LAGOS STATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM
(DSVRT)

Programmes Report 2019

A summary of programs, projects and activities of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT) from January 2019 to December 2019.

January, 2020

PROGRAMMES FOR THE YEAR 2019

MARCH

Workshop on Centralized Data Base for Domestic Violence in Lagos State

The Team in partnership EU funded Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption organized a workshop on centralized Database for cases of Domestic Violence in the state, this workshop was held on the 27- 28th of March, 2019 at the Pearlwort Hotel, Ikeja. The 1st day of the workshop had 35 participants in attendance, while the 2nd day of the workshop had 36 participants in attendance. The participants included representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations, Directorate for Citizens Right, Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviations, Office of the Public Defender and the Police. The core concepts at the workshop included:

- Definition and Types of Domestic Violence
- Introduction to Data Collection
- Generating Indicators for Data Collection
- Developing /Generating Data Templates

At the end of the workshop, a Harmonized Data Collection Template was sent to the participants via their email addresses.

Participants also agreed to send their Data generated monthly to The Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT).

MAY

NGO's Roundtable Meeting

The Roundtable meeting for Non-Governmental Organization was held on the 30th of May, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja. This meeting was organized by the team in partnership with the European Union (EU) funded Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC). A catalog of successes and challenges from selected Non-Governmental Organizations were presented.



Image 1: *Stakeholders at the Roundtable meeting for Non-Governmental Organization was held on the 30th of May, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja*

At the end of the workshop the participants agreed on the next steps to be taken:

- Constant training for medical personnel.
- Provision of shelters and an agency coordinating its administration.
- Build capacity for data gathering.
- Capacity support for existing shelters.
- Training/Re-training of Police Officers on handling cases
- Sensitization of Perpetrators
- Expedite action on Rape Cases.
- Establish Trust Fund for Police Officers
- Review of all Relevant Laws.
- Provision of Rape kits.

JUNE

Focus Group Discussion (FGD) I

DSVRT in partnership with UNICEF organized a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with children on Child's Rights and Child Protection. The team organized a Focus Group Discussion for pupils in the public primary and secondary schools from the various district in the state. The event which was held on the 17th of June, 2019 at the Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja was aimed at assessing children's knowledge on Child's Rights and Sexual and Based Violence. The event had in attendance over 400 students and their teachers as participants of the research endeavor. However, this was the first phase of the research work having that the second and concluding phase was later in the year.





Image 2: Pictures of *Participants (Children and Teachers) during the FGD session held on the 17th of June, 2019 at the Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja*

AUGUST

Training for Religious Institution on Their Various Roles in Responding to Cases of Domestic Violence

The team in partnership with EU funded Role of law and Anti-Corruption organized a two-day workshop for religious leaders in Lagos State. The workshop was aimed at educating and sensitizing the religious leaders and counselors in their religious institutions on their roles in handling cases of domestic violence reported to them by members of their religious group.

This workshop was held on the 27th-28th of August 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja and had in attendance over 100 religious leaders and religious marriage counselors in their various religious institutions. Some areas of discussion during the workshop were;

- an Overview of Gender-Based Violence;
- the need for Professional Pastoral Counseling Skills, Christian and Islamic Perspective on Gender Violence; as well as
- a Critical Consideration of the Protection Against Domestic Violence Law 2015 and their Role in Properly Responding to Domestic Violence.

Participants were encouraged to promote teachings that would provide helpful resources on domestic abuse through regular sermons, prayers, education, and clerical care. The organizers urged that messages from religious institutions to their followers should include injunctions that indicate God's love for all humans and the importance of mutual respect and submission between couples.



Image 3: *Stakeholders with the Coordinator, DSVRT during the training for Religious Institution Leaders and Counselors held on the 27th-28th of August 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja*

The need for a proper referral pathway between religious institutions and the government was also constantly emphasized at the workshop, given that domestic violence remains a punishable crime in Lagos.

The feedback obtained from the participants revealed that a lot still needs to be done to succeed with the Religious Institutions. This necessitates a plan for more of such programs on a larger scale within the State.

NOVEMBER

A Walk to Commit and Act

The team held a walk to lend its voice and stand against all forms of sexual and Gender-Based Violence in the state. The walk was tagged "A walk to Commit and Act" and it was held in commemoration of the 21days of activism held at Alausa Ikeja on Tuesday 26th November 2019. The walk was led by the executive Governor of the state, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu alongside his wife, Honorable Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries and Directors at the various ministries in the state.

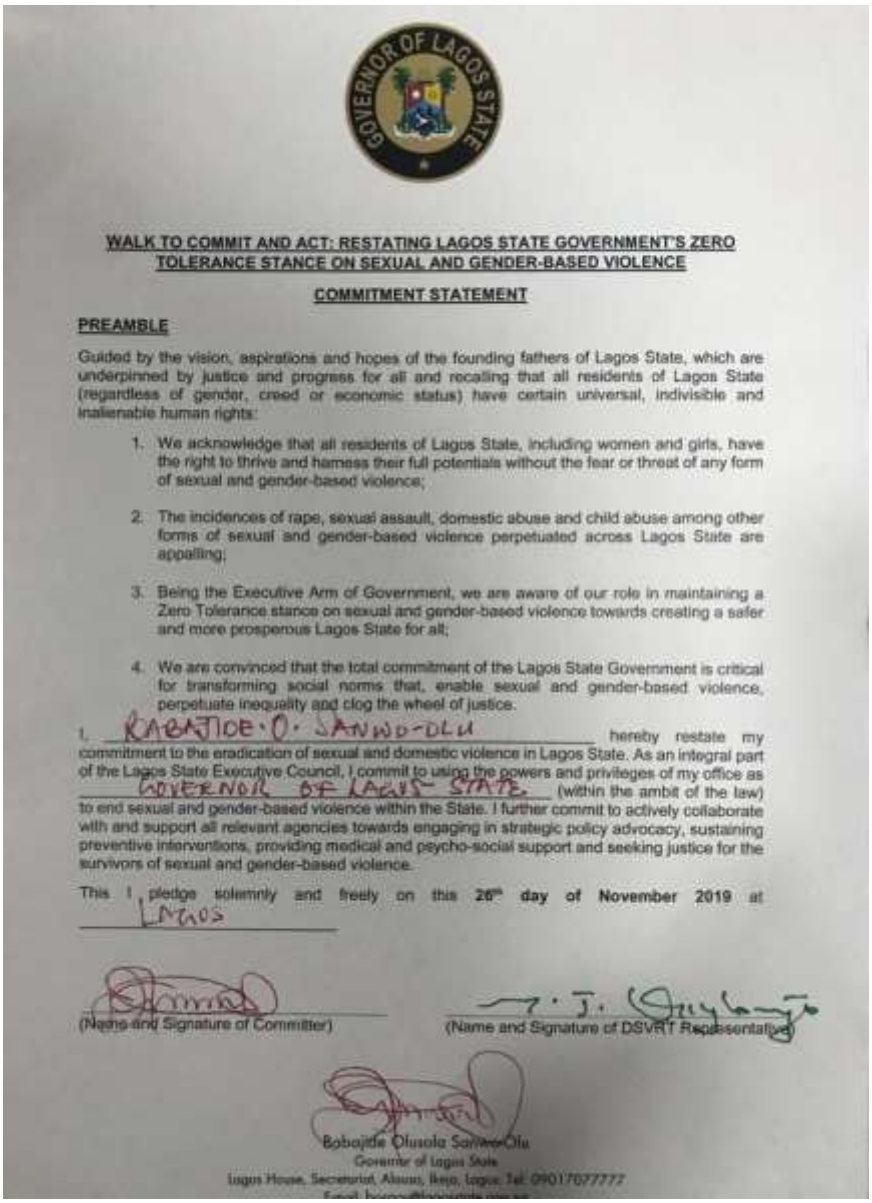
The Walk ended with the Governor executing a Commitment document later that day at the State House to restate His commitment to Zero Tolerance for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in the state.



Image 4: *The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu alongside his wife, Honorable Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries, and Directors at the various ministries and Various Stakeholders in the state during the walk held on the 26th November 2019 at Alausa, Ikeja*



Image 5: The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu giving his speech at the end of *the walk held on the 26th November 2019 at Alausa, Ikeja*



WALK TO COMMIT AND ACT: RESTATING LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT'S ZERO TOLERANCE STANCE ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

PREAMBLE

Guided by the vision, aspirations and hopes of the founding fathers of Lagos State, which are underpinned by justice and progress for all and recalling that all residents of Lagos State (regardless of gender, creed or economic status) have certain universal, indivisible and inalienable human rights:

1. We acknowledge that all residents of Lagos State, including women and girls, have the right to thrive and harness their full potentials without the fear or threat of any form of sexual and gender-based violence;
2. The incidences of rape, sexual assault, domestic abuse and child abuse among other forms of sexual and gender-based violence perpetuated across Lagos State are appalling;
3. Being the Executive Arm of Government, we are aware of our role in maintaining a Zero Tolerance stance on sexual and gender-based violence towards creating a safer and more prosperous Lagos State for all;
4. We are convinced that the total commitment of the Lagos State Government is critical for transforming social norms that, enable sexual and gender-based violence, perpetuate inequality and clog the wheel of justice.

I, RABIATOE O. SANWO-OLU hereby restate my commitment to the eradication of sexual and domestic violence in Lagos State. As an integral part of the Lagos State Executive Council, I commit to using the powers and privileges of my office as GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE. (within the ambit of the law) to end sexual and gender-based violence within the State. I further commit to actively collaborate with and support all relevant agencies towards engaging in strategic policy advocacy, sustaining preventive interventions, providing medical and psycho-social support and seeking justice for the survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

This I pledge solemnly and freely on this 26th day of November 2019 at LAGOS

(Name and Signature of Committer)

(Name and Signature of DSVRT Representative)

Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu
Governor of Lagos State
Lagos House, Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos. Tel: 09017077777

Image 6: The commitment document signed by the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu *on the 26th November 2019 at the Governor's Office, Alausa, Ikeja*

United Nations (UN)/Spotlight Initiative Visit

The team welcomed some delegates of the United Nations (UN) Spotlight Initiative on the 5th and 6th of November 2019, the visit included a showcase and presentation to the delegates on the various roles played by the various corresponding agencies which constitute the Response Team. The delegates also went on the field to visit the agencies to learn more about how these agencies operate and provide services to the citizens of the state in response to SGBV cases.

Engagement of Guidance Counsellors on Safeguarding and Child Protection

This project was organised by DSVRT with support from Nigerian Policing Programme (NPP), over 1000 guidance Counsellors drawn from 5 education districts were sensitized on the provisions of the Executive Order on Safeguarding and Child Protection with a view to honing their skills on steps to take to recognize signs of child abuse and steps to report. It was carried out over a peiod of 5 days for 5 educational districts in November, 2019 at the Protea Hotel, Ikeja.



Image 10: Participants *during one of the Guidiance Counsellors' engagement session held in November, 2019 at the Protea Hotel, Ikeja.*

Training on Protection Against Domestic Violence Law and Practice Direction for Judges and Magistrate

The team organized a workshop in partnership EU funded Role of Law and Anti- Corruption (RoLAC) in training Judges in the criminal division and Magistrates on the Protection Against Domestic Violence Law of Lagos State, 2007. This workshop was held on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 26th of November, 2019 at the Pearlwort Hotel and Amber Residence respectively. The workshop had over 200 participants in attendance. This training was inclusive of the Practice Directions, ratified in 2019.

Number of participants:

	BATCH 1	BATCH 2	BATCH 3
DAY 1	56	51	57
DAY 2	54	46	-

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To create awareness on the Prevention Against Domestic Violence Law, 2007.

- To train participants on the Practice Direction for Protection Order Against Domestic Violence, 2019.
- To improve the capacity of participants in handling Sexual and Gender-Based Violence crimes in the State.

Highlighted are some of the core concepts covered in the workshop program:

- Setting the tone: Why a Special Response to Domestic Violence.
- Overview of the Protection Against Domestic Violence Law 2007.
- Overview of the Practice Direction for Protection Order Against Domestic Violence 2019.
- Beyond the Law

The participants gave some recommendation at the end of the workshop, which includes that;

- The training should be extended to the Nigerian Bar Association;
- Sensitization of the Law by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT);
- In order to ensure quick dispensation of justice, evidence given by both respondents and applicants on oath should be taken as a sworn affidavit;
- Forms for the application of the Restraining Order attached to the Practice Direction are complicated for litigants who do not which to engage the services of a lawyer, hence, suggested a form similar to the small claims form at the Magistrate Court;
- A time limit for the period in which the interim order can be extended before the permanent temporary order is granted; and
- Inconsistency of language used in both the Protection Against Domestic Violence Law, 2007 and Practice Direction for Protection Order Against Domestic Violence, 2019.

DECEMBER

Focus Group Discussion (FGD) II

On the 2nd of December, 2019, the second part of the Focus Group Discussion that held earlier in June 2019 for pupils of the public primary and secondary school took place and had over 300 students in attendance.

The FGD with children was necessary in order to encourage participation from children as enshrined in the Convention of Rights of Children, the Child's Rights Law as well as the Executive Order on Safeguarding and Child Protection.



Image 7: Pictures of *Participants (Children and Teachers) during the FGD (II) session held on the 2nd of December, 2019 at the Adeyemi Bero Auditorium, Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja*

The study adopted a cross-sectional survey method which involved a qualitative method of data collection. The data for the study was gathered using Focus Group Discussion (FGD) as a means of data collection. By going through the results obtained from the findings, the following recommendations are put forward to aid the proper implementation of safeguarding and Child protection in the State. They are;

- The inclusion of child's rights into the school's curriculum
- Parents should be constantly and compulsorily expose to awareness about child rights through conferences, parent and teacher meetings and all avenue possible.
- There should be more awareness to the public through community engagement and media
- There should be drastic enforcement of child rights laws.
- Clubs should be created in schools to promote knowledge about child rights and SGBV
- Counselors and school social workers should strengthen awareness and skills in working with students and gaining their trust.
- More researches should be done as the society evolves daily at such mechanisms to ensure an increase in the knowledge of child rights and SGBV changes daily.

Training on Protection Against Domestic Violence Law for Presidents and Members of Customary Court

The team in partnership with the Nigerian Policing program (NPP) organized the training for presidents and members of the Customary Court on the law guiding Domestic Violence in the state which is the Protection against Domestic Violence Law, 2007. The workshop which was from the 11th – 12th December 2019 was held at the Protea Hotel, Ikeja. Day 1 of the training recorded 50 participants in attendance while Day 2 recorded about 43 participants in attendance.



Image 8: Pictures of *Participants (Presidents and Members of the Customary Court) during the training session held in December 2019 at the Protea Hotel, Ikeja*

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To create awareness on the Prevention Against Domestic Violence Law, 2007.
- To improve the capacity of participants in handling Sexual and Gender-Based Violence crimes in the State.

The core concepts of the workshop were as follows:

- Setting the tone: Cultural/Societal Perceptions/Patriarchy.
- Overview of the Prevention Against Domestic Violence Law, 2007.
- Support Services Available.

The following were recommendations given by participants:

- Amendment of the laws for Customary Courts to include criminal jurisdiction.
- Sensitization of the Law by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT).

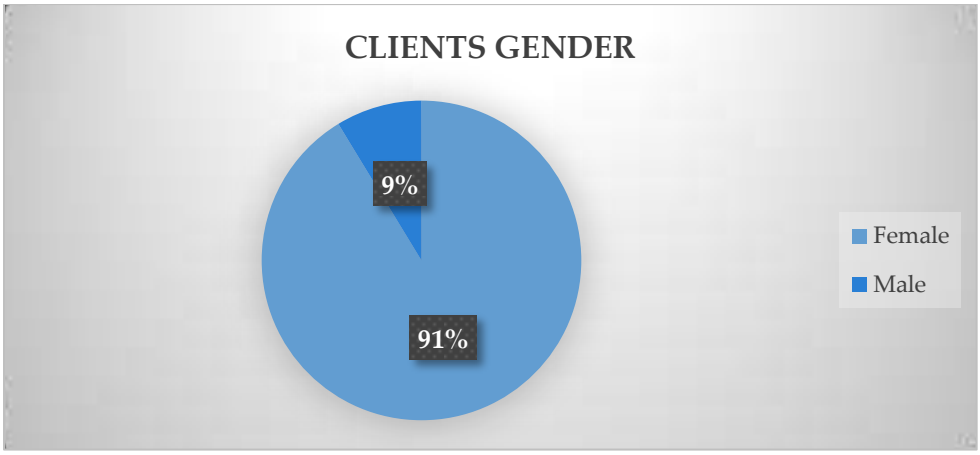
Sensitization of Alakuko Residents on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

This was done on the 6th of December, 2019 with the support of the Nigerian Policing Programme (NPP). The event had in attendance, all the relevant stakeholders.

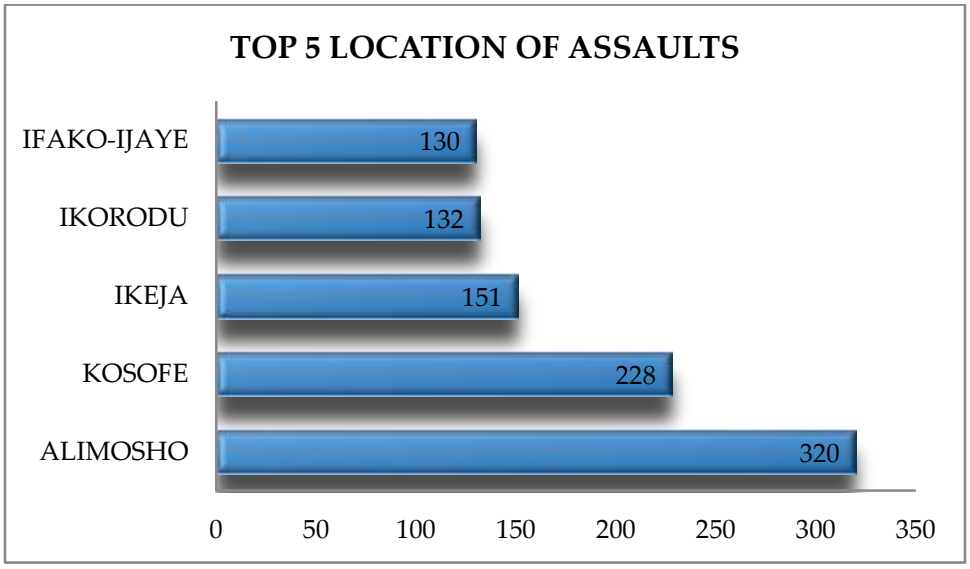


Image 9: Community *stakeholders during the training session held on the 6th December 2019 at a Local community in Alakuko, Lagos.*

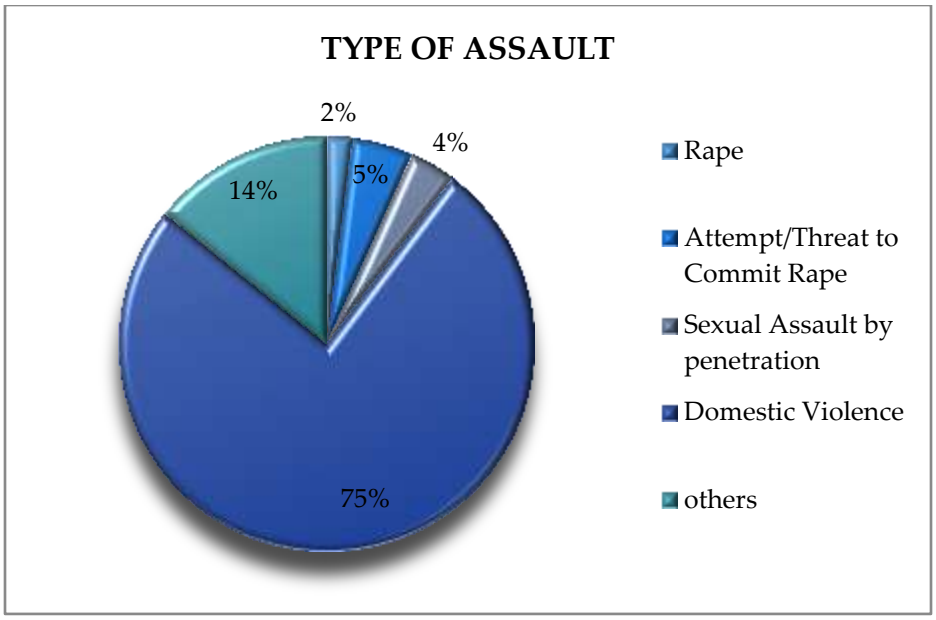
Domestic and Sexual Violence Report (Adults): January to December 2019.



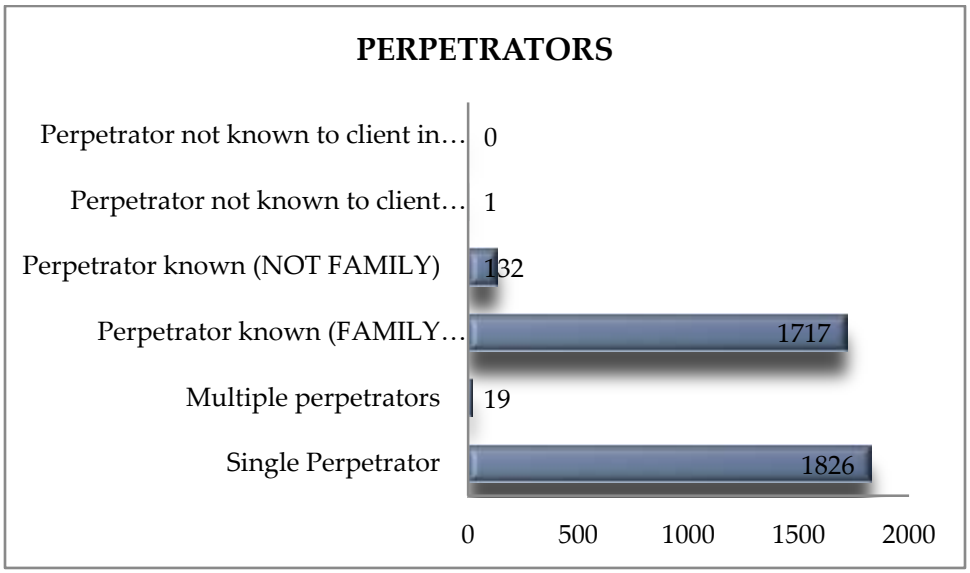
This report shows that **91%** of domestic and sexual violence cases reported to the **DSVRT Office** are from **females** while only **9%** of cases reported are from **males**.



This chat shows the **top 5 local government areas** which domestic and sexual violence has taken place, which **Alimosho** has the highest no. of reported cases (**320 cases**), followed by **Kosofe** with the second-highest no. of reported cases (**228 cases**), also followed by **Ikeja** with the third-highest no. of reported cases (**151 cases**), followed by **Ikorodu** with the fourth-highest no. of reported cases (**132 cases**) and the fifth one **Ifako-Ijaye** (**130 cases**).

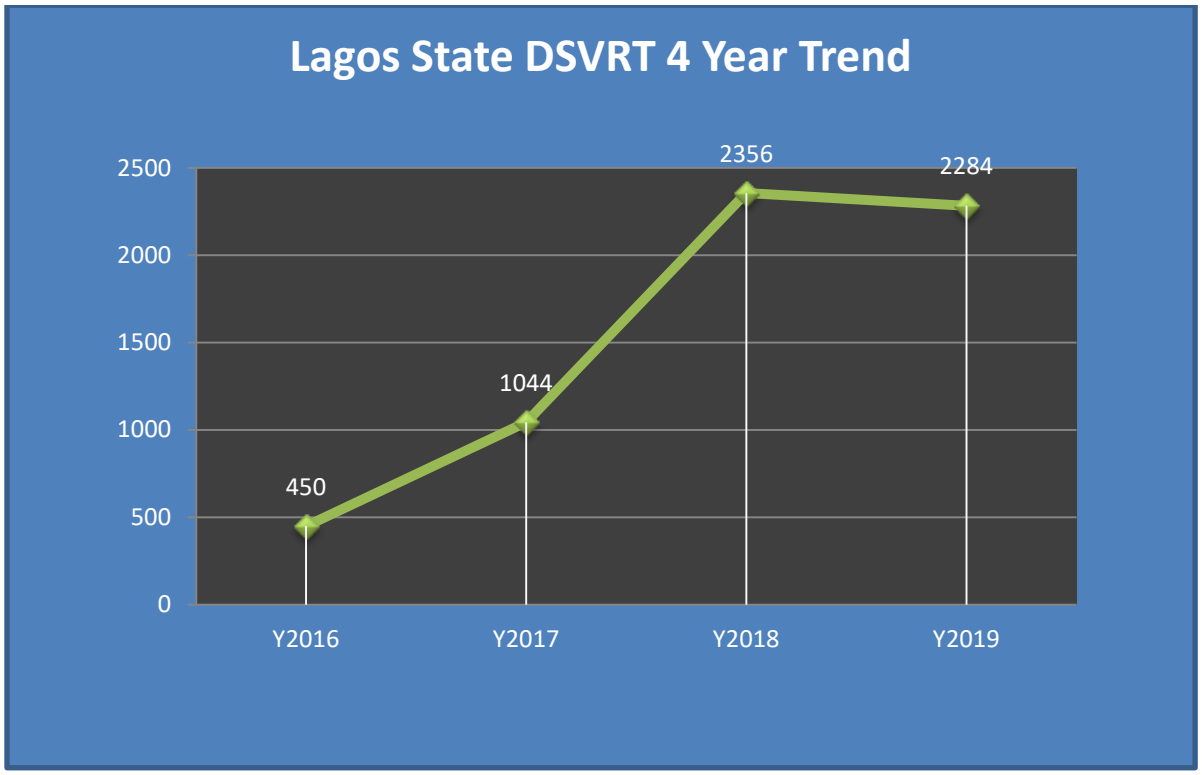


This report shows the **percentage (%)** of various cases that were reported.



This report shows that **Single Perpetrator** has the highest number of reported cases **1826**, followed by **Perpetrator Known** (**Family member**) with **1717** cases, **Perpetrator Known** (**Not family**) with **132** cases, **Multiple Perpetrators** with **19** cases, **Perpetrator Not Known to Client** (By name, but known by face) with **1** case, **Perpetrator Not Known to Client in Any Way** with **No Case.**

Comparison of 2016, 2017, 2018 And 2019 Report



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2016			2017			2018			2019			
		TOTAL			TOTAL			TOTAL			TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
Male	14	450	Male	141		Male	159		Male	213		
Female	436		Female	903	1044	Female	2197	2356	Female	1798	2284	6134
Average no. of new cases (weekly)	9 new caese recorded on average		Average no. of new cases (weekly)	22 new cases recorded on average		Average no. of new cases (weekly)	49 new cases recorded on average		Average no. of new cases (weekly)	45 new cases recorded on average including children		
Highest LGA reports	Alimosho	99	Highest LGA reports	Ikorodu	133	Highest LGA reports	Alimosho	920	Highest LGA reports	Alimosho	320	
	Ikeja	38		Kosofe	123		Kosofe	578		Kosofe	228	
	Kosofe	35		Ikeja	105		Ikorodu	435		Ikeja	151	
Age range of perpetrators	18-45 years	398	Age range of perpetrators	18-45 years	1222	Age range of perpetrators	18-45 years	1824	Age range of perpetrators	18-45 years	1732	
	46+	51		46+	86		46+	175		46+	128	
Source of referrals	Self-walk in	189	Source of referrals	Self-walk in	703	Source of referrals	Self-walk in	1282	Source of referrals	Self-walk in	1398	
	Police (FSU)	201		Police (FSU)	60		Police (FSU)	164		Police (FSU)	129	
	Media	43		Media	115		Media	243		Media	172	
	Hospital	51		Hospital	50		Hospital	69		Hospital	48	
	CSO/NGO	17		CSO/NGO	36		CSO/NGO	67		CSO/NGO	43	
	OGA	0		OGA	80		OGA	175		OGA	43	
Monthly reportage	37 new cases on average		Monthly reportage	87 new cases on average		Monthly reportage	196 new cases on average		Monthly reportage	180 new cases on average		

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Children (Major Cases)

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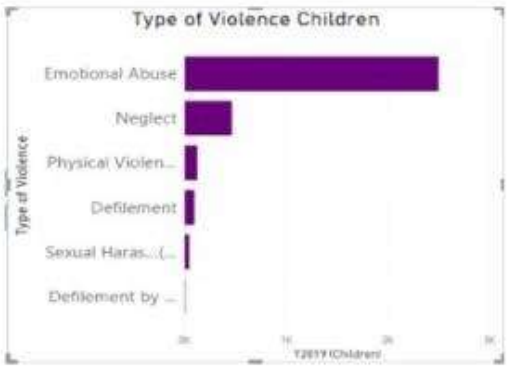
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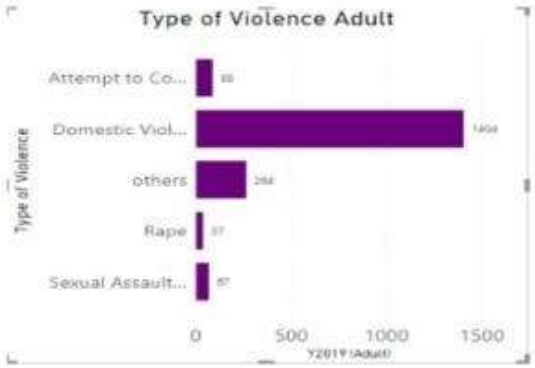
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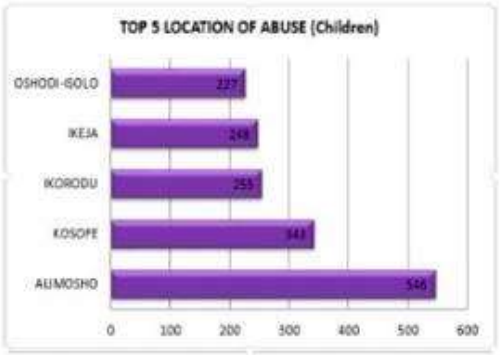
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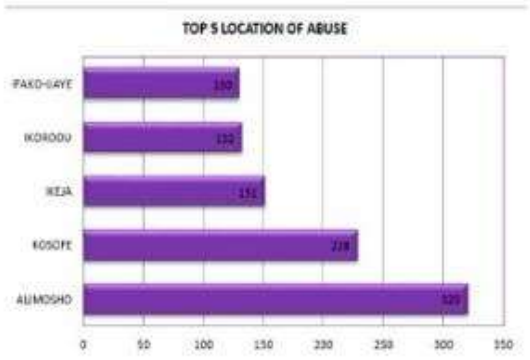
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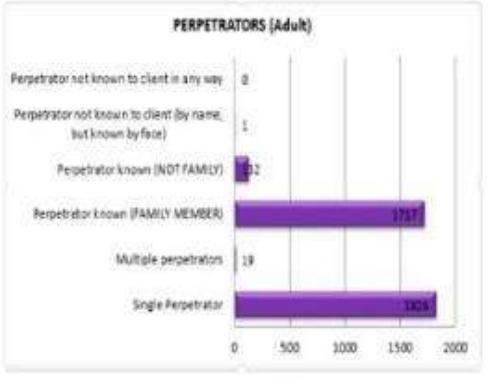








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