The paper examined the challenges and coping strategies of married women whose husbands emigrated for greener pasture, a survey was conducted in Benin-city, where emigration to Europe is rampart. The purposive sampling technique was employed to select women whose husbands are in abroad among the married women in Benin City for the study. 145 copies of questionnaires were administered and data analyzed with the aid of simple percentage and frequency counts. Data revealed that the greatest challenge of these women is the problem of playing the role of parent-figures; and this affects decision-making and child upbringing. Loneliness, which generates emotional problems, creates the temptation to seek sexual gratification outside marriage among the women. Data revealed that individual coping strategies are cultural, socio-economic, psychological and religious. Conclusively, the paper believes that constant communication can keep distant partners closer and partially helps the absentee spouse in making meaningful contributions to domestic decisions.

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