

**EXPLORING PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN INVOLVED IN
PROSTITUTION**



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ABSTRACT

Present study was carried out to explore the life experiences of women involved in prostitution using a narrative oriented inquiry with in broader framework of qualitative research. A narrative interview guide was prepared and four women with ages ranging from 25 to 35 years were interviewed in detail. Women narratives were analyzed in terms of fibula (content), sjuzet (form), and later, categorical content analysis was carried out. Fabula presents the major events of their lives such as poverty, whereas sjuzet is how women think about their lives such as helplessness or perpetual deception from people. Categorical content analysis revealed themes such as psychological disturbances, loneliness, and identity transformation. The findings are explainable in both in terms of global perspectives on prostitution as well as local, contextualized settings. Implications of the research can be in terms of providing better psychological support to these women and advocacy at policy level.

