

P-970 - THE STUDY OF DEPRESSION IN REFUGEE WOMEN IN AZERBAIJAN

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Objectives: The study is a part of a large-scale research project implemented by WHO in Azerbaijan. The study is aimed to determine the rates of depression in internally displaced women as well as to define socio-demographic variables affecting vulnerability to depression.

Methods: The screening for depression was carried out among 733 women at the age of 18-65 who had become refugees due to war conflict in Nagorniy Karabakh. 20-item WHO Self-Reporting Questionnaire was used for screening purposes.

Results: 19.2% female refugees did not reveal any symptoms of depression. Yet 24,1% of women presented some depressive complaints which did not meet criteria for depressive disorders. 29,6% had mild to moderate depressive disorders and 27% suffered from severe depression.

Conclusion: The high prevalence of depression in refugee women requires development of specific preventive and treatment programs for this population.