



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAGAA January 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 January 2021 in four (4) sites: Manzini, Simunye, Hlatsi, and Mbabane OPD. 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 115 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 115 survivors.

Region where abuse took place

There were 54 survivors in the Manzini region who reported abuse related cases, 40 in Hhohho, 8 in Lubombo and 13 in Shiselweni.

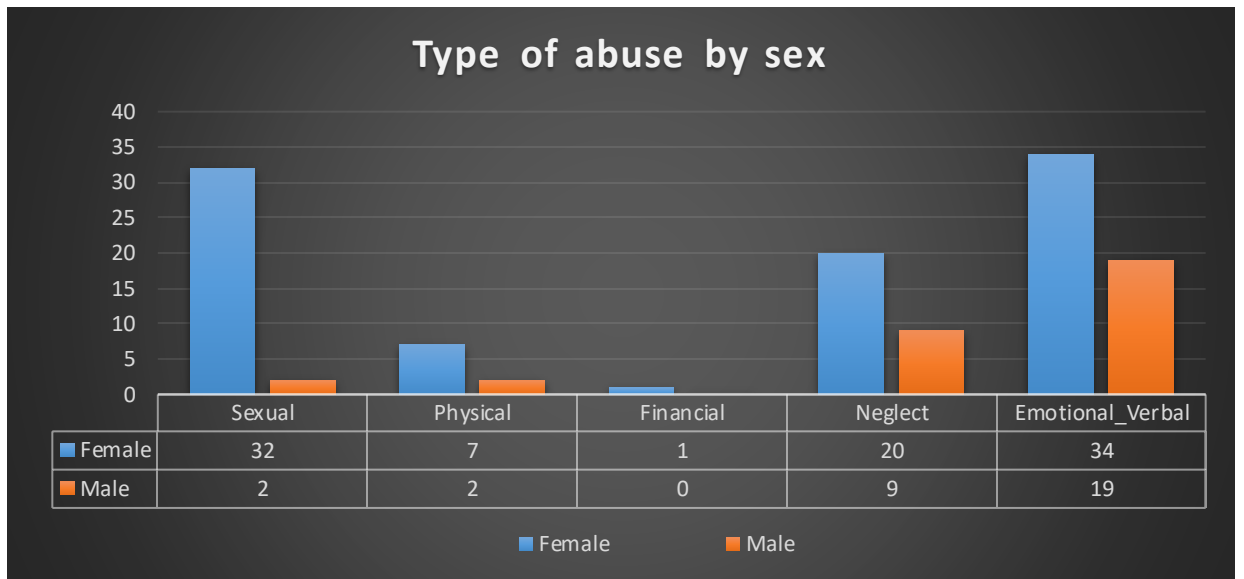
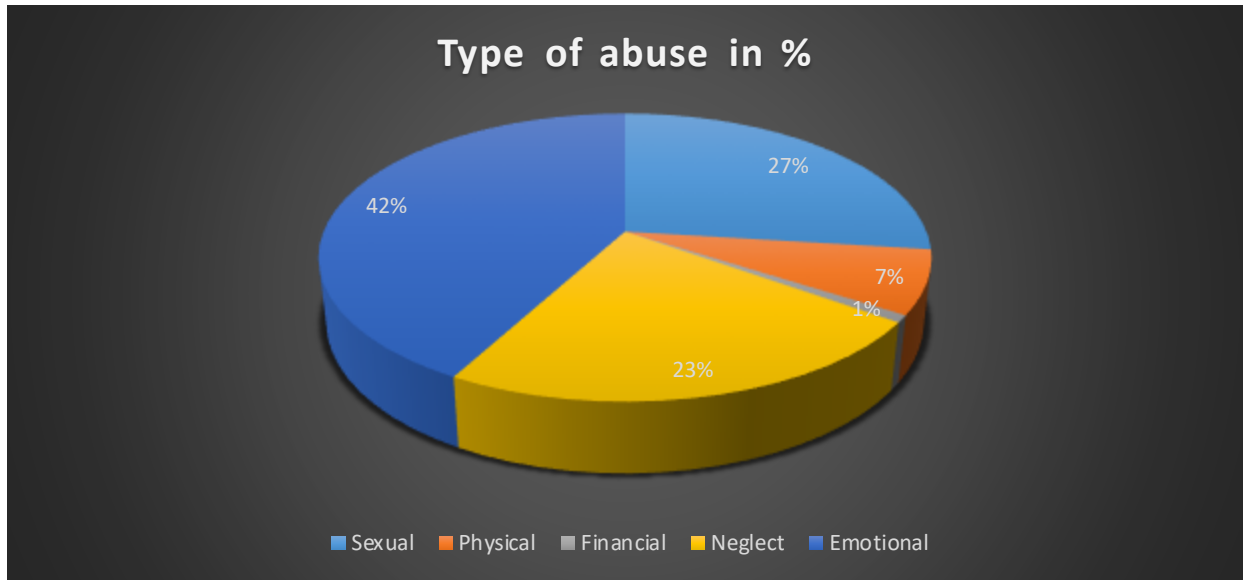
Type of abuse

There were 53 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 29 cases of neglect, 9 cases of physical abuse, 1 cases of financial abuse and 34 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	32	2
Physical	7	2
Financial	1	0
Neglect	20	9
Emotional_Verbal	34	19
Total	94	32

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







SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 85 female and 30 male clients who reported abuse and received post abuse care services this month. In relation to perpetrator profile, there were 70 male perpetrators and 33 female perpetrators reported and there were 12 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators.

Relationship between Survivor and Perpetrator

The table below illustrates the relationship between survivor and perpetrator:

Number of Survivors	Relationship with perpetrator
8	Husband
0	Wife
10	(ex) Boyfriend
4	(ex) Girlfriend
17	Father
18	Mother
6	Both parents
41	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents etc.)
9	Person from neighborhood
2	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (41) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Intimate violence is as follows, 18 survivors reported to be abused by their mother and 17 by their father, 10 by their boyfriends and 4 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	100
Open field	4
Work place	0
Other	11
Not stated	0

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	39
Health facility	3
Police	33
SWAGAA	37
Other	2
Not stated	1

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