



PRESS RELEASE

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SWAGAA SEPTEMBER 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 September 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 179 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 208 cases of abuse that happened to 179 survivors.

Region where the abuse took place

98 survivors in the Manzini region reported abuse-related cases, 36 in Hhohho, 15 in Lubombo, and 30 in Shiselweni.

Type of abuse

There were 103 recorded cases of emotional abuse, 38 cases of neglect, 11 cases of physical abuse, 17 cases of financial abuse, and 39 cases of sexual abuse.

Table 1 Types of Abuse

Type of abuse	Cases	
	Female	Male
Sexual	38	1
Physical	8	3
Financial	15	2
Neglect	20	18
Emotional_Verbal	59	44
Total	140	68

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



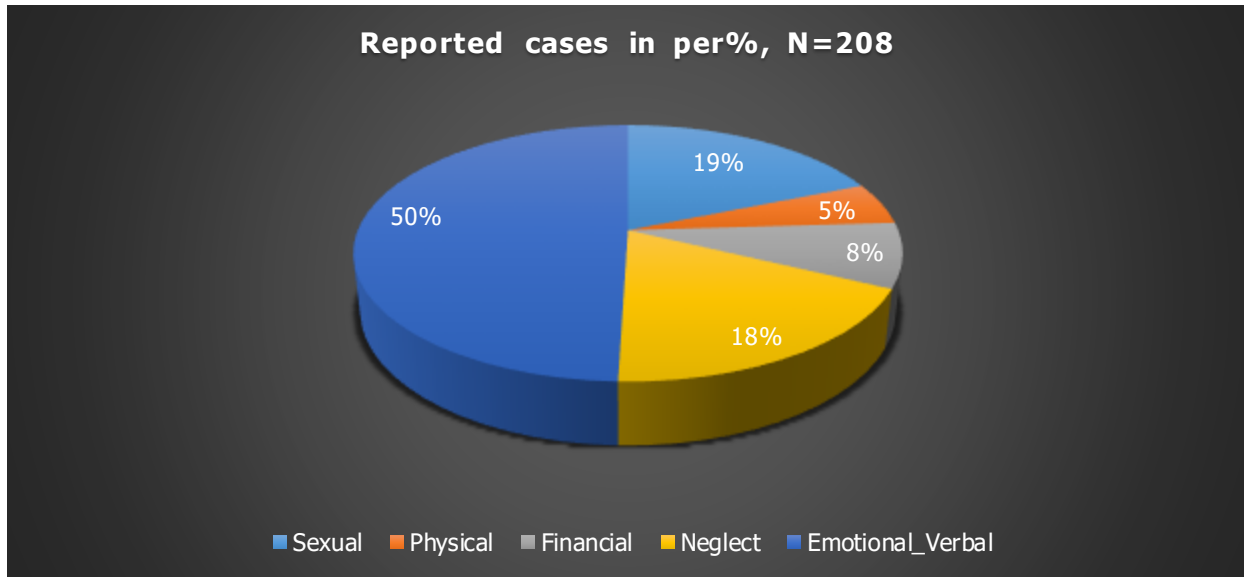


Figure 1 Distribution of types of abuse cases

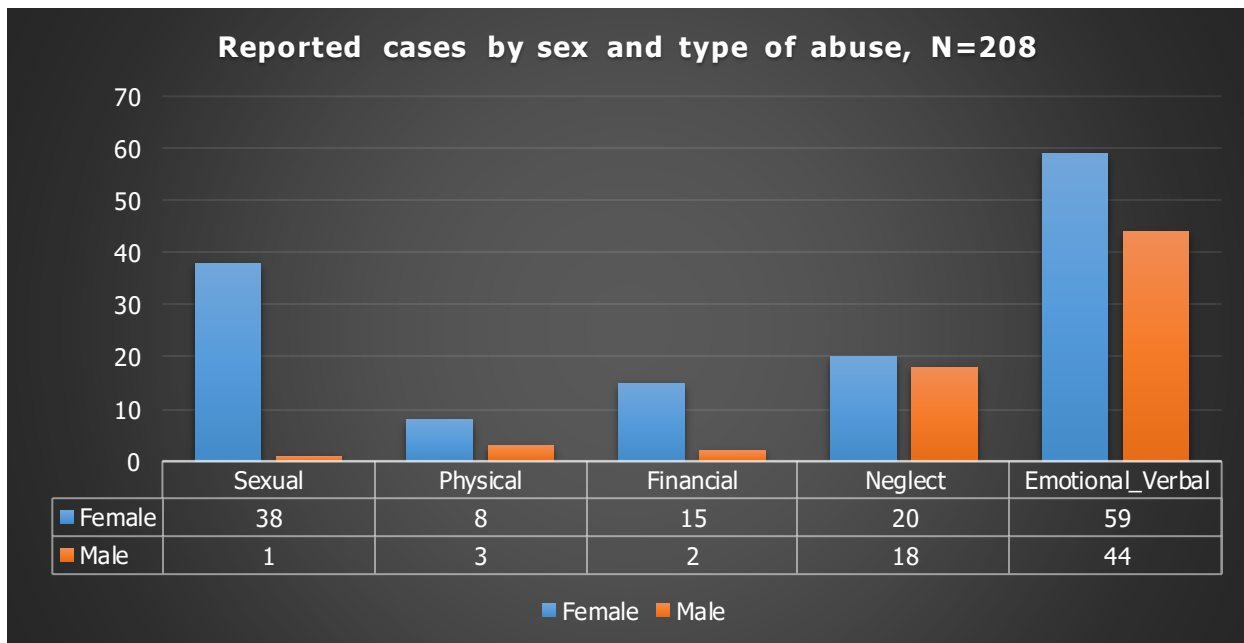


Figure 2 Reported cases disaggregated by sex





SWAGAA CLIENTS: SURVIVOR AND PERPETRATOR PROFILE

There were 118 female and 61 male clients who reported abuse and received post-abuse care services this month. In relation to the perpetrator profile, there were 111 male perpetrators and 51 female perpetrators reported and there were 14 incidents where both sexes were perpetrators. Lastly, there were 3 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:

Table 2 Relationship between the survivors and perpetrators

Number of Survivors	Relationship with perpetrator
11	Husband
7	Wife
17	(ex) Boyfriend
9	(ex) Girlfriend
23	Father
19	Mother
13	Both parents
58	Relatives (children, cousins, in-laws, uncle aunts, stepparents, etc.)
19	Person from neighborhood
3	Stranger/ unknown person

This month relatives were the main perpetrators of violence, that is, (58) survivors reported to be abused by their relatives. Other is as follows, 19 survivors reported being abused by their mother and 23 by their father, 17 by their boyfriends, and 9 by their girlfriends. Furthermore, 13 survivors reported being abused by their parents (mother and father).

44 clients who experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) have been reported this reporting period which is almost 25%, 113 clients experienced abuse among relatives and family members which constitutes 63% while 22 clients experienced abuse among strangers and unrelated persons which is 12%. This is very evident that abuse is rife among related people.

Location of abuse

Table 3 Location of abuse

Place where the abuse occurred	Number of survivors
Home	161
Open field	6
Work place	3
Other	2





Not stated	7
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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 or set up which is viewed as a 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

Table 4 Places where the cases were 1st reported

DSW	46
Health facility	10
Police	57
SWAGAA	53
Other	8
Not stated	5

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