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## **ABSTRACT**

This study explores the capacity of Durkheim's suicide theory and Hirschi's control theory to explain the causes of suicide and suicide attempt by people in Tharparker district. This research examines why people attempt suicide, exposure to reason behind the suicide and how to prevent from suicide. It also explores the age factors of suicide. The results reveal that exposure to lack of resources. The results also reveal that mental health illness problem in Tharparker district. The results are discussed considering Durkheim's suicide theory and Hirschi's Control theory.



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## CHAPTER ONE

### INTRODUCTION

According to Durkheim, among the various kinds of death, there are some that have the peculiar feature of being the responsibility of the victim: the result of an act of which the sufferer is the author; and, in addition to that, it is certain that this same feature is at the basis of the generally held notion of what constitutes "suicide" ([1897] 1951). Based on these, Durkheim defined that "suicide" is the term applied to any case of death resulting directly or indirectly from a positive or negative act, carried out by the victim himself, which he was aware would produce this result ([1897] 1951). An attempted suicide is the act so defined, attempted before death has occurred ([1897] 1951). In Suicide, what was expressed by those statistical data Durkheim used is the tendency for suicide to afflict any given society. Whatever one may think about the subject, it is a fact that the tendency exists in one form or the other: every society is pre-disposed to supply a given number of voluntary deaths.

Suicide, as a social phenomenon, has gained increased notoriety in recent years with widely publicized accounts of the "suicide crisis" among Americans and heightened concern over "right to die" issues in the United States as well as abroad. At the time Durkheim wrote, European attitudes to suicide were shaped by three forces. The oldest was virtuous suicide, first practiced by Socrates, cup of poisonous hemlock in hand, serving as his own judge for crimes he committed against the state; virtuous suicide took a later Roman form when aristocrats committed suicide rather than bring dishonor upon

their houses. From its earliest days, Christianity had rejected the virtue in virtuous suicide. Christian theologians asserted that no human being had the right to dispose of life as he or she pleased—only God could decide for death. This belief was elaborated in Church law during the Renaissance, when moral horror at suicide joined prohibitions against infanticide, abortion, and contraception; later, capital punishment joined the list. All came to seem the same crime, that of judging when life should end.

Durkheim argued that social rate of suicide can only be explained sociologically. It is the moral constitution of society that determines at any moment the number of voluntary deaths. Thus, for every nation there is a collective force, of a definite level of energy, which drives men to kill

themselves. The movements that the victim carries out-which, at first sight, seem to express only his personal temperament-are the outcome and extension of a social state to which they give external form (Durkheim, [1897] 1951). Undoubtedly, suicide is a form of delinquency. To date, three fundamental perspectives on delinquency and deviant behavior dominate the current scene (Hirschi, 2002). According to strain or motivational theories, legitimate desires that conformity cannot satisfy force a person into deviance (Merton, 1957). According to control or bond theories, a person is free to commit delinquent acts because his ties to the conventional order have somehow been broken (Matza, 1964). According to cultural deviance theories, the deviant conforms to a set of standards not accepted by a larger or more powerful society (Kornheiser, 1963). In *Suicide*, Durkheim argues that the more weakened the groups to which [the individual] belongs, the less he depends on them, the more he consequently depends only on himself and recognizes no other rules of conduct than what are founded on his private interests (Durkheim, [1897] 1951) which could be explained perfectly by control theory. Control theories assume that delinquent acts result when an individual's bond to society is weak or broken. Since these theories embrace two highly complex concepts, the bond of the individual to society, it is not surprising that they have at one time or another formed the basis of explanations of most forms of aberrant or unusual behavior. It is also not surprising control theories have described the elements of the bond to society in many ways, and that they have focused on a variety of units as the point of control. Social control could be equated with formal regulation or forced conformity by institutions such as the police and courts, it also could be informal mechanisms by which people themselves achieve public order. Examples of informal social control include the monitoring of spontaneous play groups among children, a willingness to intervene to prevent acts such as truancy and street-corner "hanging" by teenage peer groups, and the confrontation of persons who are exploiting or disturbing public space. This study assumes think about suicide and attempt suicide. That means a control on delinquent behavior as an informal mechanism, such as suicide ideation and suicide attempt.

Death is no doubt one of the most painful realities of life. The death of someone close leaves both a physical and emotional void that provokes profound feelings of grief, loss, and anger among those who survive (Berman, Jobes & Silverman, 2006). For most youth, however, death happens far away, or at some future time, or to others, especially those who lead lives of excessive risk. Thus, in a predominantly youth-oriented culture, particularly among the youth of that culture, death is a

topic easily avoided or denied. It is in this context that the death of a young person hurts our sensibilities, especially when that death is self-imposed (Berman & Carroll, 1984). It is in this context that the suicide of a young person hurts the lives of peers and loved ones.

### **Justification of topic**

The purpose of the topic is to identify the causes of the suicide and difficulties faced by the people of district Tharparker. At the low-level family how, they get rid of from the suicide issue and how can people get access of resources.

The aim of the topic is to find out reason and other problems like as poverty, mental health illness, lack of resources and lack of other facilities and problems like as , domestic violence and family conflict are the main reason behind suicide. And find out we decrease the problem of suicide through access the proper mental health care.

### **Objectives**

- I. To know about suicide in the study area.
- II. To know the causes behind suicide.
- III. To know the perception of suicide.
- IV. To suggest measures to decrease problem.

## CHAPTER TWO

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### **Durkheim's Suicide Theory**

One of the first to offer a sociological explanation of suicide was Emile Durkheim ([1897] 1951). Durkheim argued that suicide has a social dimension. People from different religions, classes and religious backgrounds destroy themselves in different proportions. Durkheim asked why this should be. He observed that groups in which there is a good balance between individual initiative and communal solidarity have the lowest rates of suicide. That observation led him to argue that late nineteenth-century society was deeply out of balance, that it lacked a life-sustaining equilibrium between the personal and the collective (Durkheim, [1897] 1951). In form, the author takes his reader on something akin to an archaeological dig, shifting through evidence from psychiatry, race, heredity, climate, and geography to get at the social core buried beneath. The form reflects Durkheim's conviction that social bonds lie below the surface of people's everyday consciousness (Mammon, Browning & Brooks-Gunn, 2010). Aware of the intuitive appeal of psychological explanations for suicide, Durkheim insisted that suicide rates are social facts that could best be studied using sociological concepts and methods (Maimon, Browning & Brooks-Gunn, 2010). Durkheim concludes that suicide rates vary inversely with the degree of social integration and moral regulation experienced by individuals within religious, domestic, and political collectivities by examining suicide within several European countries. According to Durkheim, insufficient social integration enhances individualism and encourages egoistic suicide, while a society that is unable to regulate individuals' naturally unlimited ambitions and aspirations create fertile ground for anomic suicide (Durkheim [1897] 1951). Durkheim offers evidence that suicide rates increase with the attenuation of social integration and normative regulation within societies. Durkheim provided sociologists with a formidable conceptualization of the link between religion and suicide. Durkheim ([1897] 1951) accepted the finding that more Protestants commit suicide than others, dismissing the influence of dogma and the greater morality of minority religions in favor of an explanation that contrasted Protestant free inquiry with Catholic emphasis on unquestioning acceptance of beliefs and rituals. He located the key to this difference in dramatic societal changes in the late 19th century society. Protestantism

developed as a religion that responded to "modern" society by loosening its hold on members' collective lives, thus forfeiting its ability to restrain self-destructive impulses. Durkheim's general proposition conceptualized extremes—very weak integration (egoism) or overly strong integration (altruism) produces suicide (Smelser & Warner, 1976). In *Suicide*, Durkheim saw religion only as integrative but in later works ([1915] 1961) describes religion as having regulative aspects. Confusion over the relative and independent roles of integration and regulation has led some scholars to argue that there is no difference between the two (Johnson, 1965).

According to Durkheim, what accounted for rising suicide rates at the end of the 19th century was deterioration of traditional forms of social organization. However, he failed to explain how social organization changed and how it influenced religion's role in people's lives (Pescosolido & Georgianna 1989). Pescosolido and Georgianna show that religious affiliation is associated with suicide rates in contemporary American society. And they indicate that the effects are more complex than Durkheim's theory or empirical research derived from Durkheim's ideas would suggest. Specifically, although Catholicism continues to exert a protective influence over suicide rates, some Protestant denominations, predominantly of the evangelical type, do so as well, while many of the Institutional Protestant denominations increase suicide rates. Durkheim's specific hypotheses on protective influence of religions are, at best, only partially supported. Yet his fundamental propositions can provide insight for the pattern of results (Pescosolido & Georgianna, 1989). Studies regarding the contextual importance of the rate of societal change are based on Durkheim's ([1897] 1951) observation that suicides tend to increase in times of crisis or rapid social change, attributing this increase to "disturbances of the collective order" (p.246), which diminish social regulation. As he puts it, "...When society is disturbed by some painful crisis or by beneficent but abrupt transitions, it is momentarily incapable of exercising this influence [regulation]; thence come the sudden rises in the curve of suicides" (p.252). Contemporary authors also have documented the relationship of social changes in kinship patterns as well as urbanization and modernization to changes in suicide rates (Stack, 1990, 1992, 1993). Some subsequent research on suicide offers support for Durkheim's claims. Several studies suggest that affiliation with conservative religious groups serve as a protective mechanism against suicide and other deviant behavior (Breault, 1986; Stack, 1985). Other studies confirm Durkheim's family integration hypothesis, finding that marital and family stability are associated with lower suicide rates (Baller & Richardson, 2002; O'Brien

&Stockyard, 2006; Stockyard& O'Brien, 2002). Finally, Pescosolido and Georgianna (1989) suggest that social ties that are based on religious affiliation provide support and guidance (i.e., regulation) against suicide.

### **Hirschi's Social Control Theory**

Social control should not be equated with formal regulation or forced conformity by institutions such as the police and courts. Rather, social control refers generally to the capacity of a group to regulate its members according to desired principles-to realize collective, as opposed to forced, goal (Sampson, Raudenbush & Earls, 1997). Durkheim said it many years ago: "We are moral beings to the extent that we are social beings. "This may be interpreted to mean that we are moral beings to the extent that we have "internalized the norms" of society. The norms of society are shared by the members of society. To violate a norm is, therefore, to act contrary to the wishes and expectations of other people. If a person does not care about the wishes and expectations of other people-that is, if he or she is insensitive to the opinion of others-then he or she is to that extent not bound by the norms (Hirschi, [1969] 2002). The essence of internalization of norms, conscience, or superego thus lies in the attachment of the individual to others (Hirschi, [1969] 2002). This dimension of the bond to conventional society is encountered in most social control-oriented research and theory.

It is in control theory, then, that attachment to parents becomes a central variable, and many of the variations in explanations of this relation may be found within the control theory. As is well known, the emotional bond between the parent and the child presumably provides the bridge across which pass parental ideals and expectations. If the child is alienated from the parent, he will not learn or will have no feeling for moral rules, he will not develop an adequate conscience or superego (Nye, 1958). But if the conscience is a relative constant built into the child at an early age, how do we explain the increase in delinquent activity in early adolescence and the decline in late adolescence? Therefore, the child attached to his parents may be less likely to get into situation in which delinquent acts are possible, simply because he spends more of his time in their presence. However, since most delinquent acts require little time, and since most adolescents are frequently exposed to situations potentially definable as opportunities for delinquency, the amount of time spent with parents would probably be only a minor factor in delinquency prevention. So-called "direct control" is not, except as a limiting case, of much substantive or theoretical importance. The

important consideration is whether the parent is psychologically present when temptation to commit suicide appears. If, in the situation of temptation, no thought is given to parental reaction, the child is to this extent free to commit heact. If attachment to others is the sociological counterpart of the superego or conscience, commitment is the counterpart of the ego or common sense. The concept of commitment assumes that the organization of society is such that the interests of most persons would be endangered if they were to engage in criminal acts. "Ambition" and/or "aspiration" play an important role in producing conformity. The person becomes committed to a conventional line of action, and he is therefore committed to conformity. Involvement or engrossment in conventional activities is often part of a control theory. The assumption, widely shared, is that a person may be simply too busy doing conventional things to find time to engage in deviant behavior. The person involved in conventional activities is tied to appointments, deadlines, working hours, plans, and the like, so the opportunity to commit deviant acts rarely arises. To the extent that he is engrossed in conventional activities, he cannot even think about deviant acts, let alone act out his inclinations.

The control theory assumes the existence of a common value system within the society or group whose norms are being violated. Social control or its assumption that there is variation in the extent to which people believe they should obey the rules of society, and, furthermore, that the less a person believes he should obey the rules, the more likely he is to violate them (Hirschi, [1969]2002).

### **Other Perspectives**

As Minear (1978) documents, there are three basic philosophical positions towards suicide: suicide is acceptable; suicide is allowable under certain circumstances; suicide is never justified. Similarly, Novak had written one of the few books on suicide from a philosophical Judaic perspective, commented that suicide is a complex issue that involves many significant human issues and that neither philosophy nor social sciences can afford to ignore each other's perspective and insights (Domino, Cohen & Gonzalez, 1981).

### **Social Networks**



As Marty (1976) claims, what distinguishes religions in the United States today is social behavior, what people do, not just what they believe, Churches are "natural communities" dependent upon factors such as member participation and socialization of initiates by members (Gustafson, 1961). This study proposes that social network provides a clue to synthesizing these ideas with the dimension of "integration" found in Durkheim's original formulation. Durkheim's notion of the centrality of social integration in understanding suicide corresponds to the primary starting point of network theory: the nature of social relations influences individual's attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. If we replace "society" with "networks" in Durkheim's ideas, the notion of the multiplicity of social arenas becomes clearer. To borrow from Simmel's (1955) network imagery, an individual in contemporary society belongs to several social circles or networks. Abstract parts of society—"religion," the "family", the "economy"—Fischer (1982) suggests, are really the operation of personal networks. The critical aspects in these networks center on interaction among members, that is, their social ties. The potential strength of an individual's ties depends, in part, on the "kittiness" of the network itself. The "hidden payoff" of religion that account for its continuous appeal, according to Collins (1982), is the ability of religious networks to provide a source of collective energy on which individuals can draw during difficult times. And strong ties provide emotional support and access to intangible resources (Wellman, 1983). Network theory permits differentiating analytically between the structure of ties and their functions. One potential function of social network is integration or the ability to provide social and emotional support. Another is regulation, guiding action through advice and behavior monitoring (Umberson, 1987). While integrative and regulative functions may occur together, they do not always do so. The strength of the tie affects the ability of the network to carry out either function, not simply integration.

### **Suicidal Attitudes**

While opinion polls continue to show substantial public disapproval (Gallup, 1978), survey studies were reporting significant support for the rights of suicide victims as early as 1970 (Beswick, 1970). In previous study (Domino et al., 1980), 12% of the respondents felt that society had no right to interfere with the wishes of suicide victims. Approval levels as high as 48% have been found in cases of terminal illness (NORC, 1983), and while clearly a less compelling justification, full 20% of the population approves of suicide even when one is simply a burden on his or her

family (Gallup,1978).In Sawyer and Sobal's studies, they analyzed several correlations to determine whether the attitude differences they discovered could be explained by a respondent's (1)"dissatisfaction with life," which should lead to greater empathy with and thus tolerance for suicide victims; (2) "anomia," which should produce similar reactions among those who experience a lack of purpose in their own lives; (3) "civil libertarianism," which should translate into greater support for the victim's individual autonomy and self-determination; (4) "prolife" values, since suicide, like abortion, can be seen to violate the moral-religious sanctity of human life; and (5) social participation," which might serve to lessen group pressures to conform to moral-religious prohibitions of this kind (Sawyer&Sobal,1987). Contrary to its popular image as a socially deviant act, suicide is considered an acceptable solution to certain life problems, such as incurable diseases (Sawyer & Sobal,1987). While aggregate approval rates vary with the type of justification given (bankruptcy, family dishonor, etc.), suicide attitudes seem to be based upon coherent beliefs about the "rightness" or "wrongness" of the act, as evidenced by the tendency of supporters and opponents to maintain their relative positions regardless of the reason a person gives for taking his/her own life. These beliefs in turn vary across sociodemographic lines and closely parallel corresponding differences in prolife and civil libertarian values.

### **Moral Issues-Shame**

Suicidal action is considered shameful by most people—in fact, by more than considered mental illness shameful (Ginsburg, 1971). Suicide is not seen as a "personal characteristic" that can be transmitted from parent to child, but as one that may affect the person's future behavior, since under some circumstances he may repeat this attempt. Ginsburg argues that despite the widespread personal contacts people have had with suicidal behavior, it still is seen as a shameful event; and both the suicidal person and his family are likely to have a pall of stigma cast over them (Ginsburg, 1971). Moreover, the families themselves are likely to feel ashamed—at least in part because of disgrace rather than solely because of guilt or a sense of responsibility. This gives clear support to the widely held belief among health professionals that suicide is a shameful event and a taboo topic in most countries, both currently and historically (Bakwin, 1957; World Health Organization, 1968).

## **Contextual Effect**

Durkheim and early moral statisticians were the first to document variations in suicide rates among and within nations (Durkheim, [1897] 1951; Morselli, [1882] 1975; Quetelet, [1883] 1984). In the year followed, many other scholars examined these differences and found remarkably similar cross-cultural patterns in rates of suicide as well as variations in cultural attitudes and acceptance of suicide (Day 1984; Hendin 1964). Suicide occurs in a cultural context, but that context, especially in terms of community attitudes, has not been explored fully. The few studies available (Ginsburg, 1971; Sale, Williams, Clark & Mills, 1975) have utilized open-ended or semi-structured interviews, and the responses are not readily comparable. Differences in suicide rates and attitudes toward suicide traditionally found among societies continue to exist (Stockard and O'Brien 2002). Such international differences in suicide rates and attitudes toward suicide reflect deep-seated cultural patterns regarding suicide.

## **Suicide Ideation**

A review of literature yielded little research devoted to investigating the factors that shape suicide ideation among adults or youth. Two studies of adults and one with adolescents suggest links between suicide ideation and life satisfaction. From a nationwide sample of adults aged 18-24 in Finland, using a 20-year follow up technique, Koivumaa-Honkanen et al. (2001), found that life dissatisfaction had a long-term effect on the risk of suicide ideation, however, this effect appeared to be partly mediated through poor health behavior. In another study with adults, Lester (1998) examined the association between suicide ideation and life satisfaction in college students from nations. Of the ten correlations between suicide and life satisfaction domains (e.g., satisfaction with friends, family, self, life), only one correlation was significant (i.e., Female suicide ideation and satisfaction with family). Therefore, much work needs to be done to reliably determine the magnitude and meaning of the association between the possible factors and suicide ideation among adolescents. Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violent behavior and sexual risk-taking have been found to be associated with reduced life satisfaction. It is likely that suicide ideation will prove to be associated with life satisfaction in varying degrees. Therefore, this study will investigate the effect of education satisfaction on self-reported suicide ideation and suicide attempt among Asian adolescents.

## Family and Parental Characteristics

Among the most studied of variables relating to adolescent suicide is the influence of family, and the parental system (e.g., Wagner, 1997; Wagner, Silverman & Martin, 2003). As role models, as sources of praise and reinforcement, and as nurturers and caretakers, parents have obvious roles in the development of healthy and ultimately autonomous children. When parents, individually or together, have serious conflicts or problems, the adolescent's press for autonomy and growth may be seriously affected (Berman, Jobes & Silverman, 2006). Compared to normal adolescents, suicidal adolescents report poorer familial relationships and more interpersonal conflict with parents with less affection (Brent, Perper, Moritz, Baugher, et al., 1993; Slap, Vorters, Chaudhuri & Centor, 1989; Wagner, Cole & Schwartzman, 1995; Wagner et al., 2003). They describe time spent with their families as less enjoyable and hold more negative views of their parents (McKenry, Tishler & Kelly, 1983). In their review of this literature, Wagner et al. (2003) found the following six major lines of empirical research that capture contemporary considerations of adolescent suicide and family factors:

1. Family communications and problems solving. There is a fair amount of evidence that problems between parents and children are implicated in adolescent suicide completions (Brent, Perper, Morritz, Baugher, et al., 1993; Gould et al., 1996; Gould, Shaffer, Fisher & Garfinkel, 1998). In terms of attempted suicide and suicidal ideation, dysfunction in the whole family system has been observed in several prospective studies (e.g., King et al., 1995; Mckeown et al., 1998).
2. Scapegoating or expendable child. The view that suicidal adolescents are perceived as "expendable" or are differentially treated negatively within a family system dates to work conducted by Sabbath (1969). Empirical literature linking negative treatment to completed suicide is limited, but there is more evidence that suicidal teen attempters and idolators may be singled out within a family, particularly in relation to physical and sexual abuse (e.g., Brown, Cohen, Johnson & Smailes, 1999; Fergusson, Woodward & Horwood, 2000).
3. Attachment to caregiver. Many studies have focused on attachment-related issues such as separation, loss, or quality of parent-child attachments. Data linking attachment issues to completed suicide is limited, Suicide and attempts and ideation do seem to occur more in single-family homes (e.g., Wagner et al., 1995), but the data are mixed and sometimes contradictory. In terms of quality

of attachment, some data suggest an association between suicidality and lower parental care and availability (West, Sprenge, Rose & Adam, 1999), whereas other research has not shown that attachment status prospectively predicts suicidality (Klimes-Dougan et al., 1999).

4. Family psychopathology. Evidence of family psychopathology in first-degree relatives is also somewhat mixed. Some data suggest higher rates of psychopathology among family members of adolescent suicide completers (Brent, Bridge, Johnson & Connolly, 1996), attempters, and ideators (Fergusson et al., 2000; Klimes-Dougan et al., 1999), whereas other prospective studies have failed to link suicidal attempts and ideation with family psychopathology (Brent, Kolko, et al., 1993).

5. Other evidence of family transmission. Family studies of adult probands and behavioral genetics have yielded interesting results. For example, research among the Amish has supported the notion of familial transmission of suicidal behavior (Egeland & Susser, 1985). Moreover, genetic studies of twins versus studies of adopted siblings provide consistent evidence of genetic influences on suicidal behavior (Papadimitriou, Linkowski, Delabre & Medeleuicz, 1991; Roy & Seigel, 2001).

6. Molecular genetic research. Behavioral genetic research has inspired a contemporary line of study examining specific mechanisms for transmission of suicidal behaviors. These studies tend to focus on serotonin influences (e.g., Arango & Underwood, 1997) and on the serotonin transporter gene (Mann et al., 1997). This largely retrospective line of research needs replication to further clarify conflicting results.

### **Religion and Belief**

Little is known about attitudes toward suicide and how these attitudes interrelate with religious membership. In 1981, Domino, Cohen and Gonzalez conducted a study to investigate Jewish and Christian Attitudes on Suicide. Their report is one of a series of studies stemming from the development and application of a suicide opinion questionnaire (the SOQ) and reports on attitudes toward suicide held by a sample of adults of the Jewish faith and a matched sample from various Christian religions. The results show that more Jewish respondents agree that suicide is allowable in cases of incurable disease and that there may be situations where suicide is the only reasonable resolution. Jewish respondents also endorse with greater frequency the belief that people should be prevented from committing suicide and disagree with a policy of noninterference with potential suicide victims (Domino, Cohen &

Gonzalez 1981). These results are like but somewhat more extreme than those reported by Ginsburg, who found that 56 percent of a sample of Nevada residents expressed the view that people do not have the right to take their own lives (Ginsburg 1971). Thus, Jewish respondents appear to have a somewhat more flexible attitude toward suicide; yet they clearly do not endorse a hands-off policy. Minear and Brush studied college students with a 29-item attitudinal scale that measured suicide beliefs, suicide values, and belief in an afterlife. They found that Jews were most supportive of suicide, followed by Protestants and Catholics, but that students with weak or nonexistent religious ties had the most favorable and accepting attitudes toward suicide (Minear & Brush 1980).

### **Specific Hypotheses Questions**

This study investigates these issues by examining ten critical questions:

Q1: Why do people attempt suicide? Q2: Is it possible to predict suicide? Q3: The most likely people who committed suicide their age? Q4: Most of the people who committed suicides are? Q5: Who are mostly people, who attempt suicide? Q6: In the above question if your answer is married than what is reason behind that? Q7: Who committed suicide more male or female? Q8: Those who committed suicide are cowards who cannot face life's challenges? Q9: Suicide can be prevented? Q10: How we can decrease the problem of suicide?

## **CHAPTER THREE**

# **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

## **Research Methodology**

According to Goddard and Melville (2001, p.1), research goes beyond the process of gathering information; rather, it is also about finding answers to unanswered questions as part of discovering and/or creating new knowledge. And in order for this newly discovered or created knowledge to be recognized or noticed, you have to prove that it is valid.

Research methodology simply refers to the practical “how” of any given piece of research. More specifically, it is about how a researcher systematically designs a study to ensure valid and reliable results that address the research aims and objectives.

“A methodology is capable of providing valid answers to research questions” (Kumar 2011:47) This research is quantitative research study based upon causes of suicide in tharparker district. In this study the researchers applied an explanatory research methodology with theoretical perspective for the investigation the ensuring methods, techniques, and tools were used for empirical results. Which are lives in tharparker and the sample is used, in this research is sample random sampling and respondents is fifty, spss system version (V.N14.0) is used to analyze the data.

## **Size of sampling**

In this research the size of sample is fifty because we have selected tharparker side area and, we collected information from different area of thearparker district, so we have easily done our questionnaire from the respondents and they were co-operative.

## **Sampling**

The sample of the study consisted of primary data . We are selected 50 respondents from different areas of tharparker district, which are Mithi, Chelhar, Islamkot, Jogimarchi and Vejhyar. we have selected ten respondents from each area, we collected basic information about causes of suicide and reason behind that and ratio was much greater in these areas because people of these areas are unaware and lack of resources. We have selected simple random sampling.

### **Method of data collection**

The researcher collected data through quantitative data collection method and use the probability sampling type of simple random sampling. The researchers collected data through questionnaires, this research study was conducted on primary data to assess the problems of, causes of suicide in tharparker district. The data is collected through close ended questionnaire and numeric form technique was used, and questions distributed randomly in 50 respondents and researchers were available for any query and they informed fully to respondents about the questions.



# DATA ANALYSIS

## Data analysis

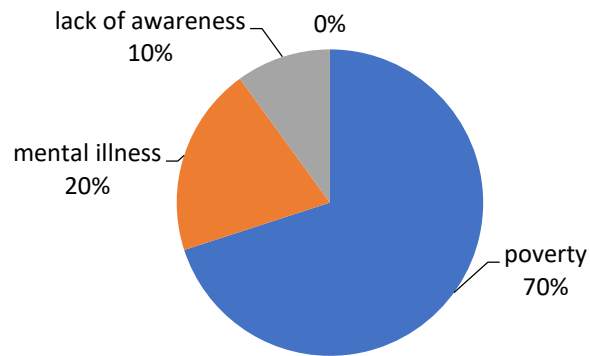
After data collection the second step of researchers to analyze the data with the help of questionnaire and collected data. The SPSS (statistical package for social sciences) software was used in analyzing data and the graphs were drawn using MS word. Data was analyzed with descriptive analysis (frequencies) data analyze is important factor of research with the help data collection we are finding the result of research.

**Table No# 01**

### 1. Why do people attempt suicide?

|       |                   | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Poverty           | 35        | 70.0    | 70.0          | 70.0               |
|       | Mental Illness    | 10        | 20.0    | 20.0          | 90.0               |
|       | lack of Awareness | 5         | 10.0    | 10.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total             | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

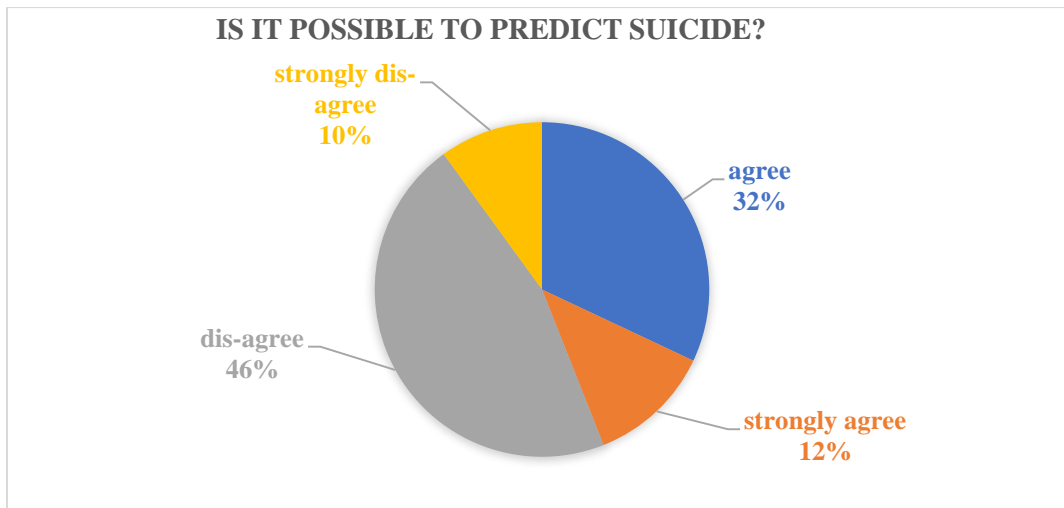
## Why do people attempt suicide?



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 70% says due to poverty, 20% says due to mental illness and 10% says due to lack awareness. Majority of the respondents says that the people attempt suicide due to poverty.

## 2. Is it possible to predict suicide?

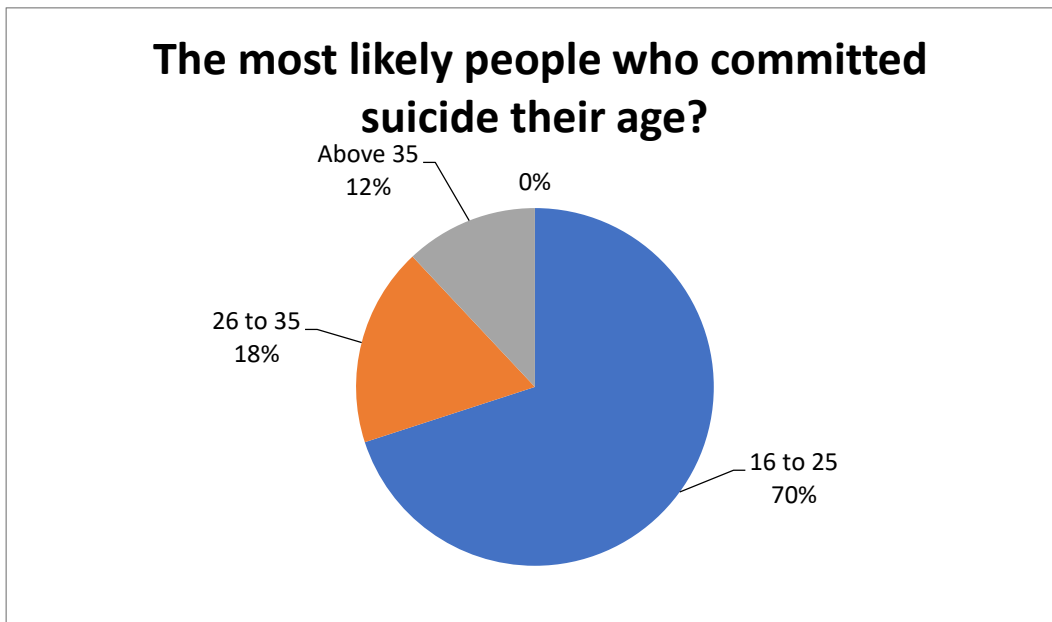
|       |                    | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | agree              | 16        | 32.0    | 32.0          | 32.0               |
|       | strongly agree     | 6         | 12.0    | 12.0          | 44.0               |
|       | dis-agree          | 23        | 46.0    | 46.0          | 90.0               |
|       | strongly dis-agree | 5         | 10.0    | 10.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total              | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 46% says disagree, 32% says agree 12% says strongly agree and 10% says strongly disagree. Majority of the respondents says that the people cannot predict about suicide.

**3. The most likely people who committed suicide their age?**

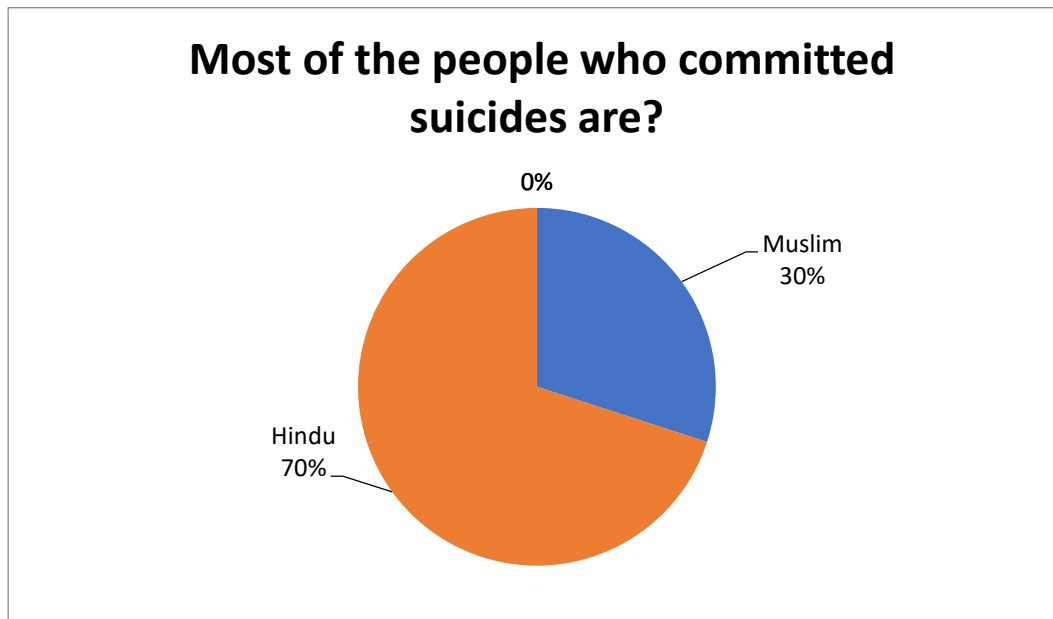
|       |          | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 16 to 25 | 35        | 70.0    | 70.0          | 70.0               |
|       | 26 to 35 | 9         | 18.0    | 18.0          | 88.0               |
|       | above 35 | 6         | 12.0    | 12.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total    | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 70% says their age is 16 to 25, 18% says their age is 26 to 35, and 12% says their age is above 35. Majority of the respondents says that the people who committed suicide their age 16 to 25years.

#### 4. Most of the people who committed suicides are?

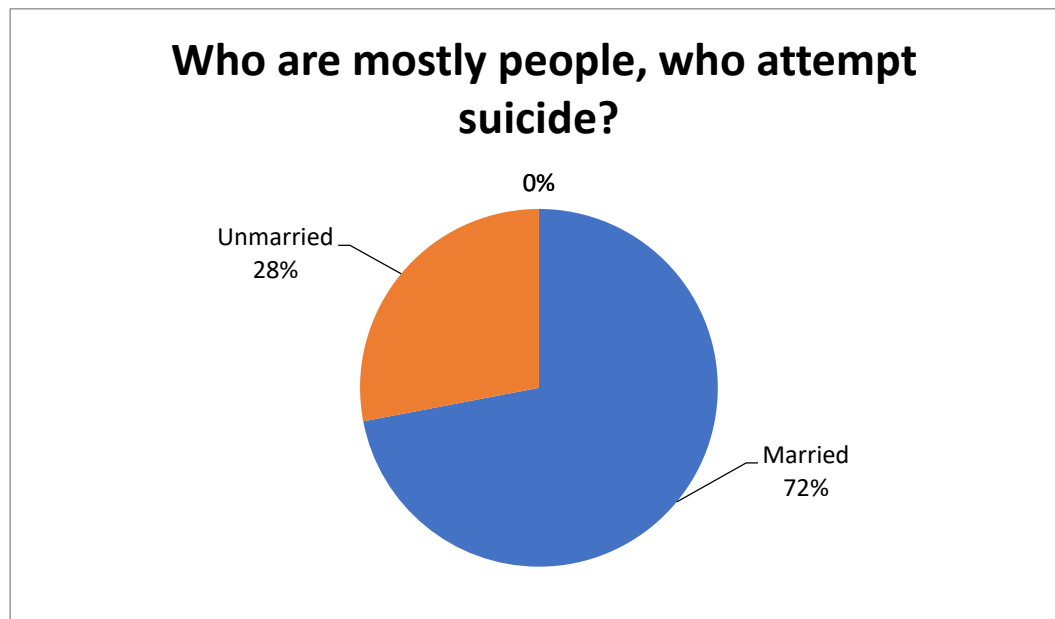
|       |        | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Muslim | 15        | 30.0    | 30.0          | 30.0               |
|       | Hindu  | 35        | 70.0    | 70.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total  | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 70% says Hindu, and 30% says Muslim. Majority of the respondents says that most of the people who committed suicides are Hindu.

### 5. Who are mostly people, who attempt suicide?

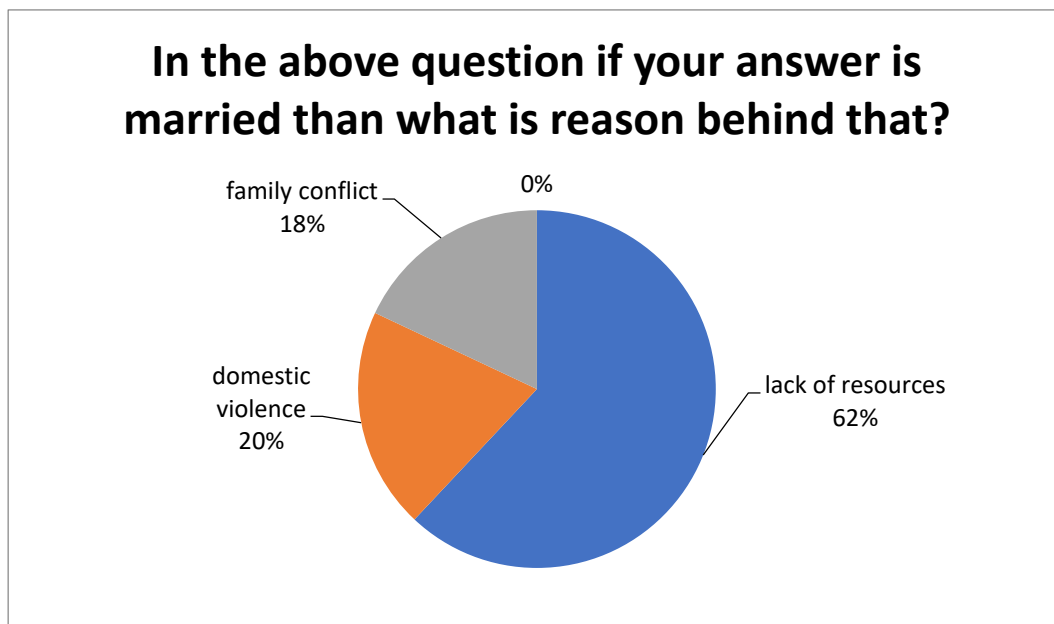
|       |           | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Married   | 36        | 72.0    | 72.0          | 72.0               |
|       | Unmarried | 14        | 28.0    | 28.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total     | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 72% says married, and 28% says unmarried. Majority of the respondents says that mostly people who committed suicides are married.

**6. In the above question if your answer is married than what is reason behind that?**

|       |                   | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | lack of resources | 31        | 62.0    | 62.0          | 62.0               |
|       | domestic violence | 10        | 20.0    | 20.0          | 82.0               |
|       | family conflict   | 9         | 18.0    | 18.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total             | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

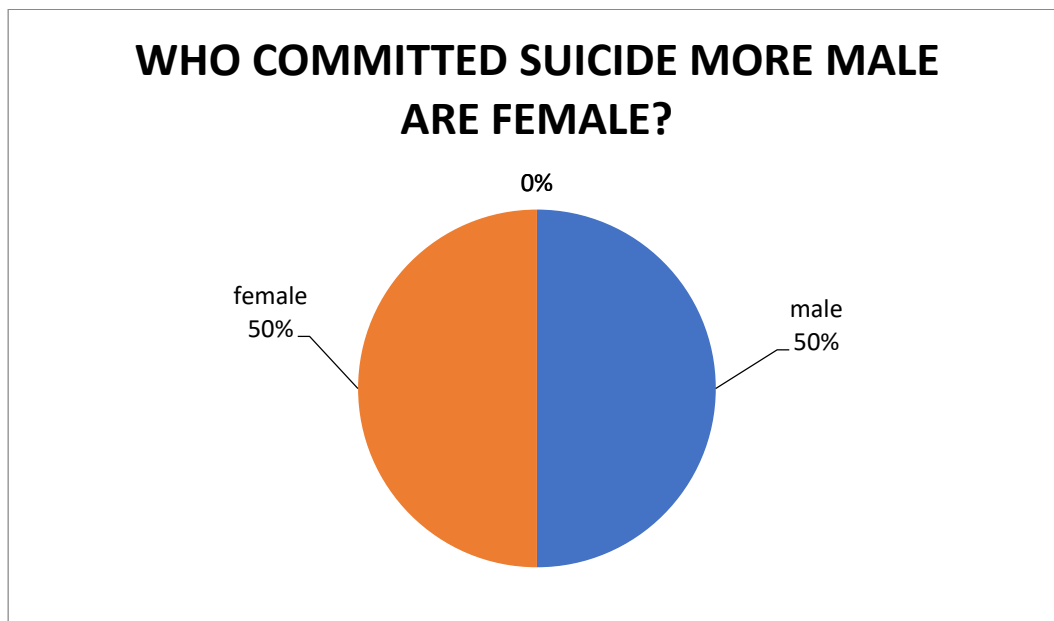


The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 62% says reason is lack of resources, 20% says reason is domestic violence and 18% says reason is family conflict. Majority of the respondents says that mostly people who committed suicides behind reason is lack of resources.

**Table No#07**

**7. Who committed suicide more male or female?**

|       |        | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Male   | 25        | 50.0    | 50.0          | 50.0               |
|       | Female | 25        | 50.0    | 50.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total  | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



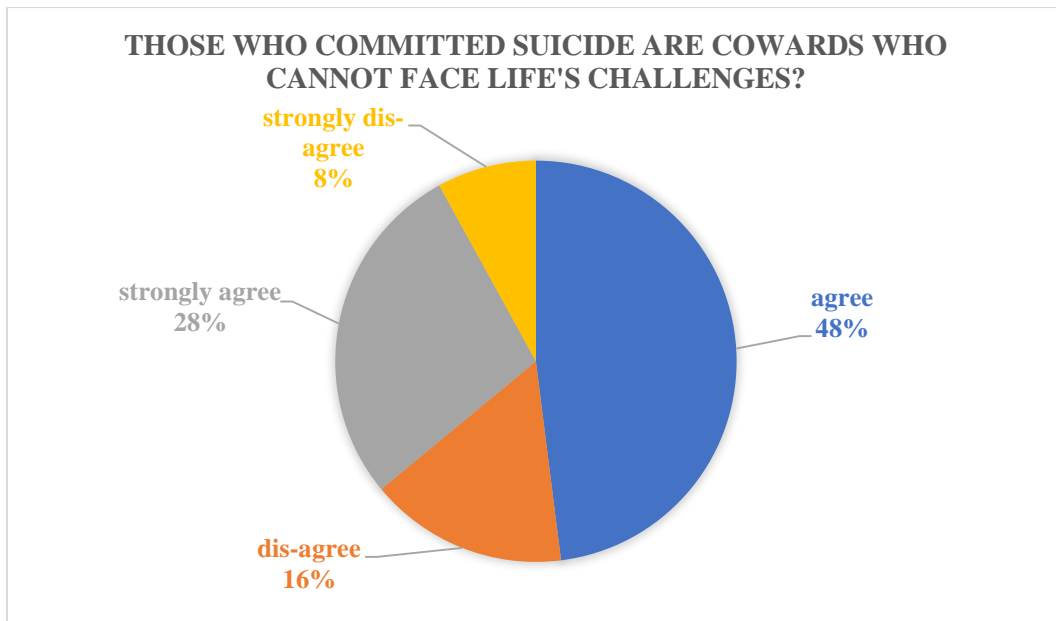
The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 50% says male, and 50% says female, so the ratio of the respondents is equal, therefore we can say that the male as well as female can be committed more suicide.



**Table No#08**

**8.Those who committed suicide are cowards who cannot face life's challenges.**

|       |                    | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | agree              | 24        | 48.0    | 48.0          | 48.0               |
|       | dis-agree          | 8         | 16.0    | 16.0          | 64.0               |
|       | strongly agree     | 14        | 28.0    | 28.0          | 92.0               |
|       | strongly dis-agree | 4         | 8.0     | 8.0           | 100.0              |
|       | Total              | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

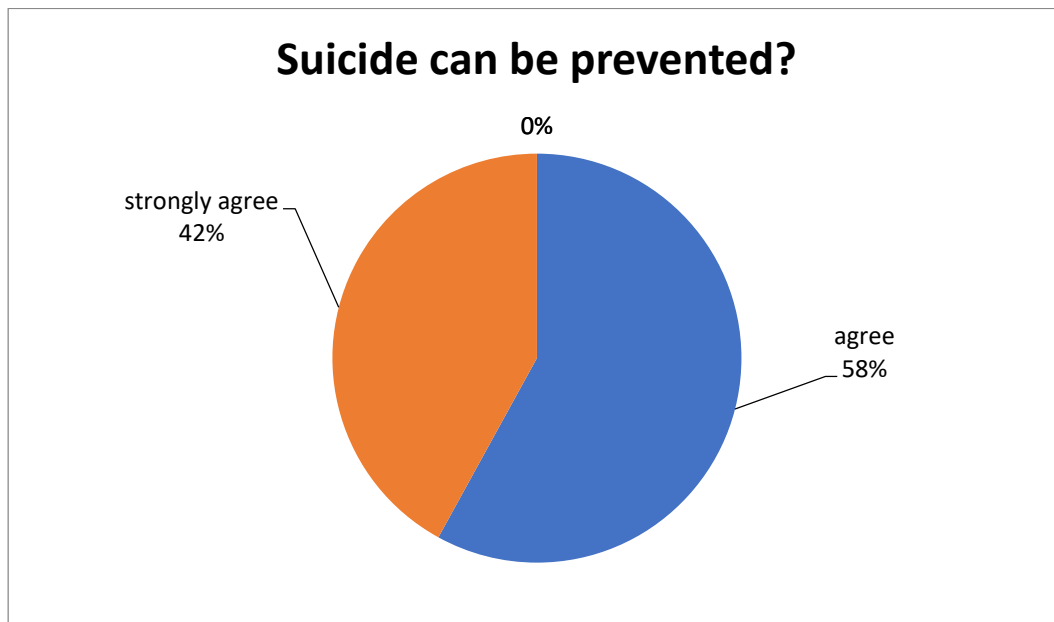


The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 48% says agree, 28% says strongly agree 16% says disagree and 08% says strongly disagree. Majority of the respondents says that the

**Table No#09**

**9. Suicide can be prevented?**

|       |                | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | agree          | 29        | 58.0    | 58.0          | 58.0               |
|       | strongly agree | 21        | 42.0    | 42.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total          | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

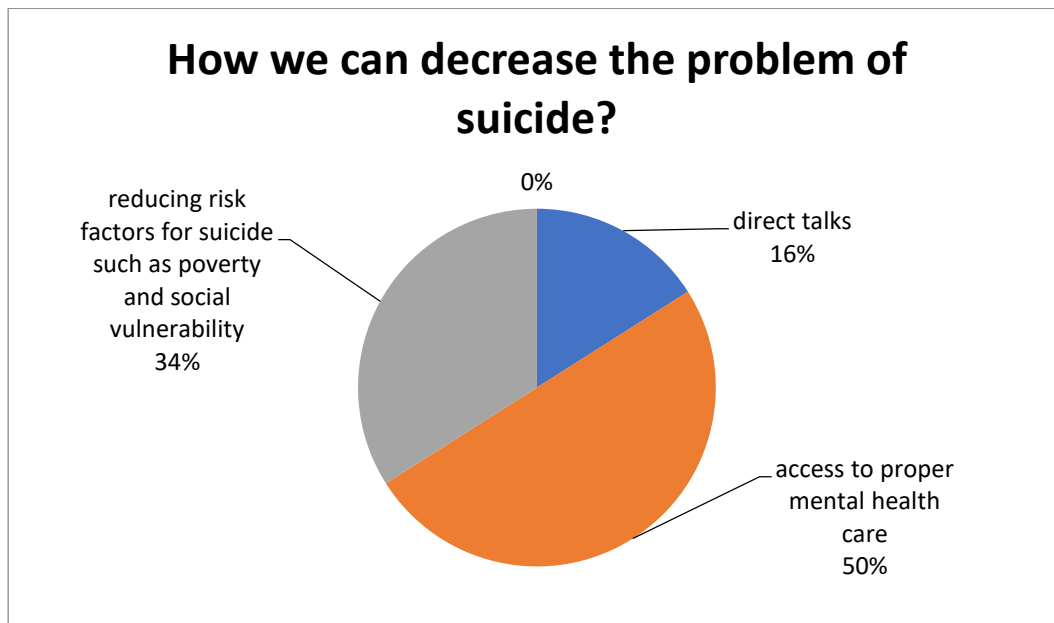


The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 58% says agree, and 42% says strongly agree, so most of the people says suicide can be prevented.

**Table No#10**

**10. How we can decrease the problem of suicide?**

|       |  | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | direct talks   | 8         | 16.0    | 16.0          | 16.0               |
|       | access to proper mental health care  | 25        | 50.0    | 50.0          | 66.0               |
|       | reducing risk factors for suicide such as poverty and social vulnerability | 17        | 34.0    | 34.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total  | 50        | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |



The above table shows that the response of the respondent is 50% says access to proper mental health care, 34% says reducing risk factors for suicide such as poverty and social vulnerability and 16% says direct talks. Majority of the respondents says that we can decrease the problem of suicide through the access to proper mental health care.

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The present research is indicated that the mostypeople attempt suicide due to the poverty, mental illness, and lack of awareness in tharparker district. Majority says that the from tharparker they mean poverty is the major issue of behind suicide.

In the consequences it is vibrant that povertyplays major role in suicide. Respondents responded that povertyisbig problem than awareness and mental health issue.

In the investigation of this problem, it is introduced that people is predict about suicide.And investigate the age factor of the people of who committed suicide their age is mostly 16 to 25 years.

As explored in the research, respondents responded that mostly people committed are Hindus. During this issue, it is founded that majority of the people who committed are married rather than unmarried.Study discovered that the behind reason of married the major issue found is lack of resources rather than the domestic violence or family conflict and ratio of suicide is mostly equal of male and female according to the respondents.

From the research, cowards are also occurred because of people cannot face the life's challenges. Researcher explored that the causes of suicide can be decrease through the access to proper mental health care and the reducing risk factors of suicide such as poverty and social vulnerability.

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### **Suggestion or Recommendations**

Though it was a little effort of researchers that it could be studied and explored that causes of suicide is an issue requires some serious measures. Some suggestions and recommendations, mention given below:

- Suicide is linked with other social problem like as, poverty, health issue, lack of resources, domestic violence and so on. To control the suicide rate of district tharparker government must give limited resources to all those family have lack of resources and act against the domestic violation.
- Suicide must be recognized as major social issue and researcher do research on this topic.
- There is need to increase to psychological awareness to tharparker district.
- Students must be learnt about this topic as much as.
- Government must initiate program to promote awareness.

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## Questionnaires:

Q1: Why do people attempt suicide?

(a) Poverty (b) Mental illness (c) Love disappoint (d) Lack of awareness.

Q2: Is it possible to predict suicide?

(a) Agree (b) Strongly agree (c) Disagree (d) Strongly disagree

Q3: The most likely people who committed suicide their age?

(a) 10 to 15 (b) 16 to 25 (c) 26 to 35 (d) Above 35

Q4: Most of the people who committed suicides are?

(a) Muslim (b) Hindu (c) Christian (d) Others

Q5: Who are mostly people, who attempt suicide?

(a) Married (b) Unmarried.

Q6: In the above question if your answer is married than what is reason behind that?

(a) Lack of resources (b) Domestic violence (c) Family conflict

Q7: Who committed suicide more male or female?

(a) Male (b) Female

Q8: Those who committed suicide are cowards who cannot face life's challenges?

(a) Agree (b) Disagree (c) Strongly agree (d) Strongly disagree.

Q9: Suicide can be prevented?

(a) Agree (b) Disagree (c) Strongly agree (d) Strongly disagree.

Q10: How we can decrease the problem of suicide?

(a) Direct talks (b) Access to proper mental health care (c) Good problem-solving skills  
(d) Reducing risk factors for suicide, such as poverty and social vulnerability.