



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAGAA March 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 March 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 232 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 269 cases of abuse that happened to 232 survivors.

Region where abuse took place

There were 104 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse related cases, 88 in Hhohho, 16 in Lubombo and 24 in Shiselweni.

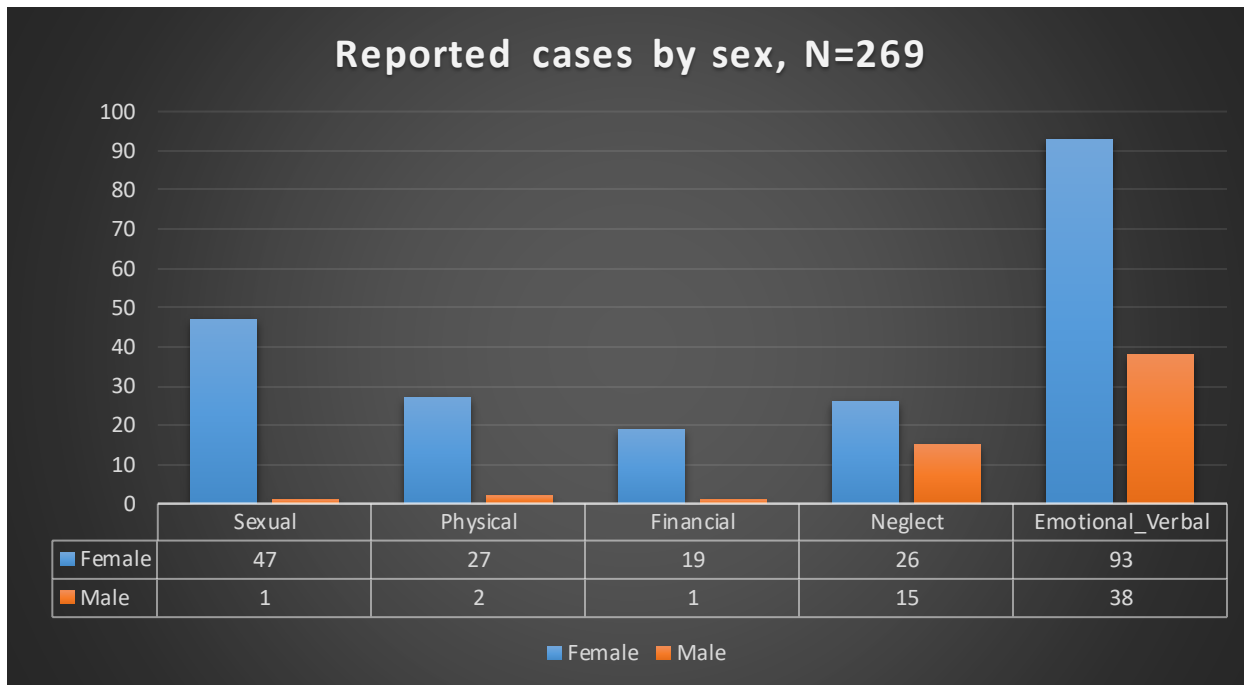
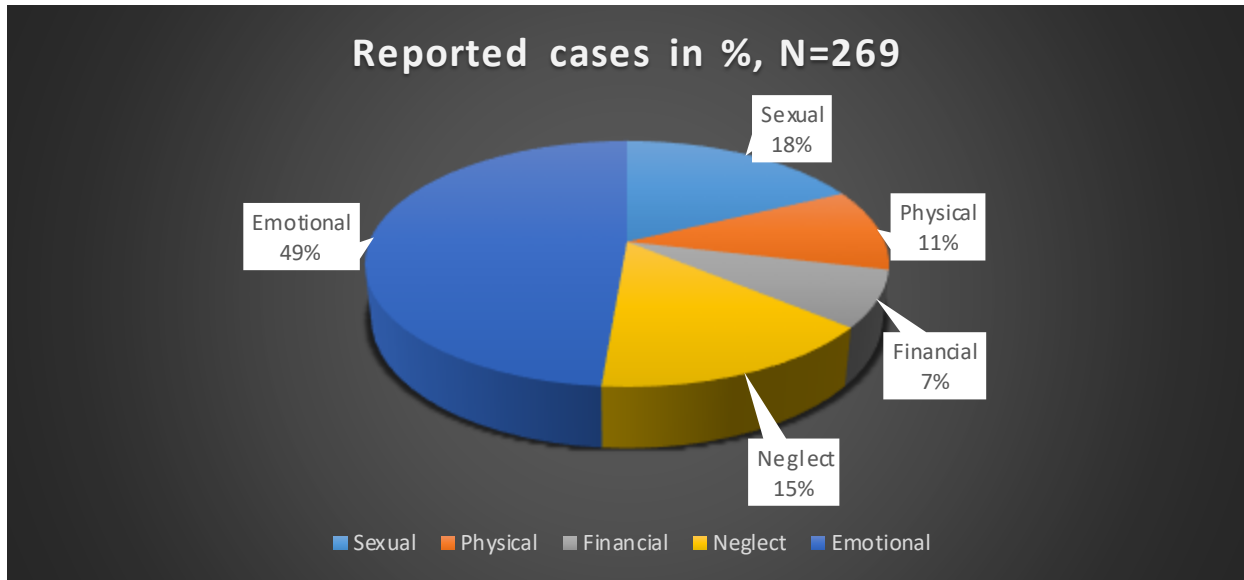
Type of abuse

There were 131 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 41 cases of neglect, 29 cases of physical abuse, 20 cases of financial abuse and 48 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	47	1
Physical	27	2
Financial	19	1
Neglect	26	15
Emotional_Verbal	93	38
Total	212	57

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







SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 179 female and 53 male clients who reported abuse and received post abuse care services this month. In relation to perpetrator profile, there were 165 male perpetrators and 44 female perpetrators reported and there were 16 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 7 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
24	Husband
7	Wife
35	(ex) Boyfriend
2	(ex) Girlfriend
39	Father
17	Mother
6	Both parents
81	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents etc.)
12	Person from neighborhood
9	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (81) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Intimate violence is as follows, 17 survivors reported to be abused by their mother and 39 by their father, 35 by their boyfriends and 2 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 6 survivors reported to be abused by their parents (mother and father).

Location of abuse

Place where abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	202
Open field	12
Work place	6
Other	3
Not stated	9

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	51
Health facility	9
Police	75
SWAGAA	80
Other	10
Not stated	7

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