



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAGAA December 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 in December 2021 in four (4) sites: Manzini, Simunye, Hlatsi, and Pigg's Peak. This also includes survivors who received post abuse care under Inka yakusasa project.

Overview of Statistics

SWAGAA's counseling department provided post abuse care services to a total of 76 clients who reported gender-based violence cases, that is, the client was either sexually, physically, neglect, financially, or emotionally abused.

Note that 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 93 cases of abuse that happened to 76 survivors.

Region where the abuse took place

34 survivors in the Manzini region reported abuse-related cases, 25 in Hhohho, 10 in Lubombo, and 7 in Shiselweni.

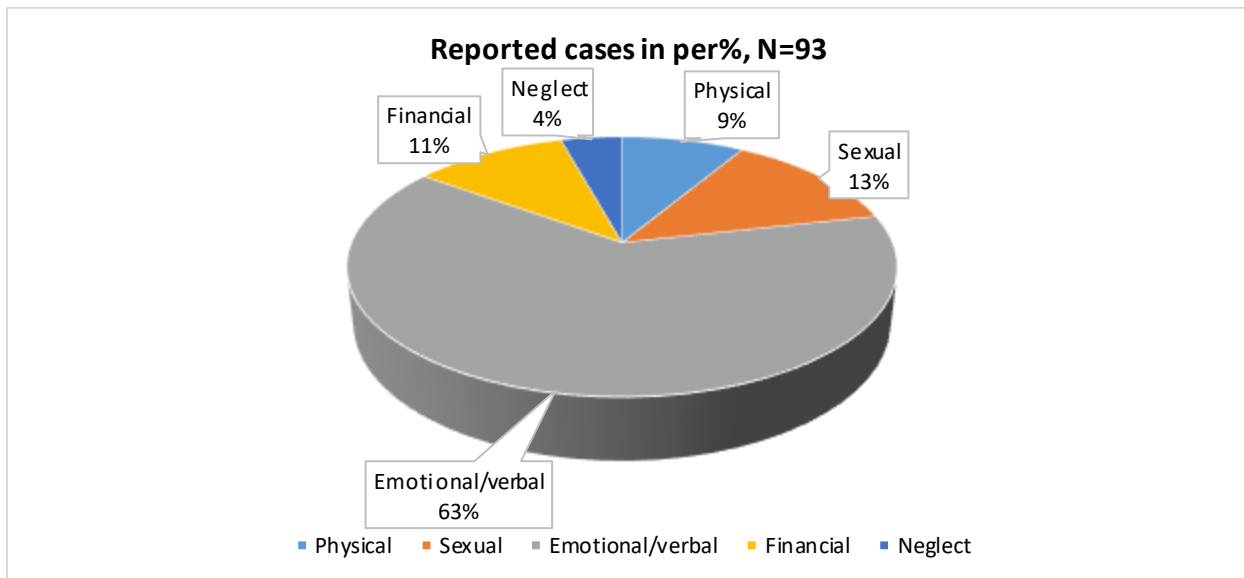
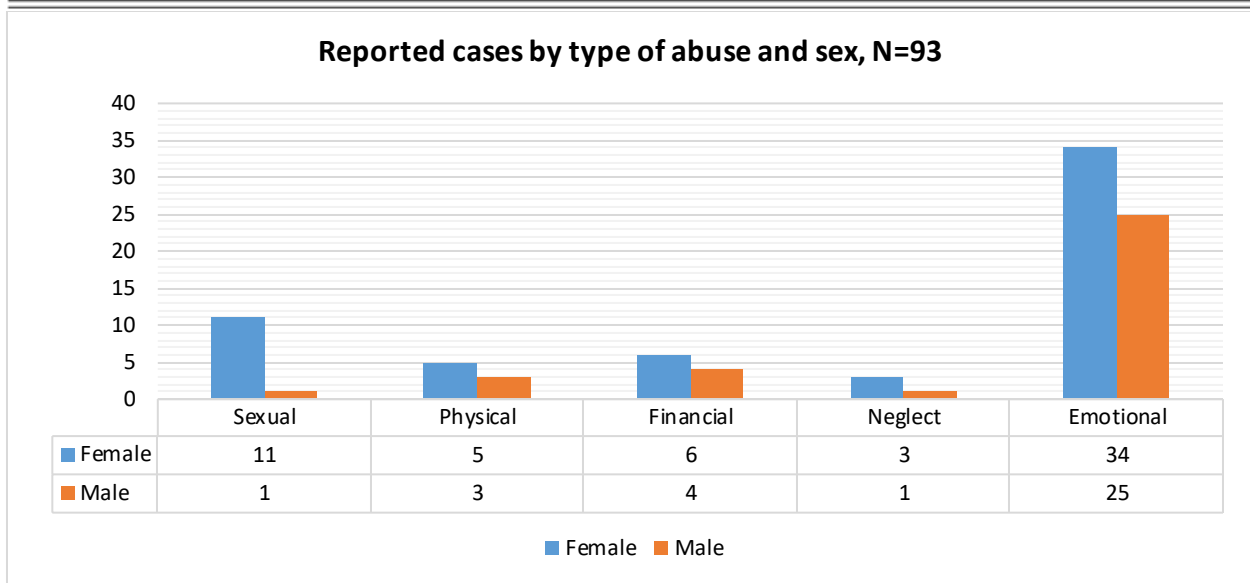
Type of abuse

There were 59 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 4 cases of neglect, 8 cases of physical abuse, 10 cases of financial abuse, and 12 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	11	1
Physical	5	3
Financial	6	4
Neglect	3	1
Emotional_Verbal	34	25
Total	59	34

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





SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 48 female and 28 male clients who reported abuse and received post-abuse care services this month. In relation to the perpetrator profile, there were 47 male perpetrators and 22 female perpetrators reported and there were 5 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 2 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
7	Husband
5	Wife
9	(ex) Boyfriend
7	(ex) Girlfriend
9	Father
2	Mother
1	Both parents
23	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents etc.)
6	Person from neighborhood
7	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (23) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Furthermore, 28 IPV survivors reported being abused by their parents (partners or ex).

Location of abuse

Place where the abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	60
Open field	8
Work place	1
Other	6
Not stated	1

The 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	10
Health facility	4
Police	26
SWAGAA	30





Other	2
Not stated	4

Toll-free helpline

<u>TYPE OF ABUSE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>		<u>MALE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	
Emotional	30	229	13	142	414
Physical	14	39	10	6	69
Financial	8	63	11	28	110
Sexual	19	14	1	2	36
Neglect	8	0	5	0	13
Substance	2	0	0	0	2
Wayward	1	0	0	0	1
Grief	0	0	1	0	1
Depression	0	1	0	1	2
Grand total	82	346	41	179	648

The toll-free show an increase from last month.

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