

The present study was aimed to explore the experiences of intersectional stigma among female sex workers in Lahore and its effects on their wellbeing and living outcomes. A purposive sampling technique was used to recruit the participants. The sample of the study consisted of (N=5) female sex workers aged 20-30 years, from brothels in red light area, Lahore. A Semi-structured interview protocol was established to get insights of their lived experiences with stigma and its effects on the lives of these sex workers. The interviews were audio-recorded and later on transcribed verbatim for a detailed in-depth analysis. The interviews were analyzed by using an Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA). Emergent and sub-ordinate themes were generated. Super-ordinate themes emerged after analysis were ostracism, gender discrimination, effects on mental health, social challenges, financial issues, spirituality and feeling of community. These themes were interpreted in the context of given sub-ordinate themes and verbatim of the participants. This study will help to bring individual level change as well as activism, philanthropic and policy level change in terms of improving treatment of the sex workers in the Pakistani context.