LAGOS STATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGENCY

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Overview

The Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA), was established to provide a coordinated & holistic response to Sexual, Domestic and Gender-Based Violence issues in Lagos State.

The Agency provides an opportunity for survivors and third parties to report cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence and these reported cases are tackled swiftly through the team work of Ministries, Department and partner Agencies, Gender-Based Violence Case Managers, the Police, Non-Governmental Organizations, Psychologists, Rescue team, Social Welfare, Health-care workers and the Judiciary.

In line with the six (6) Strategic Development Pillars of Mr. Governor's Administration with the acronym **'T.H.E.M.E.S'** towards ensuring "A Greater Lagos", the mandate of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency as provided in Section 5 of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency law 2021, seats squarely on **E - Education, H- Health** and **S** which focuses on **"Security and Governance".**



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E EDUCATION

The Agency in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Office of Education Quality Assurance, Education Districts, Child Protection Network and other relevant agencies, sensitized school children through Safeguarding the Rights of a Child (STRAC) interactive workshop. for each 6 weeks in 3 phases (April – December), we trained and inducted secondary school boys and girls into the Queens Club and Kings Club with the aim of raising empowered girls and promoting positive masculinity.

We also, launched our Campus Activation in Tertiary Institutions across the state.

These flagship programs focused on elements of the fight against incidents of sexual assault in Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Institutions by creating awareness and propagating rape prevention measures that would ultimately address sexual issues and encourage safety consciousness among students.

DSVA trained duty bearers on safeguarding and child protection. We have enforced the compulsory safeguarding and child protection order in public and private schools within the state, to enable care and protection of children while holding accountable any erring individual or institution.

In view of DSVA's role in ensuring full implementation of the Executive Order on safeguarding and Child Protection, all reports of Child protection concerns in schools were duly responded to. From September 2021 to July 2022, the attention of the taskforce saddled with the responsibility of implementing the Executive Order on safeguarding and Child protection, which comprises of the representatives from the Office of Education Quality Assurance, Department of School Social Work of the Ministry of Youth and Social Development as well as DSVA has been drawn to incidents of Child Abuse in **over 39** schools.

All erring schools were jointly investigated and all the sexual related cases are being prosecuted by the Director of Public Prosecutions, five (5) cases are in court, one school was shut down as a result of infractions.



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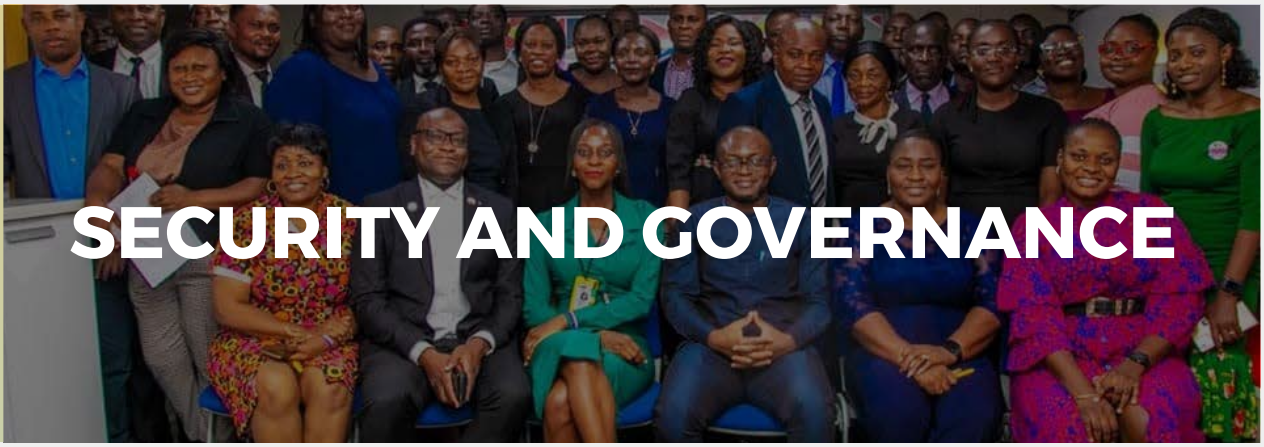
we mainstreamed response to SGBV into the health sector, ensuring that health workers are equipped to be able to provide post-care services to victims of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. Where applicable, Survivor is referred/ accompanied to a comprehensive PHC/specialized Sexual Assault and Referral Center (SARC) Mirabel, Idera, WARIF, for medical examination and treatment.

Asides from referral services, the Agency periodically, engaged medical officers from Primary Health Care Board (PHCB), General Hospitals and other health care centres in intensive trainings on sexual assault management services.

The Agency also collaborated with Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (Lagos branch) to train licensed pharmacist through the Speak to INU (I Need You) scheme. Speak to INU seeks to provide medical assistance to victims of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence using community-based approach.



S SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE



DSVA worked closely with the Police/law enforcements to facilitate immediate rescue of survivors and in investigation of cases of Sexual and Gender-based Violence.

Asides from immediate rescue of survivors, DSVA ensured that clients who have experienced one form of abuse or the other, were well protected during and after case processes, where applicable, a restraining order was issued against abusive spouses.

In 2022, DSVA partnered with the Commissioner of Police in upgrading additional five (5) police station into Family Support Units (FSU), to provide thorough investigation and prosecution of SGBV cases.

In a bid to end the culture of impunity, we commenced publication of details of convicted sex offenders in the media, and we issued letters of advisory to the traditional and community leaders where the sex convict previously resided in.

We now have 21 Family Support Units (FSU) in police stations:

1. Igbogbo
2. Ikorodu
3. Ikotun
4. Ilupeju
5. Festac
6. Alakuko
7. Isokoko
8. Gender Desk, Lagos State Police Command
9. Ikeja Divisional Police Station
10. Ajah
11. Badagry
12. Adeniji Adele
13. Owutu
14. Bariga
15. Ajegunle
16. Okokomaiko
17. Igando
18. Imota
19. Ilasan
20. Surulere
21. Ipaja

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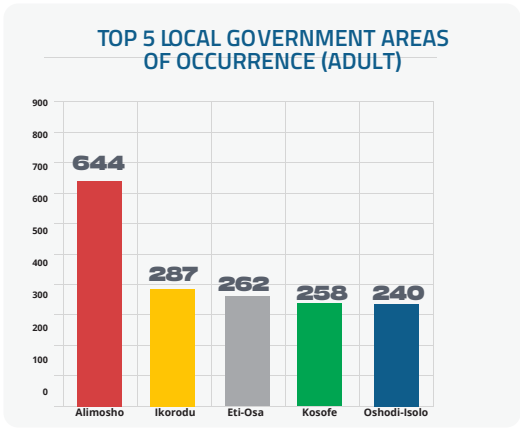


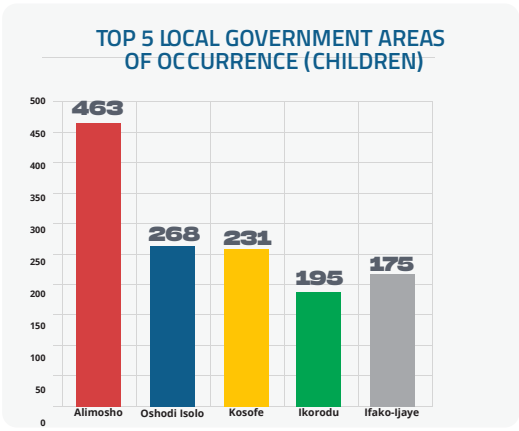
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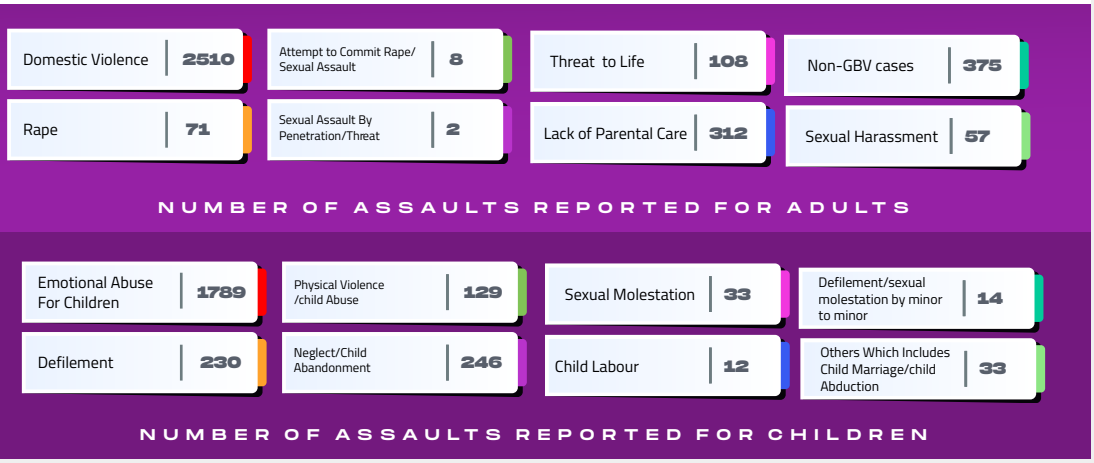
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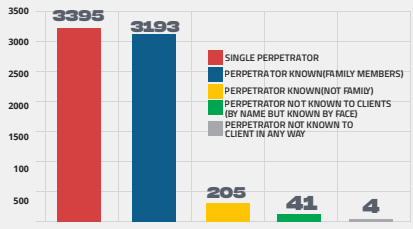
300
new cases every month

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GBV VRRS
Virtual Response and Referral System
includes children data

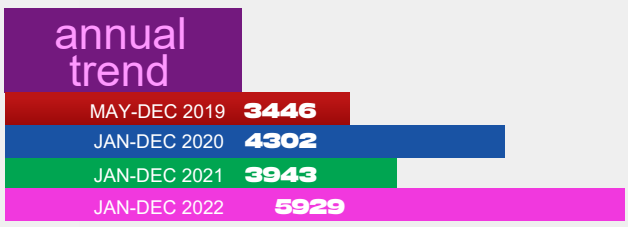








PERPETRATORS FOR ADULT CASES



TO REPORT SGBV CALL OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER 08000

In the year 2022, DSVA received a total of **5929 cases** via the Virtual Referral and Response Service (VRRS) and Physical report which includes Domestic Violence, Rape, Threat to life, sexual Assault by Penetration, Emotional Abuse, Child Neglect/abandonment, Sexual Molestation and Non -GBV cases perpetrated against Adults and Children. The below infographic provides an overview of the cases handled, as well as important trends.

Interventions / Initiatives



January

We expanded our team of professionals to provide preventive and response services. We also provided the technical support needed for the setup of the office after its metamorphosis into a full fledge Agency in September, 2021



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ENGAGEMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND HEADS OF SCHOOL ON IMPLEMENTING THE LAGOS STATE SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY DISTRICTS 2 AND 3

February

We launched our **"Its on Us"** campaign, targeted at mobilizing a critical mass of community stakeholders for SGBV Prevention and response.

We engaged **over 2000** school administrators and heads on their roles in implementing the safeguarding and child protection policy.

DSVA received a team from Borno State Government on a study tour visit to the state.



March

We organized a town hall meeting at Eti-Osa Local Government through the ''It's On Us'' campaign initiative. A total of 900 residents were sensitized.

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TOWN HALL MEETING ON SGBV (IT'S ON US)
IKORODU LOCAL GOVERNMENT (1)

April

We continued with our ''It's On Us'' Town Hall meeting at Ikorodu Local Government. It recorded **over 1000** Ikorodu residents including community leaders and other stakeholders.



INDUCTION CEREMONY, QUEENS CLUB EDUCATION DISTRICTS 6



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO KINGS CLUB EDUCATION DISTRICTS 6

May

Town hall meeting took place at Mushin Local Government. **800 participants** were in attendance. We engaged secondary school boys and girls through our Queens and Kings Club initiative. This flagship intervention featured well established, culturally oriented and moral minded individuals who served as Mentors to the young stars.

These Mentors engaged the Kings and Queens on a weekly basis where they shared their life lessons while encouraging them to uphold good morals as they strive to make impart in their own generations.

Distinguished personalities, including Hon. Justice Solebo of the Lagos State High court, Mrs. Shola Soleye of Channels Television, Mrs. Bose Ironsi of Women's Rights and Health Project (WRAHP)Mrs. Atinuke Odukoya, of Center for Womens Health and Information (CEWHIN),

Professor Olufunmilayo Bammeke of University of Lagos, among others, served as Mentors. **Over 1500** secondary school boys across the state have been inducted into the Kings club to promote positive masculinity.

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We also organised safeguarding the rights of a child workshop (STRAC). **Over 2000** students were sensitized.

We embarked on a 3-month rehabilitation intervention programme for convicted sex offenders in minimum and maximum prisons. For the period of three (3) months, **126 inmates** were actively engaged by skilled psychologists of the Agency as well as other professionals from the Institute of Counselling of Nigeria.

We trained **50 medical professionals** from Primary Health Care Board both for newly recruited and refreshers course for long practicing doctors on prevention and management of sexual assault cases.

We collaborated with Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) to organize SGBV awareness walk.



June

Leveraging on our collaboration with Lagos State Waterways Authority, we embarked on awareness campaigns in the riverine areas:

Falomo Ferry Terminal **Ikorodu Ferry Terminal** **Baiyeku Jetty**
Tarzan Badore Ferry Terminal **Ebute Ero Ferry Terminal**
Liverpool Ferry Terminal **Ijegun-Egba Ferry Terminal** **Ebute Ojo Ferry Terminal**
Ijegun Egba, and Ebute Ojo.



SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD WORKSHOP EDUCATION DISTRICT 1 (IJAIYE-OJOKORO SENIOR SECONDARY, IFAKO-IJAIYE.) 2022

July

We engaged school children through the Safeguarding the Rights of a Child workshop **Over 1500** school children were sensitized.

We organized a town hall meeting on SGBV prevention and response at Alimosho and Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Areas. **Over 1000** residents were in attendance

We leveraged on the Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu & Kadiri Obafemi Hamzat Healthcare Mission (BOSKOH HMI) 4th edition outreach to sensitize residents on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. The outreach took place in eight (8) Local Government Areas of the state. **Over 5000** Lagosians were sensitized.

Visited religious organizations and sensitized **over 5000** religious leaders and their members on SGBV prevention and response.



A 3-DAY TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS ON PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN LAGOS STATE. (AUGUST, 2022).

August

We introduced compulsory pre-marital curriculum into the existing marriage registry. All **57 Registrars** of Marriage were trained and have commenced providing the counselling for intending couples.

It's On Us Town Hall meeting was held at Lagos Island and Apapa Local Government Areas of the state. A total of **1300 participants** including traditional rulers, artisans, market men and women among others were in attendance and positively impacted.

We engaged over **50** CDA and CDC Chairman and members of the community as responders of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence who will be saddled with the responsibility of providing immediate assistance to survivors before making onward referrals.

We also **trained 40** newly recruited doctors from Primary Health care Board (PHCB) on prevention and management of sexual assault cases



GOVERNOR SANWOOLU COMMENDS DSVA AS AGENCY HOLDS COMMENDATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

September

(Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness Month)

We marked one year in office as an Agency. We also heightened awareness through community engagement programs, social media advocacy, Radio Jingles, TV advertisement, Billboard advertisement etc

We organized a Town Hall meeting at Eti-Osa and Epe Local Government Areas of the state which had **over 2500** participants.

We **trained 20** SGBV focal persons in Agege Local Government Areas of the state

We collaborated with Unilever Nigeria PLC to organize an outreach titled, ''Market Fiesta''. A strategic initiative to reach out to the Male community on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence prevention and response. Katangora market, Alimosho and Balogun market, Lagos Island were the target areas. It recorded **over 3000** market men and women.

For proper representation of SGBV cases and ultimately, quick dispensation of justice, we trained **over 50** Police and State Prosecutors on Prosecuting Sexual Violence Cases. We also trained **over 20** Judges and Magistrates on Best Practices for Adjudicating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence cases.

We sensitized **over 100** muslim clerics on SGBV

We launched our Campus Intervention programme titled **'It's On Us'** to end sexual and gender based violence

In order to break societal stereotypes and expectations about men and women, we introduced 'men wey sabi' conference.

Finally, we organized the Governor's Commendation/Award Night where we recognized individuals and organizations who go beyond the call of duty to ensure that survivors receive the necessary assistance that they need.



A ONE-DAY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH TRADITIONAL RULERS ON THE PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN LAGOS STATE OCTOBER, 2022.

October

We engaged **over 30** paramount traditional rulers on their roles in preventing and responding to SGBV in their respective kingdoms.

We sensitized school children on child abuse and how they can play a part in their own safeguarding.



TRAINING OF JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES ON BEST PRACTICES FOR ADJUDICATING SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CASES IN COURT - NOVEMBER 2022



November

We **trained 40** General Hospital doctors on sexual assault prevention and response.



December

In a bid to further leverage technology whilst responding to SGBV, DSVA with support from the Joint EU Funded Spotlight Initiative, launched the Domestic and Sexual Violence Case Management System (DSVCMS) to tackle SGBV

We participated at the Lagos Forensic Symposium where we shared our experience and achievements as it pertains to Sexual and gender-Based Violence issues.

Town hall meeting at Lagos Mainland. **Over 800** residents were sensitized on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence





To commemorate the 16 days of activism for the elimination of violence against women and girls, we collaborated with National Orientation Agency (NOA) to organize an awareness walk at Ibeju-Lekki Local Government. We also visited some private schools across the state to enlighten students and teachers on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. These schools include:

- Chrisland school, ikeja
- Chrisland school, Victoria Island
- Honeyland school, Ipaja
- Dansol Primary school, Ojodu-Berger
- Chrisland school, Idimu
- Honeyland school, Magodo
- Dansol High school, Agidingbi
- BeeHive Nursery and Primary school

We organized a door-to-door SGBV awareness at Epe and Ajah communities. **Over 5000** community residents including children were sensitized.

DSVA Empowered **over 120** survivors on Small and Medium sized Enterprise (SME) through the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency's Trust Fund.

We also leveraged on our partnership with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs to review the work done by marriage registrars, to ensure effective administration of the pre-marital effectiveness preparatory counselling curriculum to intending couples.

We received an award of excellence in prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence issues from Methodist Church of Nigeria.

We visited and sensitized **over 2000** National Youth Service Corp members on SGBV.

CONCLUSION

In 2022, we maintained our commitment to the services of survivors of SGBV in the state. We engaged our audience through door-to-door activities, town hall meetings using educative and informative contents, animations, pictures and videos.

Through these initiatives and interventions, we are gradually breaking the culture of silence, ensuring that the zero tolerance message is communicated across the state. This is evident in the steady increase in case reporting.

We have been able to break into the much-marginalized areas of the state with our zero tolerance message. Lagosians are now embracing the message, and are gradually accepting their roles as mandated reporters, making sure that victims of SGBV get justice and perpetrators are accountable for their actions.

This year alone, the Agency rescued over 120 survivors from life threatening situations. We also secured over 38 Restraining Order against abusive spouses.

We published over 10 details of Sex Convicts, to serve as deterrence and end the culture of impunity. This is an evidence of a systematic shift in service delivery.

Despite our milestones, we understand that there is even more work to be done. We also appreciate efforts of all responder agencies in Lagos State for the work they are doing. We recognize the political will that has enabled us to thrive, even as we remain grateful to Governor Sanwo-Olu and the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr. Kadri Obaemi Hamzat for their unwavering support.

We believe that issues of SGBV can be tamed in our society if every individual, community, corporate or public institutions use their platforms to amplify the zero tolerance message

We remain accessible 24/7 via our toll free number:

0 8000 333 333

or email: info@lagosdsva.org

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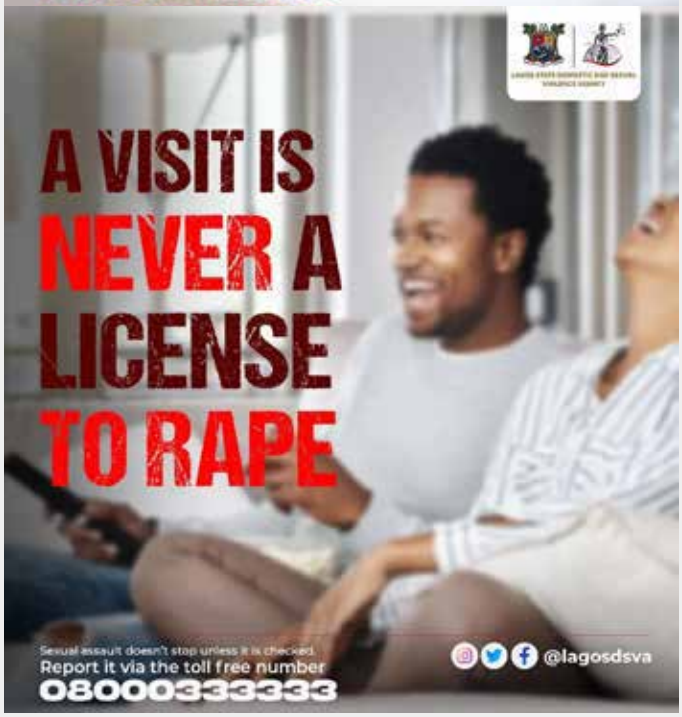




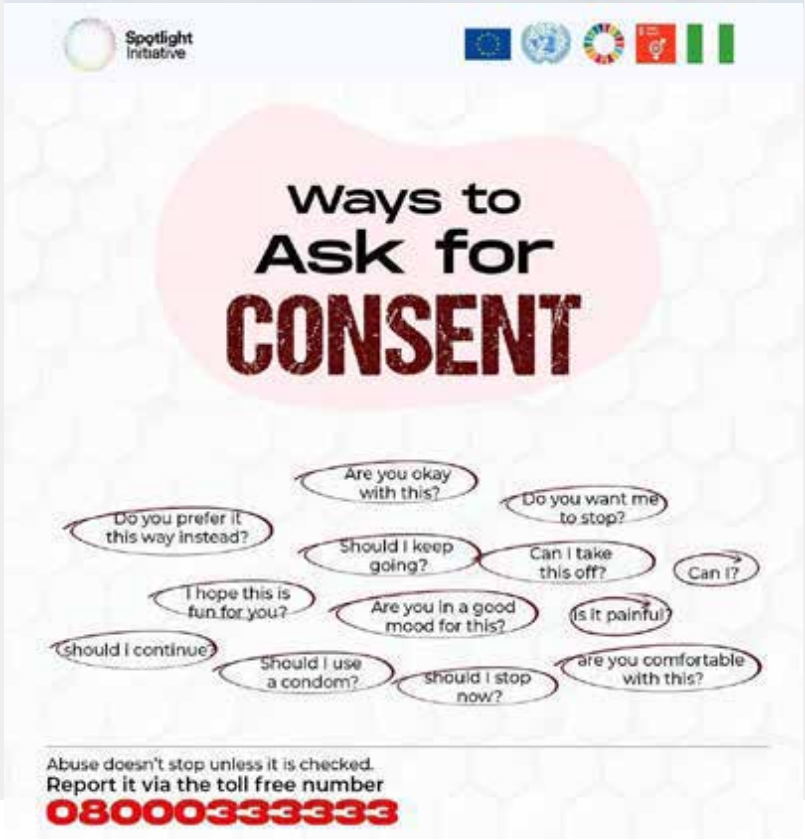


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1. **Secured shelter for survivors** of domestic violence as well as land allocation for development of purpose -built shelters across the divisions in Lagos state

2. **Set up** focal teams to ensure decentralization of services and access to immediate response from the comfort if their local communities.

3. **Launched** the Lagos State sexual intervention fund to provide **access to free medical services** for survivors including medical attention post trauma

4. In the past three years, **over 1400** survivors have received **LEGAL, MEDICAL, COUNSELLING/PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, EMPOWERMENT SERVICES,** facilitated by the Agency

5. Increased number of designated police stations (FSU's) to survivors of SGBV

6. Established a one stop shop centre to provide access to **free MEDICAL, LEGAL, PSYCHOSOCIAL, AND EMPOWERMENT SERVICES** as well as alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for survivors under one roof

7. Secured **over 200** convictions and **10** restraining orders against abusive spouses

8. Now able to provide access to **FREE 24/7 services** , via the toll-free line **(08000 333 333)** to survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

9. Trained **over 600** professionals, including Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers, Social workers and Police officers on proving optimum services to survivors of **SGBV**

10. Created the Domestic and Sexual Violence Trust Fund, commenced disbursement of seed grants to **over 200** high risk survivors for business, relocation, health and education.

11. Renewed concerted effort in ensuring the mental health of survivors of sexual violence by having a dedicated team of professionals (psychologists and psychiatrist) to provide **access to free mental health services to over 500 survivors.**

12. Commenced publication of details of sex convicts to serve as a deterrence and end the culture of impunity

13. Established a designated team of professionals (psychologist & counsellors) to address the mental health needs of survivors. **Over 700** survivors have benefitted from this services.

14. Across the state, **over 1300** secondary school boys have been inducted into the Kings to promote positive masculinity and **over 1000** secondary school girls have been inducted into the Queens club, with the aim of raising empowered girls

15. **Over 15000** students have been trained on preventing **SGBV** and on steps to take to report and break the culture of silence, and **over 3000** principals and **14000** teachers have been trained on safeguarding and child protection.

16. Established a statutory Agency, Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA), to prevent and respond to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence





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