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Knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorders Among Parents of Under-Five Children: A Baseline Assessment for Early Intervention in Eastern Nepal

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Supplementary Table 1. *Association Between Knowledge Level and All Socio-demographic Variables*

Variable	Category	Low n (%)	Moderate n (%)	High n (%)	Statistics
Age of parents	≤30 yrs	58 (26.36)	120 (54.55)	42 (19.09)	$\chi^2 = 2.17$, $p = 0.34$
	>30 yrs	50 (28.09)	85 (47.75)	43 (24.16)	
Sex	Male	23 (34.85)	31 (46.97)	12 (18.18)	$\chi^2 = 2.42$, $p = 0.30$
	Female	85 (25.60)	174 (52.41)	73 (21.99)	
Religion	Hindu	77 (22.92)	181 (53.87)	78 (23.21)	$p < 0.001$*
	Buddhist	14 (53.85)	7 (26.92)	5 (19.23)	
	Muslim	13 (59.09)	8 (36.36)	1 (4.55)	
	Christian	1 (12.50)	6 (75.00)	1 (12.50)	
	Others	3 (50.00)	3 (50.00)	0 (0.00)	
Ethnicity	Dalit	5 (38.46)	8 (61.54)	0 (0.00)	$p < 0.001$*
	Janajati	22 (34.92)	28 (44.44)	13 (20.63)	
	Madheshi	32 (36.78)	41 (47.13)	14 (16.09)	
	Muslim	13 (59.09)	8 (36.36)	1 (4.55)	
	Brahmin/Chhetri	36 (16.90)	120 (56.34)	57 (26.76)	
Educational status	No formal education	11 (68.75)	5 (31.25)	0 (0.00)	$p < 0.001$*
	Primary education	15 (60.00)	7 (28.00)	3 (12.00)	
	Secondary education	36 (31.03)	56 (48.28)	24 (20.69)	
	Higher secondary	32 (22.22)	85 (59.03)	27 (18.75)	
	Bachelor and above	14 (14.43)	52 (53.61)	31 (31.96)	
Occupation	Homemaker	59 (25.43)	125 (53.88)	48 (20.69)	$p = 0.41$*
	Service	22 (23.16)	48 (50.53)	25 (26.32)	
	Business	14 (33.33)	20 (47.62)	8 (19.05)	
	Agriculture	10 (43.48)	9 (39.13)	4 (17.39)	
	Others	3 (50.00)	3 (50.00)	0 (0.00)	
Monthly family income (NPR)	<20,000	30 (47.62)	27 (42.86)	6 (9.52)	$\chi^2 = 23.40$, $p < 0.001$
	20,000–50,000	64 (27.00)	121 (51.05)	52 (21.94)	
	>50,000	14 (14.29)	57 (58.16)	27 (27.55)	
Type of family	Nuclear	48 (28.07)	83 (48.54)	40 (23.39)	$\chi^2 = 1.19$, $p = 0.55$
	Joint	60 (26.43)	122 (53.74)	45 (19.82)	

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Family size	≤5	66 (28.45)	115 (49.57)	51 (21.98)	$\chi^2 = 0.86$, $p = 0.65$
	>5	42 (25.30)	90 (54.22)	34 (20.48)	
Number of children	1	53 (27.89)	105 (55.26)	32 (16.84)	$\chi^2 = 8.06$, $p = 0.09$
	2	45 (24.46)	90 (48.91)	49 (26.63)	
	≥3	10 (41.67)	10 (41.67)	4 (16.67)	
Age of youngest child	Birth–2 months	13 (33.33)	19 (48.72)	7 (17.95)	$\chi^2 = 0.91$, $p = 0.63$
	2 months–5 years	95 (26.46)	186 (51.81)	78 (21.73)	
Child with chronic condition	Yes	1 (5.88)	9 (52.94)	7 (41.18)	$p = 0.035$*
	No	107 (28.08)	196 (51.44)	78 (20.47)	
Source of information					
Health workers	Yes	14 (12.17)	57 (49.57)	44 (38.26)	$\chi^2 = 35.10$, $p < 0.001$
	No	94 (33.22)	148 (52.30)	41 (14.49)	
Media	Yes	79 (24.53)	168 (52.17)	75 (23.29)	$\chi^2 = 7.31$, $p = 0.03$
	No	29 (38.16)	37 (48.68)	10 (13.16)	
Friends/relatives	Yes	28 (19.05)	73 (49.66)	46 (31.29)	$\chi^2 = 16.55$, $p < 0.001$
	No	80 (31.87)	132 (52.59)	39 (15.54)	
Teachers	Yes	8 (20.51)	24 (61.54)	7 (17.95)	$\chi^2 = 1.78$, $p = 0.41$
	No	100 (27.93)	181 (50.42)	78 (21.73)	

**Fisher-Exact test.*