



PRESS RELEASE

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

Overview of Statistics

SWAGAA's counseling department provided post abuse care services to a total of 178 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 198 cases of abuse that happened to 178 survivors.

The region where the abuse took place

97 survivors in the Manzini region reported abuse-related cases, 54 in Hhohho, 15 in Lubombo, and 12 in Shiselweni.

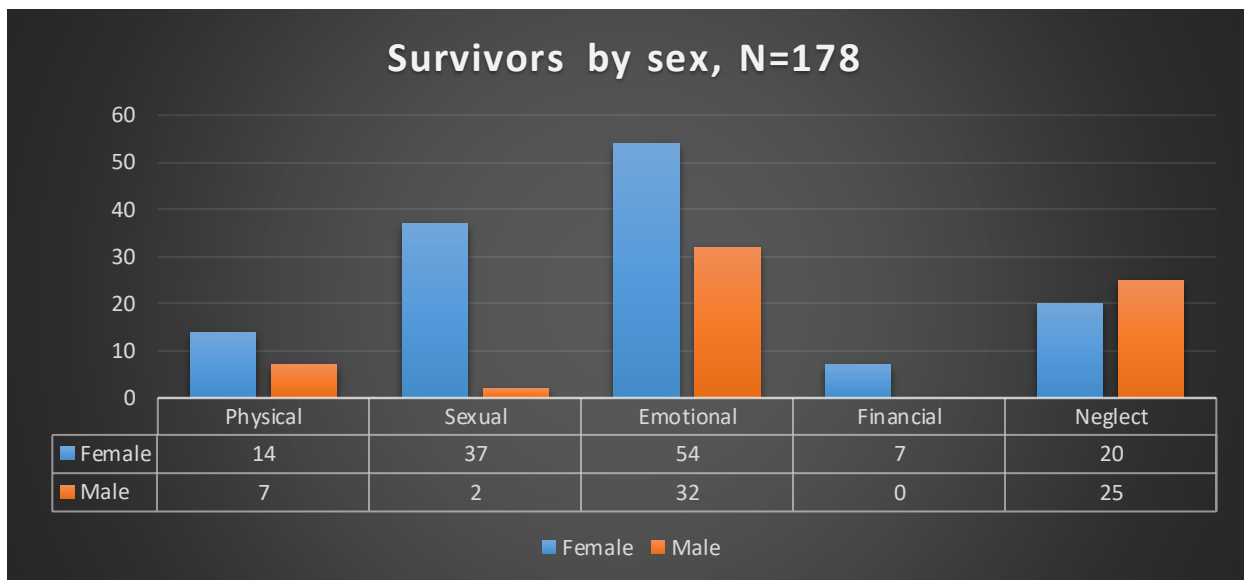
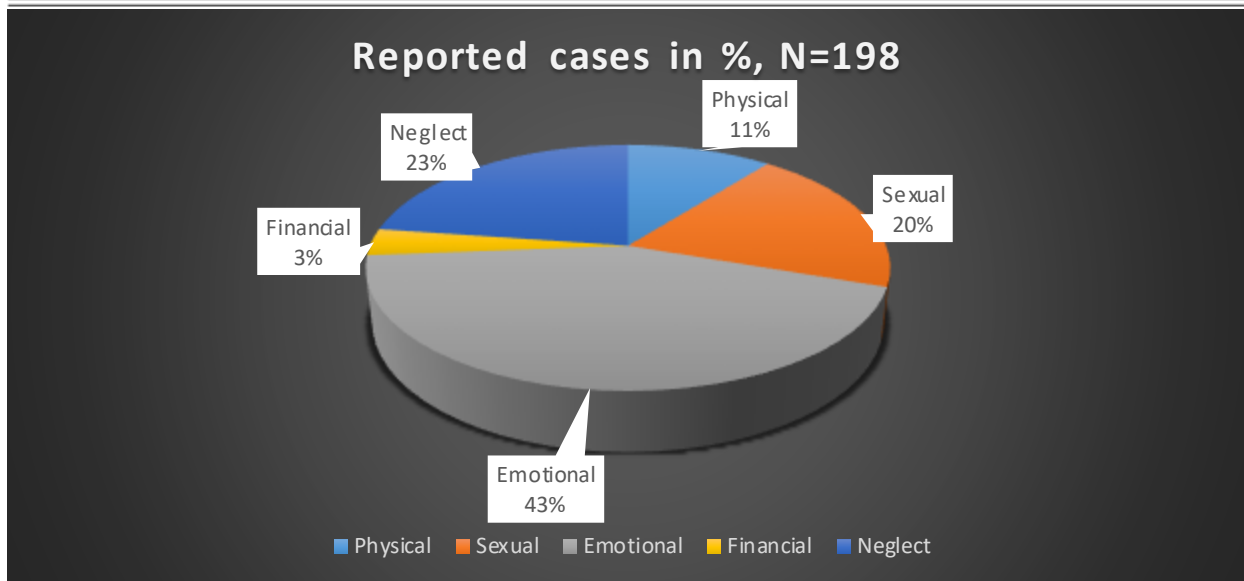
Type of abuse

There were 86 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 45 cases of neglect, 21 cases of physical abuse, 7 cases of financial abuse, and 39 cases of sexual abuse.

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	37	2
Physical	14	7
Financial	7	0
Neglect	20	25
Emotional_Verbal	54	32
Total	132	66

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 113 female and 65 male clients who reported abuse and received post abuse care services this month. Concerning perpetrator profile, there were 99 male perpetrators and 47 female perpetrators reported and there were 23 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 9 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
13	Husband
6	Wife
23	(ex) Boyfriend
6	(ex) Girlfriend
14	Father
18	Mother
9	Both parents
77	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents, etc.)
8	Person from neighborhood
4	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (77) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Intimate violence is as follows, 18 survivors reported being abused by their mother and 14 by their father, 23 by their boyfriends, and 6 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 9 survivors reported being abused by their parents (mother and father).

Location of abuse

Place where the abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	156
Open field	12
Work place	3
Other	0
Not stated	7

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	47
Health facility	10
Police	46
SWAGAA	60
Other	6
Not stated	9

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