



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAGAA February 2021 COUNSELING STATISTICS

The following statistics are a result of psychosocial services rendered by the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) to survivors of abuse February 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 199 clients who reported gender-based violence cases, that is, the client was either sexually, physically, neglect, financially or emotionally abused. There were 109(55%) children and 90(45%) adults who received post abuse care.

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 231 cases of abuse that happened to 199 survivors.

Region where abuse took place

There were 99 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse related cases, 71 in Hhohho, 13 in Lubombo and 16 in Shiselweni.

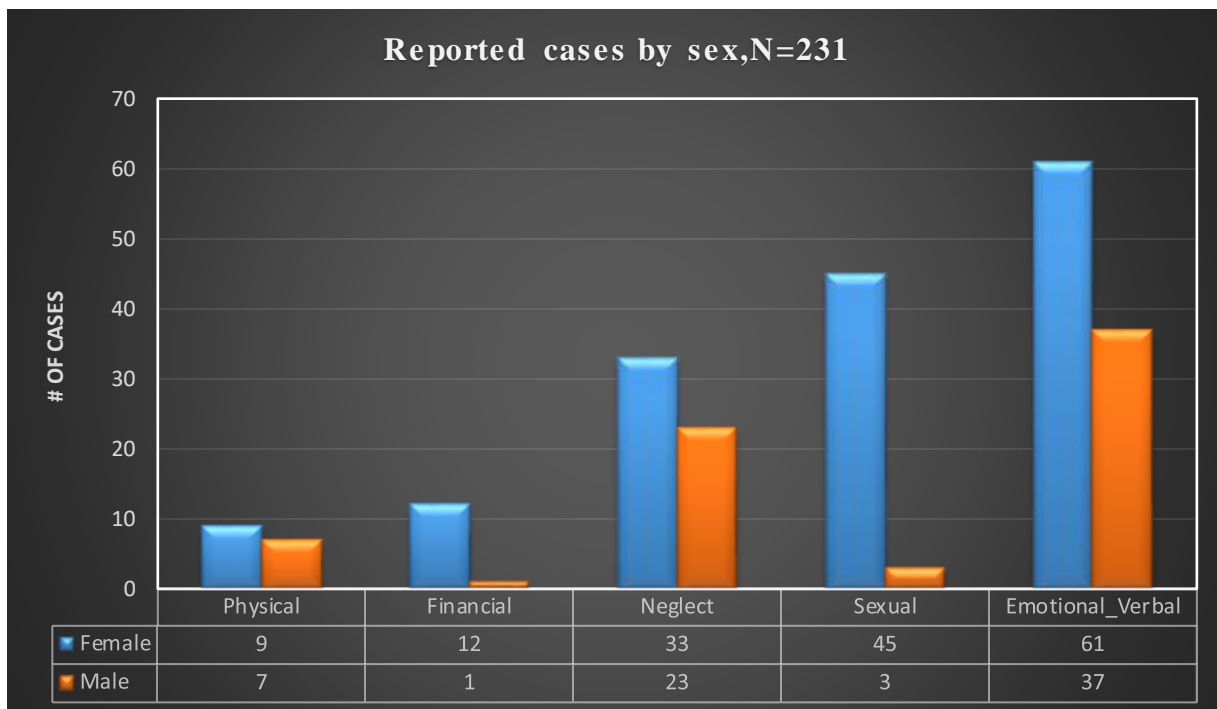
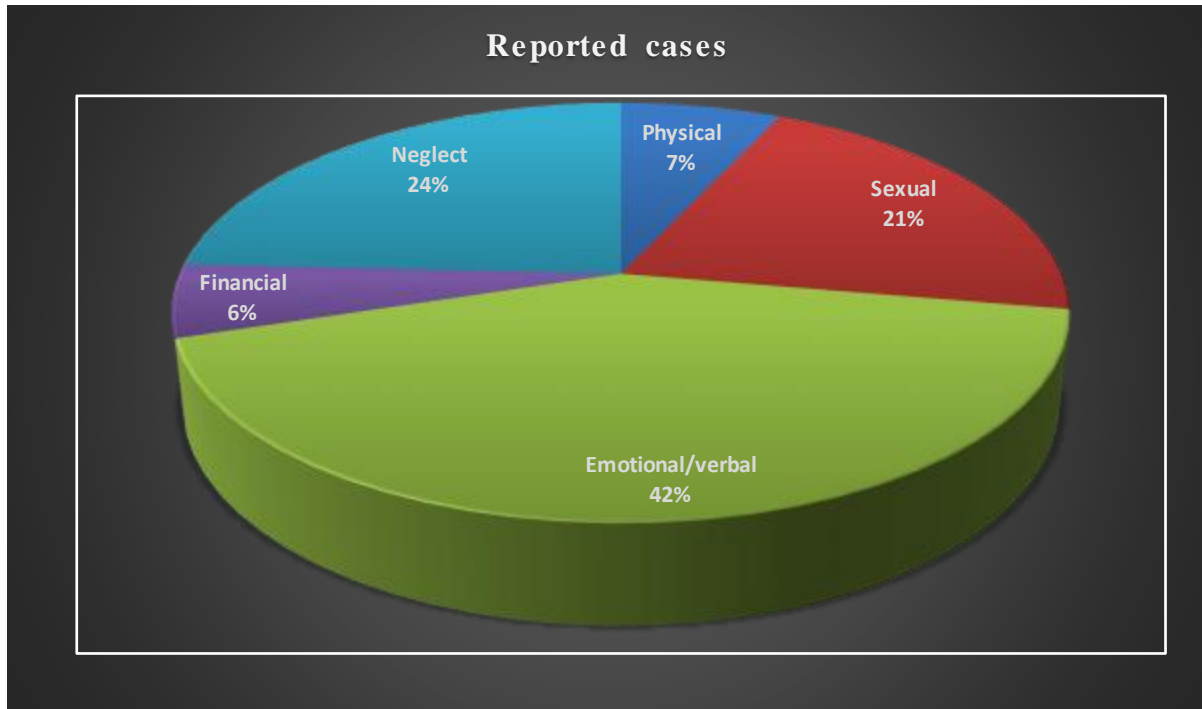
Type of abuse

There were 98 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 56 cases of neglect, 16 cases of physical abuse, 13 cases of financial abuse and 48 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	45	3
Physical	9	7
Financial	12	1
Neglect	33	23
Emotional_Verbal	61	37
Total	160	71

Emotional/verbal abuse continues to record the highest number of cases; followed by neglect, sexual, physical and lastly financial.







SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 136 female and 63 male clients who reported abuse and received post abuse care services this month. In relation to perpetrator profile, there were 119 male perpetrators and 53 female perpetrators reported and there were 19 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 8 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
11	Husband
6	Wife
17	(ex) Boyfriend
4	(ex) Girlfriend
38	Father
20	Mother
11	Both parents
44	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents etc.)
11	Person from neighborhood
29	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (44) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Intimate violence is as follows, 20 survivors reported to be abused by their mother and 38 by their father, 17 by their boyfriends and 4 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 11 survivors reported to be abused by their parents (mother and father).

Location of abuse

Place where abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	159
Open field	2
Work place	1
Other	37

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	7
Health facility	10
Police	57
SWAGAA	118
Other	6
Not stated	1

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