for the reason of poverty. 13.33 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 12.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this occupation for the reason of criminal defence work. 15.55 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 16.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this occupation for the reason of Illiteracy and so on.

Table 6: Duration of Involvement in Sex working

Duration	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Below 3 months	5	11.12	5	20.00
3-12 months	9	20.00	7	28.00
1-4years	11	24.44	6	24.00
5-10years	10	22.22	4	16.00
More than 10years	10	22.22	3	12.00

Table 6 states duration of involvement in Sex working. 11.12 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 20.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this work below three months. 20.00 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this work three to twelve months. 24.44 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 24.00 percent sex worker of Naihati involve in this work one to four years and so on.



Table 7: Age Distribution of Sex worker

Age Distribution of Sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Below 15 years	9	20.00	6	24.00
15-25 years	18	40.00	9	36.00
25-35years	12	26.66	7	28.00
More than 35	6	13.34	3	12.00

Table 7 reveals age distribution of Sex worker. 20.00 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 24.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are below 15 years. 40.00 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 36.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are 15 to 25 years. 26.66 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are 25 to 35 years. 13.34 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 12.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are more than 35 years.

Table 8: Educational level and other vocational experience of Sex worker

Educational level and other vocational experience of Sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Nil	5	11.11	3	12.00
1-4 Class	23	51.11	10	40.00
5-10 Class	10	22.22	6	24.00
More than class10	2	04.44	4	16.00
Other Vocational Experience	5	11.12	2	08.00

Table 8 displays educational level and other vocational experience of Sex worker. 11.11percent percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 12.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are not get any education. 51.11percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 40.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are get 1-4 class education. 22.22percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 24.00 percent sex worker of Naihati are get 5-10 class education and so on.

Table 9: Child placements of female sex worker

Child placements of female Sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Birth Place	31	68.88	15	60.00
Hostle	2	04.44	6	24.00
Rehabilitation centers	5	11.12	3	12.00
Residential school	2	04.44	0	00.00
Other places	5	11.12	1	04.00

Table 9 shows child placements of Female Sex worker. Most of the children of sex worker have birth place, rehabilitation centre etc.



Table 10: Health Consciousness of Female Sex worker

Health Consciousness of Female Sex worker	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Conscious	9	20.00	4	16.00
Partially Conscious	15	33.33	9	36.00
Not- Conscious	18	40.00	7	28.00
No Opinion	3	06.67	5	20.00

Table 10 discloses health consciousness of Female Sex worker. 20.00percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 16.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati conscious about their health. 33.33 percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 36.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati partially conscious about their health. 40.00 percent female sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent female sex worker of Naihati not conscious about their health.

Table 11: Awareness about Sex workers' in their rights and law

Awareness about Sex workers' in their rights and law	Sonagachi		Naihati	
	Total number of responses	%	Total number of responses	%
Aware	5	11.12	7	28.00
Partially Aware	15	33.34	5	20.00
Not- Aware	21	46.66	10	40.00
No Opinion	4	08.88	3	12.00

Table 11 reveals awareness of Sex workers' in their rights and law. 11.12 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 28.00 percent sex worker of Naihati aware about their rights and law. 33.34 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 20.00 percent sex worker of Naihati partially aware about their rights and law. 46.66 percent sex worker of Sonagachi and 40.00 percent sex worker of Naihati not aware about their rights and law and so on.

Suggestion of development Initiative of socially isolated Sex Worker women

- Communication skill is very important for women sex worker. It help to improve their existence.
- Education is most important for sex worker. Because it can help to improve their lives. For this reason in formal education must be help them. Education help their personal and social life. Mobile library is one of the way for learning. Any library services that does not stay in one place is called as mobile library. Mobile library carry CDs, DVD, books, leaflets etc. To go formal education many times they may by shy. But when library came in front of their street or home. They feel homely environment that is suitable for their study purpose. So use of mobile library is important for their study purpose.
- Social isolation female sex worker must give sex education.
- Government should take initiative for self-development of socially isolated Female Sex Worker. Female Sex worker who are educated should involve in small business, NGO work.
- Online sexual health certificate training course should be arranged by different school, college, universities and different organisation.



- Initiative for creation of sex education forum in their area by different school, colleges and NGOs.
- AIDS/ HIV etc. awareness programme should be arranged from different organisation in their area.
- They should create awareness about rights, protection. Durbar Mahila Samanwaya committee take initiative for this.

Conclusion:

Social isolation, in turn, can exacerbate a person's feelings of low self-worth, shame, loneliness, depression, and other mental health concerns. Those people who are socially isolated have a mortality rate and most of them are suffering from mental disorder. Social isolation is a massive risk factor for the start of major depression, which has more than doubled in occurrence over the past decade. And there's growing indication that isolation grows weakness to various forms of addiction. Rehabilitation of the socially isolated women like sex worker is a big problem because people donate for different causes like handicapped people, blind etc. but when it comes to helping these girls not many are prepared. Sex education is not only necessary for sex worker it is also necessary for every students and people. Approximate year 2005-2006 many government aided schools started sex education programme for students. They change its name. They called it life style. Many schools and knowledgeable person protest against it. Now it is an obsolete subject. Sex worker also give sex education. The sex workers non-use of channels such as public libraries, information centres etc. for their shyness. Because many time they feel embarrassed. This will enable him to formulate independent viewpoints and opinions. The role of the library in fostering the intellectual development and communication of socially isolated female cannot be underscored. Dangerous issues for social isolation female sex worker are poor health, disabilities, cheap social networks, aging, and poverty. For rehabilitation of social isolation female sex worker society should take initiative.

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