

Impact of Domestic Violence on Children in an Indian context: A Systematic

Literature Review

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1. Research problem

As per the World Health Organization, violence is an act in which physical power is used to threaten another individual or group, often resulting in injury, psychological harm, or developmental losses (Kimber *et al.*, 2018). Violence comes in different forms, like domestic, communal, and street violence. The most common form of violence is domestic violence. It is a type in which violence takes place within the premises i.e., a home, a house, etc. Piquero *et al.* (2021) emphasise this violence and its criticality because its awareness among people is low, so its controlling chances are also less. Domestic violence might take place between a couple or parents with children. In either type, the chances of domestic violence hurting children are high (Kalokhe *et al.*, 2017). However, conducting a detailed investigation in this area is necessary.

2. Research questions

The chosen research aim is

To evaluate the impact of domestic violence on children in an Indian context

The study objectives include

- To analyse the rationale for high prevalence rate of domestic violence in India
- To evaluate the potential impact created by domestic violence on children development
- To determine the moderating strategies for supporting the children having an exposure to domestic violence in India

3. Motivation/rationale

Regarding domestic violence, India has a high prevalence rate, reaching 33.5% in 2017 (Kalokhe *et al.*, 2017). It means that more than 30% of the females in the region have experienced domestic violence. It implies that children's exposure to domestic violence in the region is relatively high. Kimber *et al.* (2018) provide evidence that about 36.3% of children in India have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime (Choudhry *et al.*, 2018). However, this study is now focused on extending this aspect by evaluating the impact of this exposure to domestic violence on children in India. It refers to the development, progression, motivational, psychological, behavioural, and other aspects of children affected by domestic violence (Piquero *et al.*, 2021). This study is critical to evaluating the consequences of domestic violence on children in India and identifying moderating factors in this regard.

4. Literature highlight

According to Kimber *et al.* (2018), 46% of children exposed to domestic violence as teenagers are expected to develop similar violent behaviours in adulthood. It shows the long-term consequences of exposure to domestic violence as the process continues for a long time. This is in accordance with Kimber *et al.*'s (2018) findings, which highlight that children facing physical abuse or domestic violence in early childhood develop personality issues that affect their motivation, confidence, and progression in life.

5. Methodology

As highlighted in the research questions, the study focuses on exploring the subject matter. For this reason, the study shall use qualitative research methodology to complete this

study because of its data-driven approach (Torres-Carrión *et al.*, 2018). For data collection, the researcher shall use the systematic literature review technique because it will allow the researcher to collect data systematically from secondary resources. A systematic literature review is a relatively better technique as compared to the empirical investigation because it adds high levels of transparency and reliability to the research process and produces more valid results (Torres-Carrión *et al.*, 2018). The thematic analysis technique will be used to analyse the research findings.

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