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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SWAGAA AUGUST 2021 COUNSELING STATISTICS**

The following statistics are a result of psychosocial services rendered by the Swatini Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) to survivors of abuse August 2021 in four (4) sites: Manzini, Simunye, Hlatsi and Pigg's Peak. This also includes survivors who received post abuse care under Insika yakusasa project.

**Overview of Statistics**

SWAGAA's counseling department provided post abuse care services to a total of 106 clients who reported gender-based violence cases, that is, the client was either sexually, physically, neglect, financially or emotionally abused.

*Note: The number of cases is higher than the number of clients because a client can report multiple types of abuse at the same time as we have 126 cases of abuse that happened to 106 survivors.*

**Region where the abuse took place**

There were 52 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse-related cases, 31 in Hhohho, 12 in Lubombo and 11 in Shiselweni.

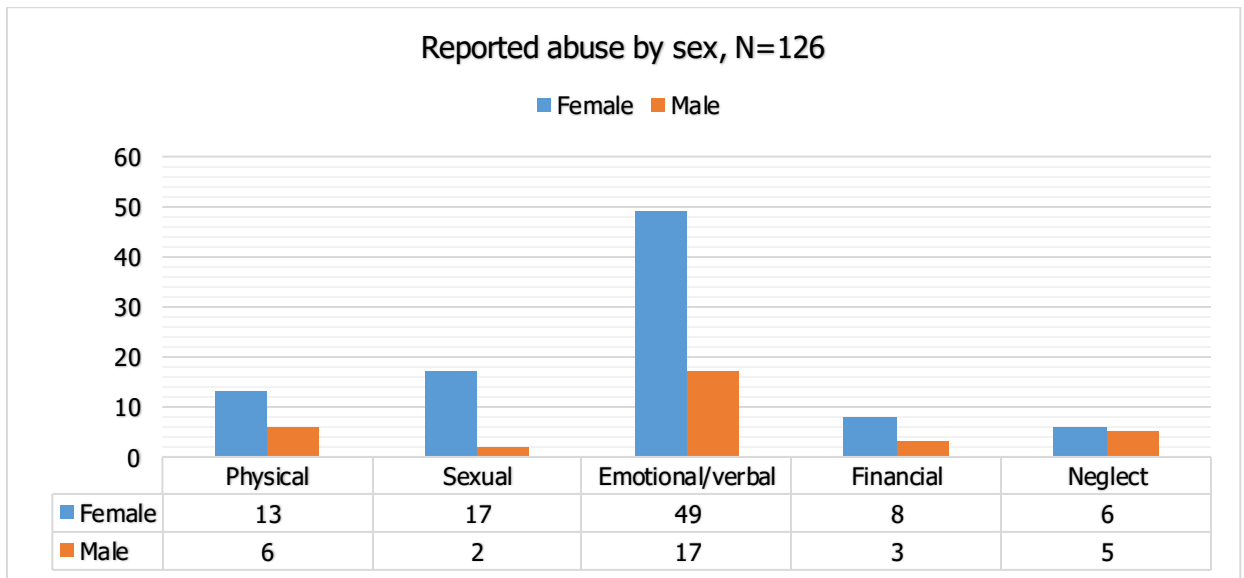
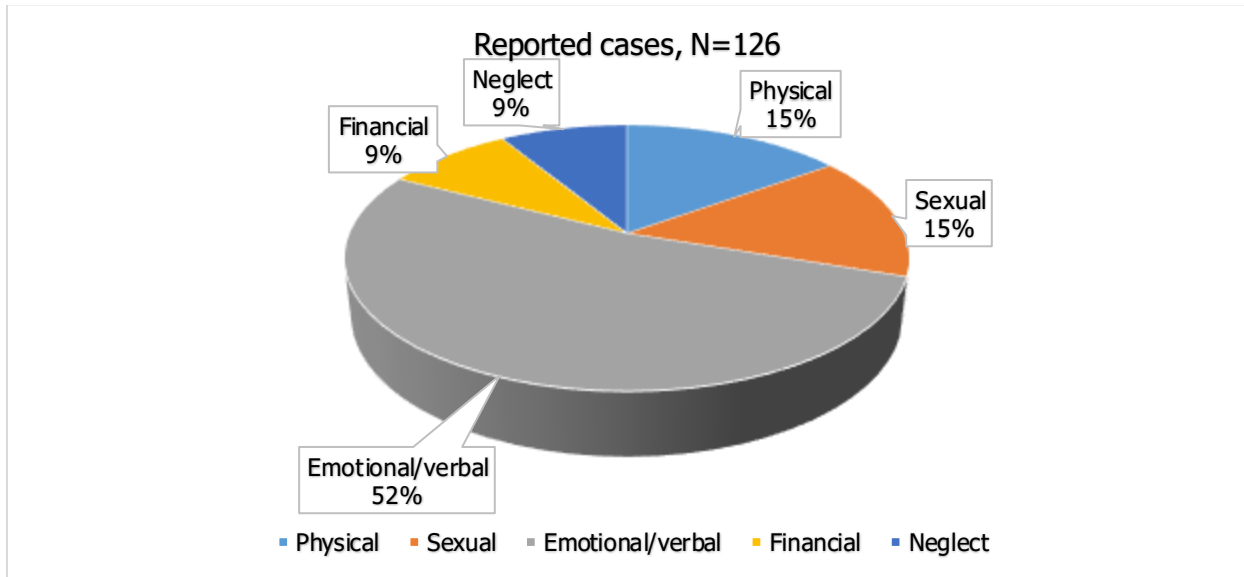
**Type of abuse**

There were 66 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 11 cases of neglect, 19 cases of physical abuse, 11 cases of financial abuse and 19 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	17	2
Physical	13	6
Financial	8	3
Neglect	6	5
Emotional_Verbal	49	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>

*Emotional abuse records the highest number of cases this month; followed by sexual and physical, lastly neglect and financial.*







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## SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 78 female and 28 male clients who reported abuse and received post-abuse care services this month. In relation to the perpetrator profile, there were 64 male perpetrators and 26 female perpetrators reported and there were 5 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 11 incidents where the sex of the perpetrator was not stated.

### Relationship between Survivor and Perpetrator

The table below illustrates the relationship between survivor and perpetrator:

Number of Survivors	Relationship with perpetrator
14	Husband
6	Wife
19	(ex) Boyfriend
3	(ex) Girlfriend
7	Father
7	Mother
4	Both parents
38	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents etc.)
2	Person from neighborhood
6	Stranger/ unknown person

*This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (38) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Other is as follows, 7 survivors reported being abused by their mother and 7 by their father, 19 by their boyfriends and 3 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 4 survivors reported being abused by their parents (mother and father).*

### Location of abuse

Place where abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	90
Open field	7
Work place	1
Other	5
Not stated	3





*Home continues to be the predominant place where most of the reported abuse cases took place as the table above illustrates. This could be the survivor's or perpetrator's home which shows that most of the abuse is brought by people who stay with and are known to the survivor.*

### **Reporting places**

This table indicates where clients first reported their cases

DSW	17
Health facility	7
Police	30
SWAGAA	32
Other	6
Not stated	14

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