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2019 World Bank survey revealed that gender-based violence is a global pandemic.

Emotional violence among couples on the rise - study

Intimate partner violence led especially among married couples with 85.2 per cent of them reporting to have experienced emotional violence, with 23.1 per cent of the women reporting to have experienced emotional violence being reported in the last 12 months with some respondents reporting to have experienced more than one type of violence.

Advocacy programmes are needed to sensitise both women and men with the aim of reducing violence.

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ence against women and girls has been on the rise in the country for the last 12 months, a new survey has revealed. Despite the concerted efforts by the government and non-state actors to reduce the cases, the latest report by Performance Monitoring Action (PMA) under the International Centre for Reproductive Health shows the numbers have shot.

The report focused on 11 counties; Nairobi, Nandi, Nyamira, Siaya, Bungoma, Kakamega, West Pokot, Kamba, Kericho, Kilifi, and Marsabit. It revealed that 23.1 per cent of the sampled women reported having experienced violence in the last 12 months with some respondents reporting to have experienced more than one type of violence.

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Further, there was an upsurge of violence against women by the non-partner household members with emotional violence being reported at 86.5 per cent, physical violence (24.5), pressure to have sex without force (14.3), murder threats (13.6) and physically forced sex at 11.1 per cent.

Interestingly, only 1 in 10 of the sampled women sought help for gender-based violence, the report revealed.

Villagers fetch water from a dam at Namasanda village, Bungoma county. [File, Standard]