

**A QUALITATIVE STUDY ON THE FACTORS INFLUENCING
THE CHOICE OF WORKING AS A COMMERCIAL SEKS
WORKERS AT BANDAR BARU, DELISERDANG,
NORTH SUMATERA**

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ABSTRACT

Background: The risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases is high among persons who exchange sex for money or non-monetary items. This study aimed to describe the factors influencing the choice of working as a commercial seks workers (CSWs) at Bandar Baru, Deliserdang, North Sumatera.

Subjects and Method: A qualitative study was carried out at Bandar Baru Whore House, Deli Serdang, North Sumatera. A sample of informants was selected for this study, including CSWs and pimps. The study theme was factors influencing the choice of working as a CSW. The data were collected by in-depth interview and direct observation.

Results: The main reason for being a CSW was ease of earning money to support their lifestyle including consumption of illicit expensive drugs.

Conclusion: Commercial sex work is chosen to support costly lifestyle.

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