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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SWAGAA OCTOBER 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 October 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 120 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 145 cases of abuse that happened to 120 survivors.*

**Region where the abuse took place**

There were 65 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse-related cases, 31 in Hhohho, 10 in Lubombo, and 14 in Shiselweni.

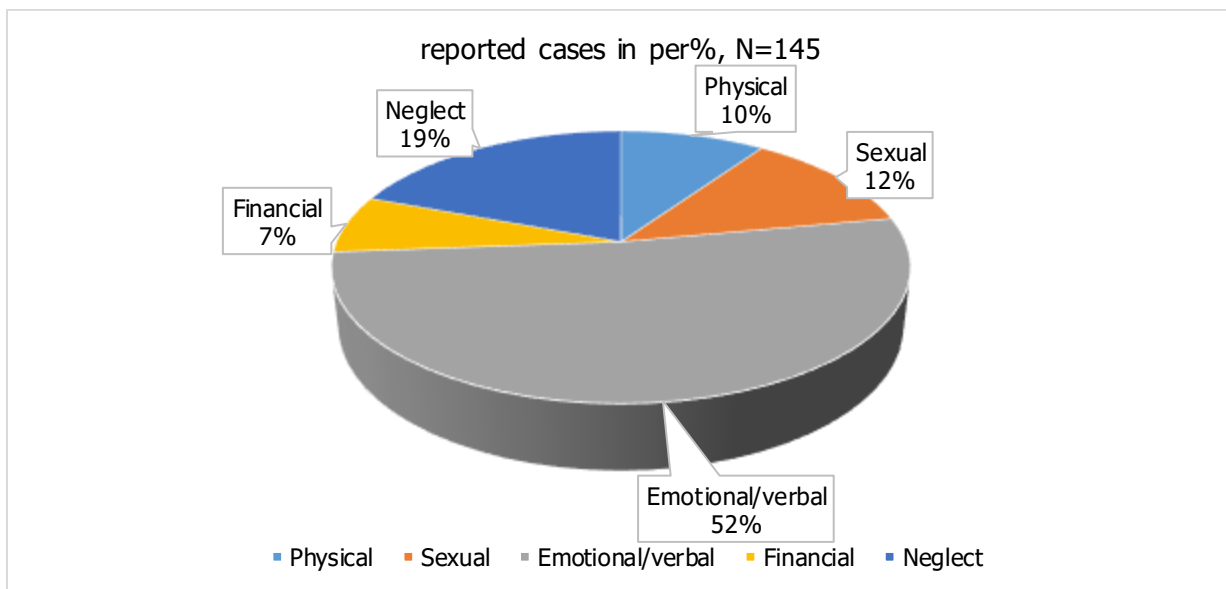
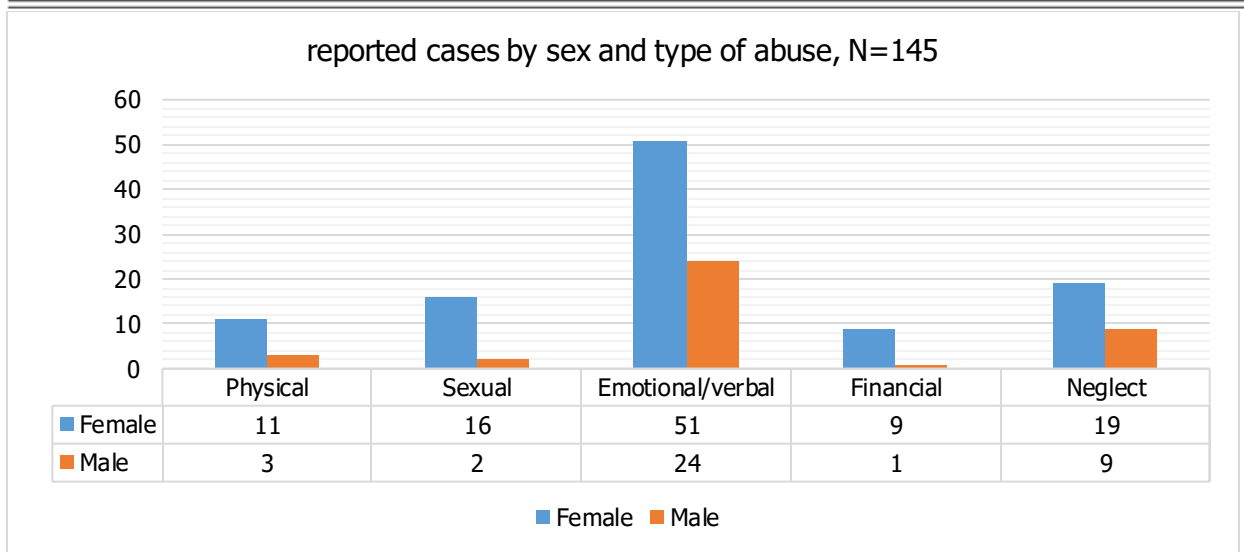
**Type of abuse**

There were 75 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 28 cases of neglect, 14 cases of physical abuse, 10 cases of financial abuse, and 18 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	16	2
Physical	11	3
Financial	9	1
Neglect	19	9
Emotional_Verbal	51	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>39</b>

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





**SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE**

There were 86 female and 34 male clients who reported abuse and received post-abuse care services this month. In relation to the perpetrator profile, there were 57 male perpetrators and 46 female perpetrators reported and there were 16 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there was 1 incident 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
8	Husband
4	Wife
17	(ex) Boyfriend
5	(ex) Girlfriend
15	Father
15	Mother
7	Both parents
44	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents, etc.)
2	Person from neighborhood
3	Stranger/ unknown person

*This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (44) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Other is as follows, 15 survivors reported being abused by their mother and 15 by their father, 17 by their boyfriends, and 5 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 7 survivors reported being abused by their parents (mother and father).*

### Location of abuse

Place where the abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	110
Open field	2
Work place	1
Other	7
Not stated	0

*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	23
Health facility	3
Police	22
SWAGAA	58
Other	10
Not stated	4

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