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Child sexual abuse in Khartoum, Sudan: Pattern and offender associative factors



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Background: The issue of child sexual abuse in Sudan is becoming an occurrence that is very difficult to ignore.

Purpose: This paper aims to identify the pattern of child sexual abuse in Khartoum, Sudan and to study the offender associative factors.

Methods: One hundred and three (103) offenders were interviewed with the use of semi structured questionnaires and the data collected was analyzed descriptively. The data was collected from Al-Huda Prison, Omdurman, family and child protection Unit Khartoum, and Omdurman. In the period from March 2015 to January 2016. Parametric and non-parametric studies were done using SPSS 20.

Results: All offenders were male mostly aged 24-29 years (30.1%) and single (55.3%). Majority were of low educational status (46.6% Primary-Elementary School and 25.2% illiterate). Only 12.6% had a sexual interest in children of that 30.8% was fixated. They were mostly of average (66%) to strong (23.3%) self-control and interpersonal skills (61.2% average and 33% outgoing). They were from moderate (55.3%) to conservative (42.7%) families. Less than half- (6.8%) had been sexually abused. With regards to the pattern of abuse the victims were mostly pubescent (65%) and female (85.4%), 87.4% of offenders were an extra familial figure, 44.7% of offenders were emotionally involved with their victims. Abuse was mainly through contact (93.2%) and predominantly through vaginal penetration (61.5%). Most abuse occurred in the perpetrators house (49.5%), persuasion means were used to convince the victims in 72.8% and prevention of disclosure was not attempted by offenders in 87.4% of cases.

Biography

Nahid M Elhassan has completed her MBBS and MD in Psychiatry. She won award of William Friedrich Memorial Child Sexual Abuse Research, Assessment and/or Treatment Award from Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute and Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, in 2016. In 2015, she served as President of Psychiatric Department in University of Medical Science and Technology, Qatar. Currently, she is working as a Doctor at Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar.

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