

**REPORT OF ONLINE STUDY ON
THE TYPES OF SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE MOST PREVALENT
DURING THE COVID19 LOCKDOWN IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA**

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ACRONYMS

FGM- Female Genital Mutilation

GAC -Global Affairs Canada

PWD -Persons with Disability

SGBV - Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

WACOL -Women's Aid Collective

WINET – Women Information Network

WVL – Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following reports of increase in Sexual and Gender-Based (SGBV) cases during the period of Covid-19 lockdown in Nigeria between the months of March 2020 and July 2020, WINET carried out an online survey of one hundred and five persons (105) in August 2020 to determine the types of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) most prevalent in Enugu State, Nigeria. The questionnaires were administered online through WhatsApp groups to residents of the seventeen (17) local government areas of the State.

The purpose of the study is to generate information on the types of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) acts and those most prevalent in the State, in order to enable Women Information Network (WINET) to utilize such information in media campaigns to prevent and end SGBV against women and girls, including persons with disabilities.

Results of the study showed that out of the one hundred and five (105) respondents sixty-seven (67) or 63.8% of the respondents are female, while thirty-seven (37) or 32.2% are males and one person (1) 1% was a Person with Disabilities (PWD). 90.5% of the respondents said they have heard of SGBV in Enugu State, while 9.5% said they had not heard of it before. 80% of the respondents are of the view that SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State, while 20% do not think so. Some of the most prevalent acts of SGBV in Enugu State identified by respondents are rape, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), denial of inheritance, Child/forced marriage, intimidation, defilement, abandonment, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and wife battery. 83.8% said they had been victims of SGBV, while 16.2% said they had never experienced SGBV. 64.8% of respondents said that the most frequent type of SGBV they heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State in the last six months (March – August 2020) is rape. One hundred and three respondents (103) respondents said that women in Enugu State experience SGBV while two (2) said women and girls do not experience SGBV in Enugu.

Based on the findings, the following recommendations are made: Jingle messages should be produced and broadcast on Radio to campaign for an end to SGBV against women and girls. The messages will call on men and boys who are perpetrators of SGBV to desist from such acts. Mention in the messages the punishment for perpetrators of SGBV including rape as stipulated in Enugu State Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law (2019) and encourage victims to report to Women's Aid Collective (WACOL) TAMAR-SARC Sexual Assault and Referral Centre and the Police.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information

Violence against women and girls remains one of the most harmful human rights violations of our time in Enugu State. Recently, there has been increased incidents of acts of violence against persons in the society especially women and girls, who are the targeted victims. Since the COVID 19 pandemic, there has been reported increase in the number of sexual and gender-based violence cases in the country. The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mohammed Adamu said that seven hundred and seventeen (717) cases of rape were reported nationwide in five months, January –May 2020. (Punch newspaper of June 15 2020). There have been protests across the country against increasing cases of rape and defilement of minors and Gender-Based violence. Also, cases of assault of women and girls in the enforcement of the lockdown order in various States were witnessed. During the protest march by women groups in Enugu, Enugu State on Thursday June 18, the leader of the groups and Executive Director of Women’s Aid Collective (WACOL) Professor Joy Ezeilo said that between April and May 2020, her organization recorded twenty-five (25) cases of rape and handled one hundred and fifty-six cases of sexual and gender based violence in Enugu State. (www.today.ng/news/nigeria/enugu-csos). During the protest march to government house, the women who condemned the incessant sexual violence including rape and other acts of violence against women and girls called for the implementation of the Enugu State VAPP law 2019. Enugu State has the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) law 2019 which the Governor has assented and is being gazetted for implementation.

It is in view of this that WINET has embarked on this study to determine the types of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence most prevalent in Enugu State so as to use the findings for policy advocacy and design campaigns to tackle the menace.

1.2 Definition of Concepts

Sexual and Gender Based Violence

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) says Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) refers to any act that is perpetrated against a person’s will and is based on gender norms and unequal power relationships. Such acts include rape, wife battery, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Sexual Abuse, Girl-Child/Forced Marriage, Harmful widowhood practices, Verbal abuse or discrimination, Denial of inheritance, Cyber/internet/online stalking, Intimidation, Forceful ejection from home, Defilement, Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects to cause harm, Abandonment and Sexual harassment.

Child Marriage – is a marriage contracted between a man and a girl who is under eighteen (18) Years.

Forced Marriage – is compelling a girl below eighteen (18) years to get married without her consent.

Sexual Abuse – is sexual behaviour or a sexual act forced upon a woman, man or a child without their consent.

Sexual Harassment – is any form of unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature that is offensive, humiliating or intimidating. It includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature

1.3 Objectives of the study

The objective of the study is to determine the types of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) acts most prevalent in Enugu State.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Determine knowledge of types of SGBV acts by residents of Enugu State
- To Ascertain if SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State
- Identify types of SGBV that people have experienced in Enugu State
- Ascertain if people are aware of organizations or agencies where they can report SGBV

CHAPTER TWO

METHODOLOGY

2.1 Study Design

The study was designed to administer online questionnaires to various persons residing in State so as to elicit responses from female and male residents of the seventeen local government areas of Enugu State including Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) within the age range of twenty (20) to sixty-five (65).

2.2 Study Area

The study was conducted in the seventeen (17) local government areas of Enugu State. Enugu State where questionnaires were disseminated.

2.3 Study Population and Sample Size

One hundred and five (105) residents of the seventeen local government areas of Enugu State provided responses to the online questionnaire.

2.4 Method of Data Collection

Questionnaires were circulated online through WhatsApp platforms to respondents who filled and submitted forms, which were received by the data analyst via google. The forms were used as primary sources of information to gather data.

2.5 Limitations to the Study

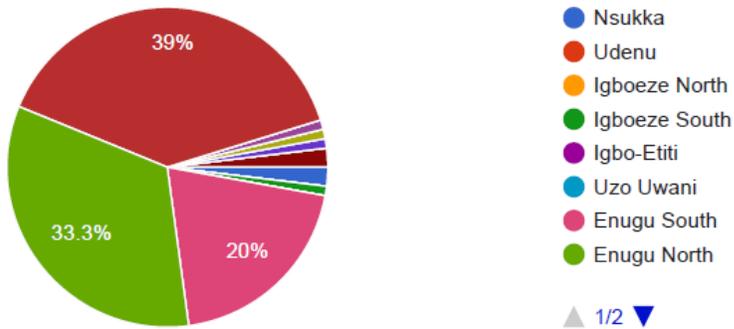
The distribution of the questionnaires via WhatsApp platforms is limiting because people who do not belong to any WhatsApp platforms were not reached for the views.

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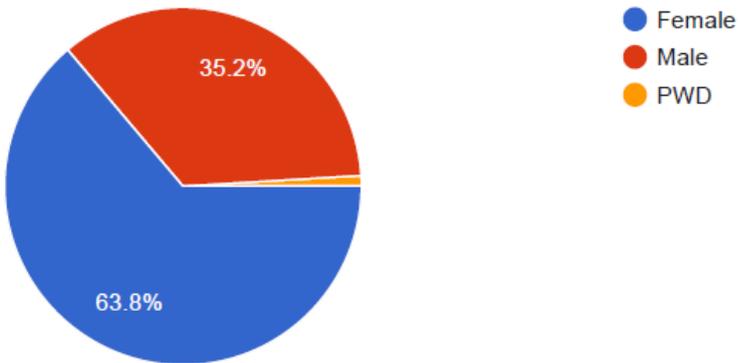
RESULTS /FINDINGS

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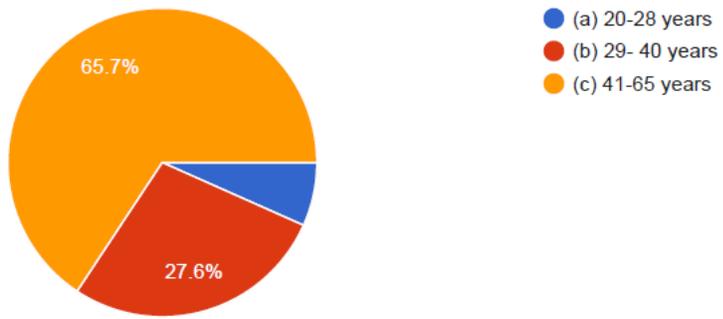
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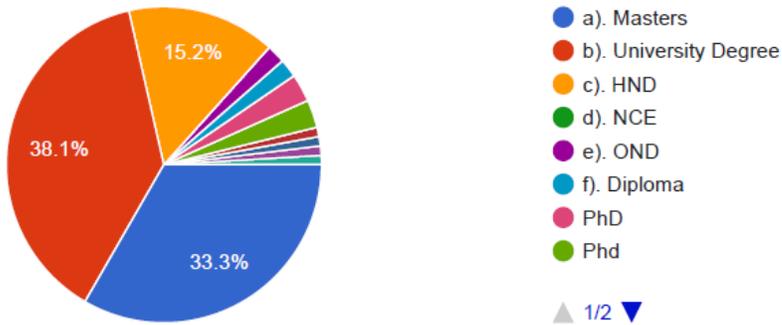
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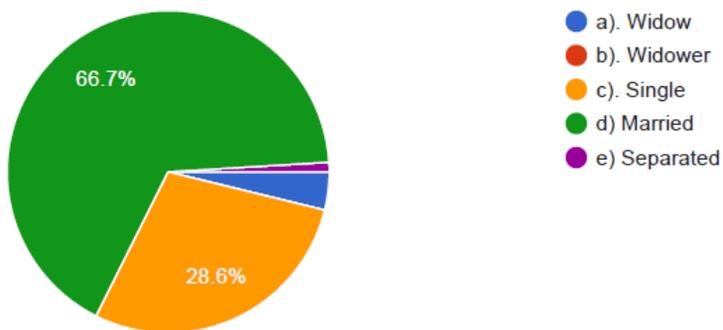
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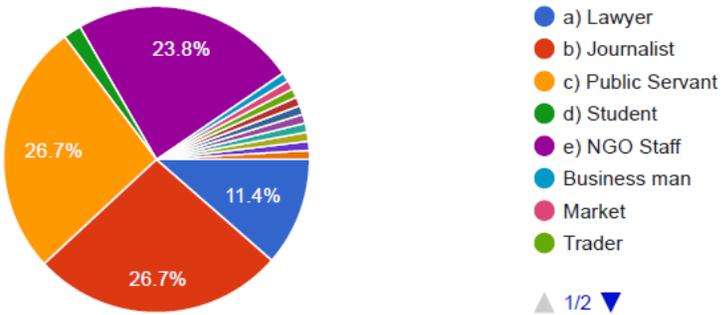
3.1.4. Highest Educational Attainment of Respondents



3.1.5. Marital Status of Respondents

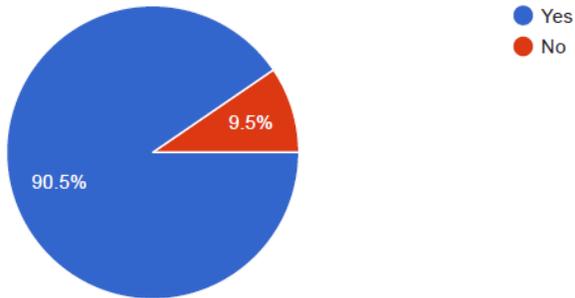


3.1.6. Occupation of Respondents

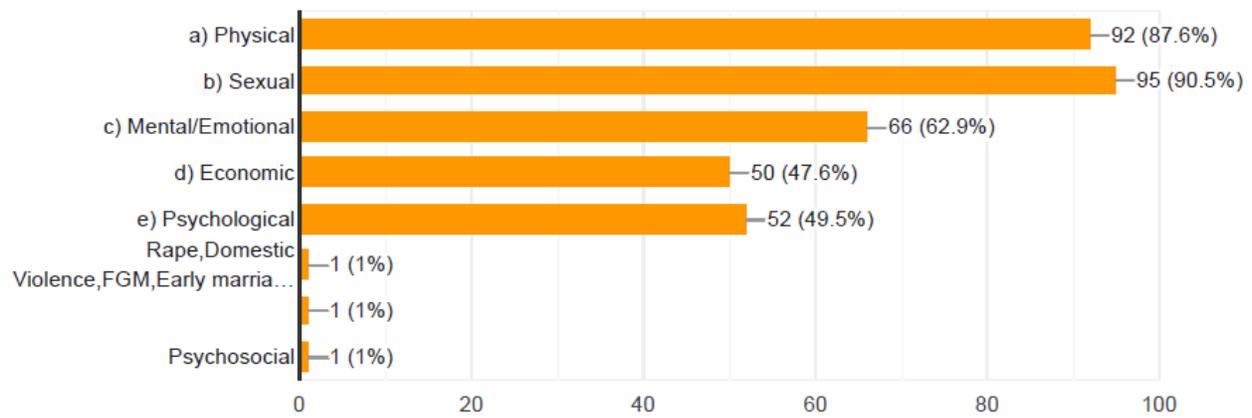


3.2 Knowledge of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

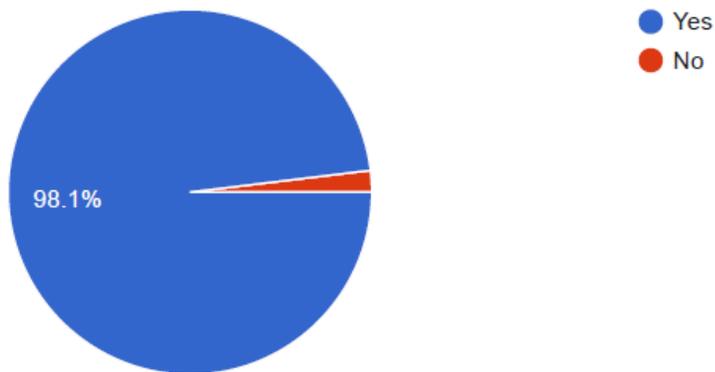
3.2.1. Have you heard of SGBV in Enugu State?



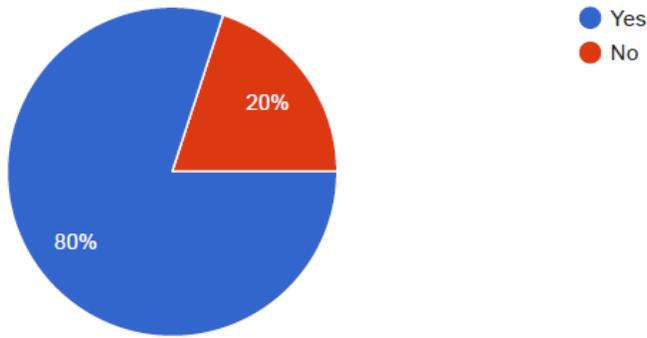
3.2.2. What types of Sexual and Gender Based Violence are you aware of?



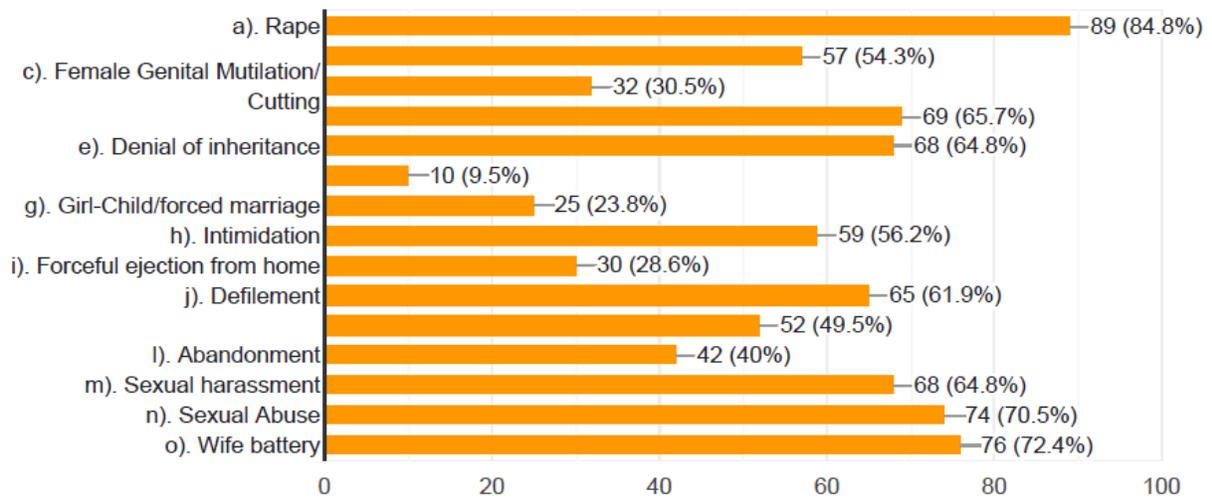
3.2.3. Do women and girls in Enugu State experience Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)?



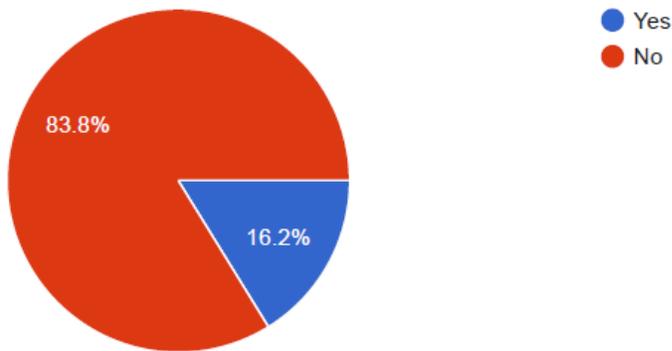
3.2.4. Do you think SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State?



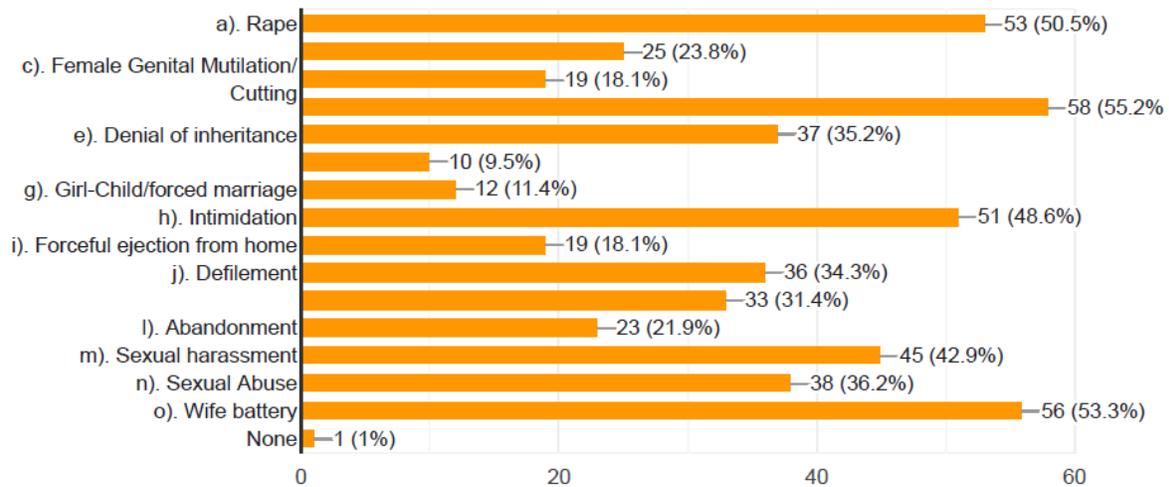
3.2.5. What are the most prevalent acts of Sexual and Gender Based Violence you are aware of in Enugu State?



3.2.6 Have you been a victim of Sexual and Gender Based Violence?

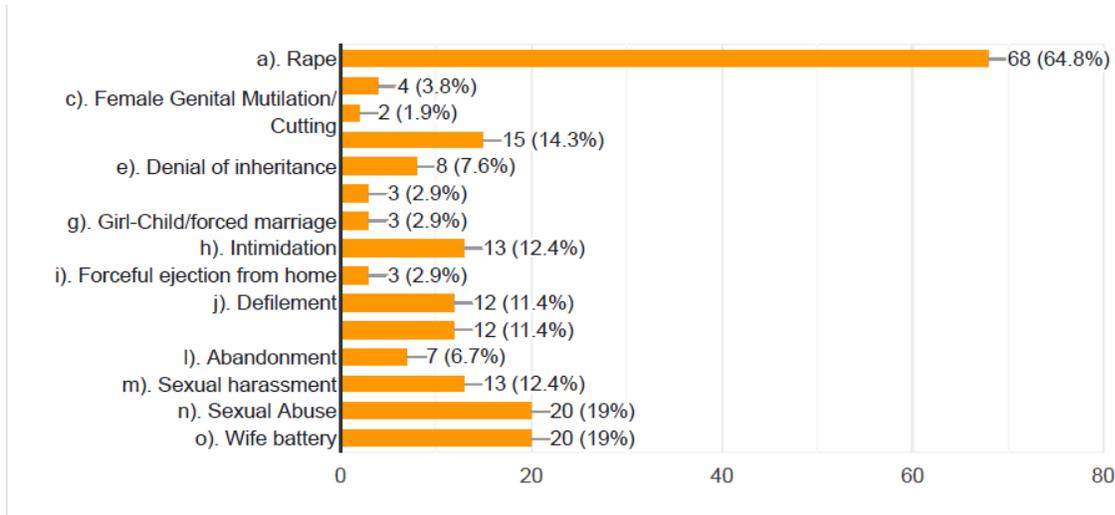


3.2.7. What type of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) have you or someone you know experienced?

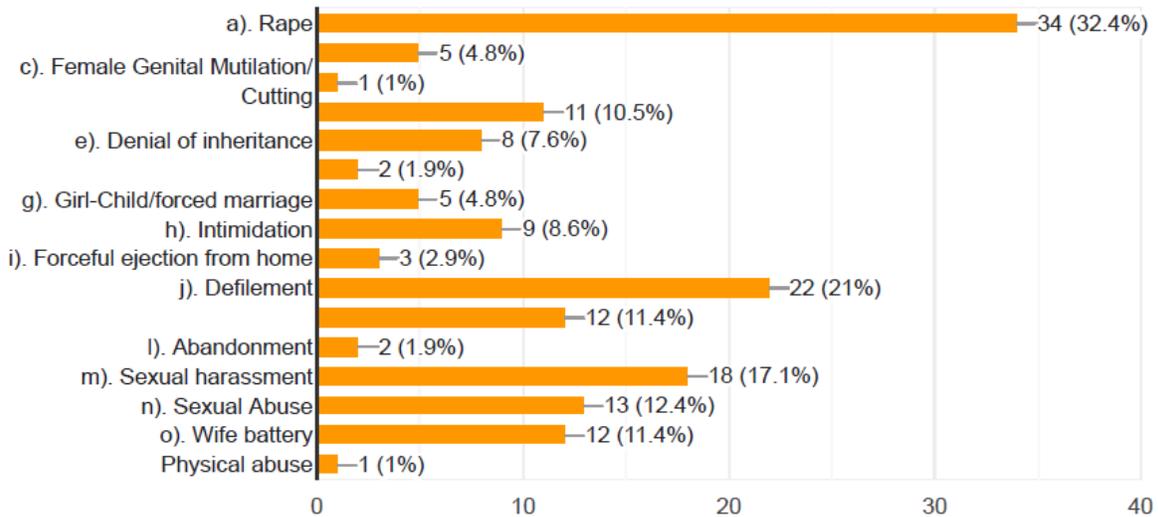


3.3 Practice

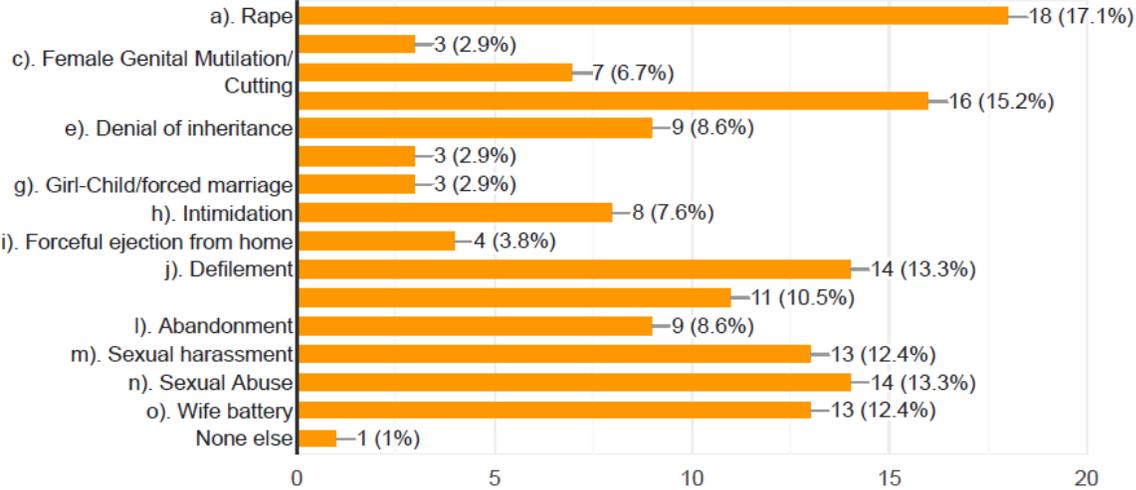
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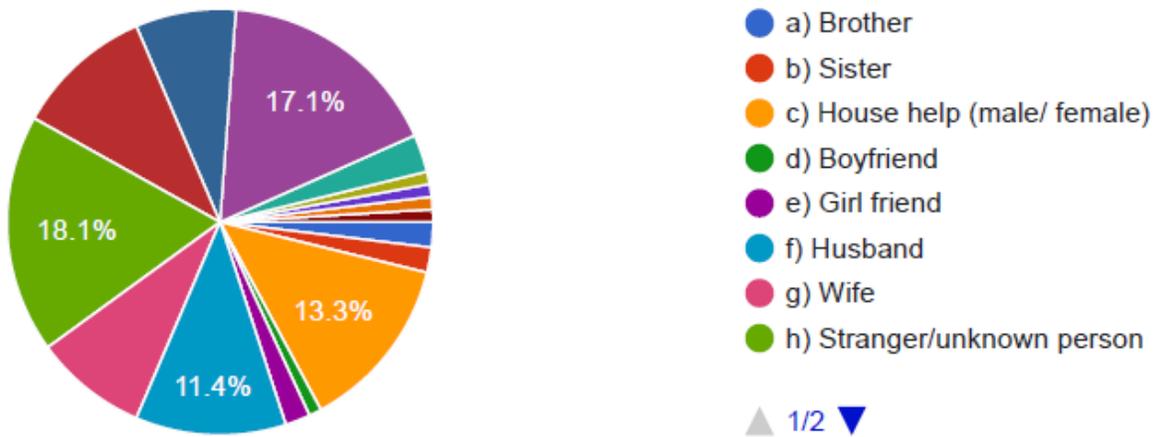
3.3.2. In the last 6 months, which is the second most occurring type of SGBV have you heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State?



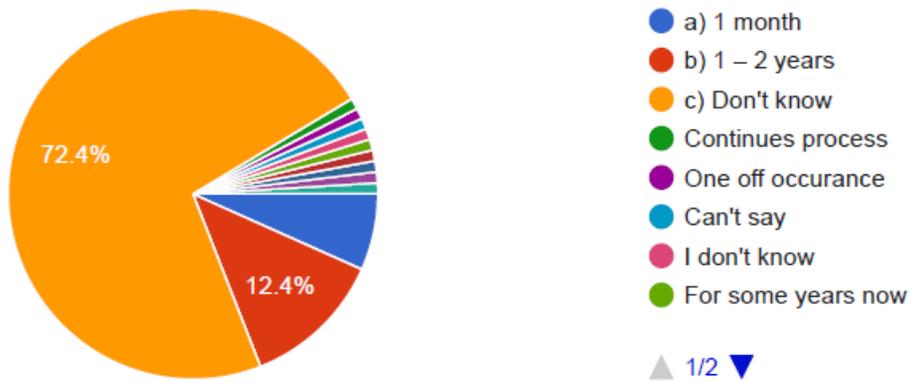
3.3.3. In the last 6 months, which is the third most occurring type of SGBV have you heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State?



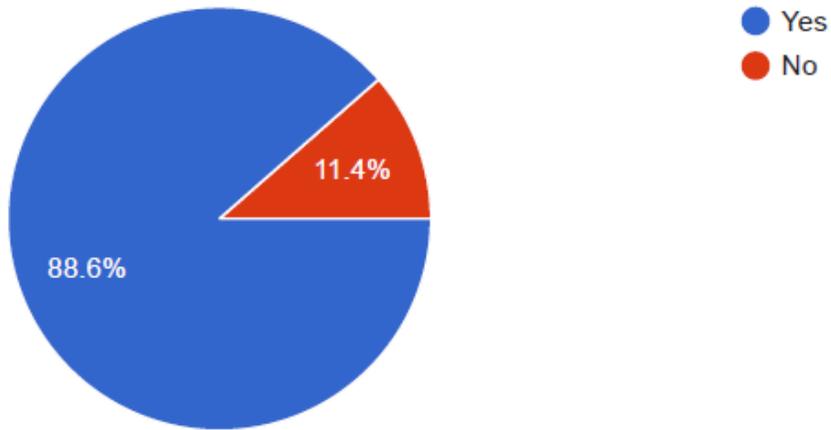
3.3.4. What is the relationship of the victim with the abuser?



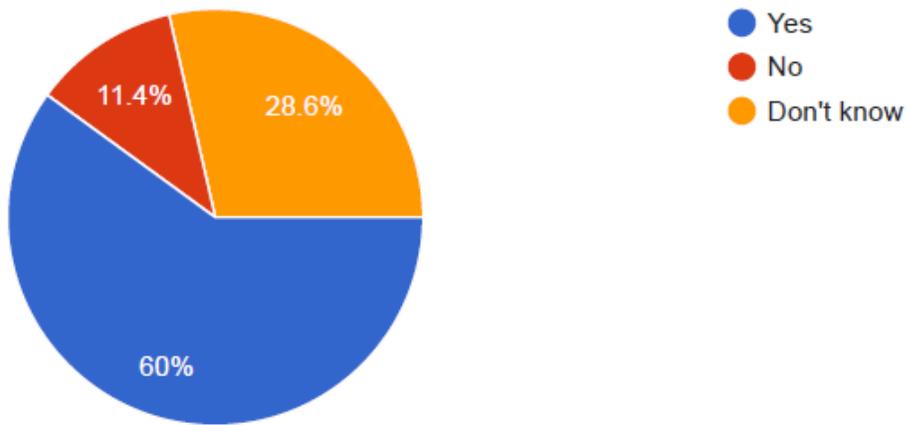
3.3.5. For how long did the perpetrator abuse the victim?



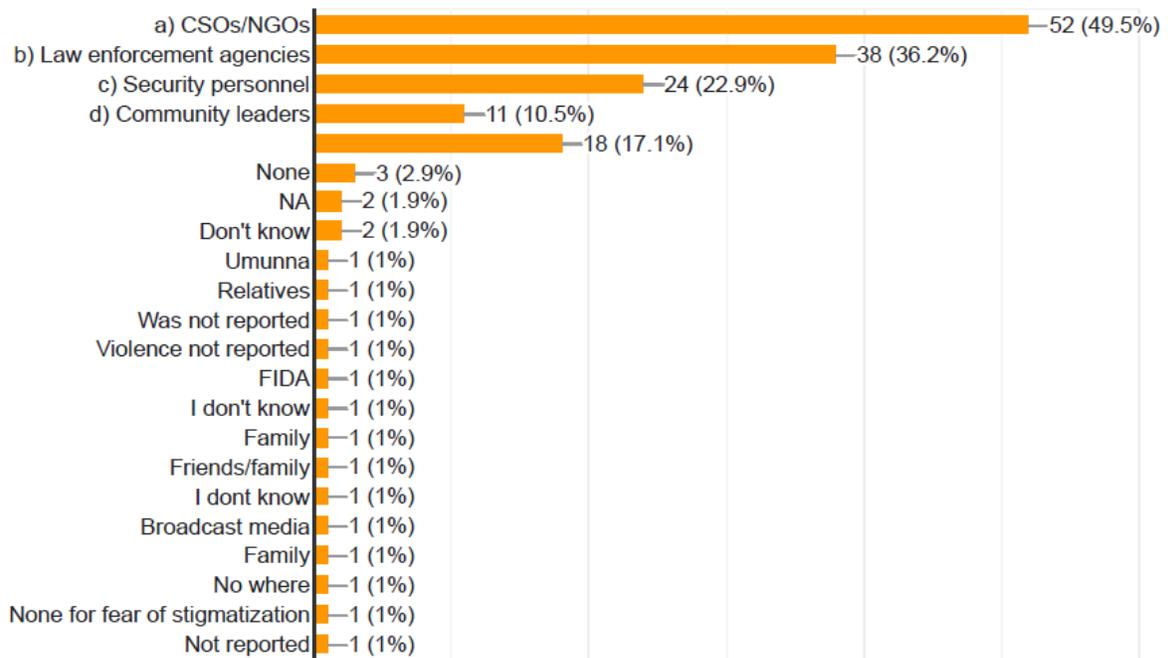
3.3.6. Are you aware that there are organizations/agencies that you can report SGBV cases to?



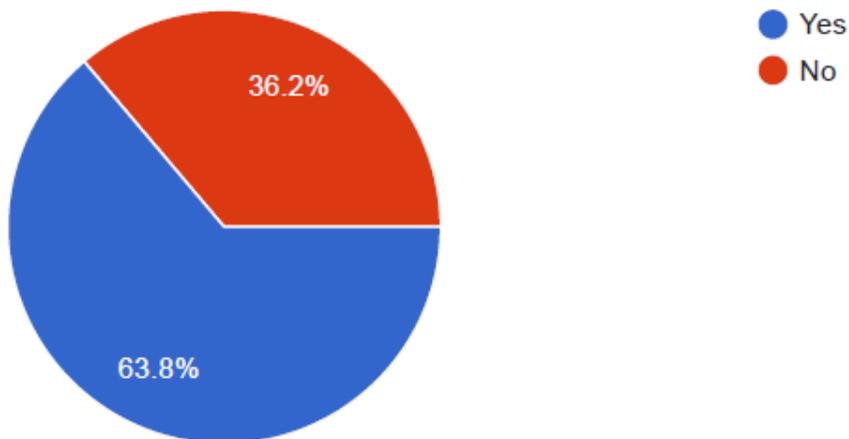
3.3.7. Was the violence reported?



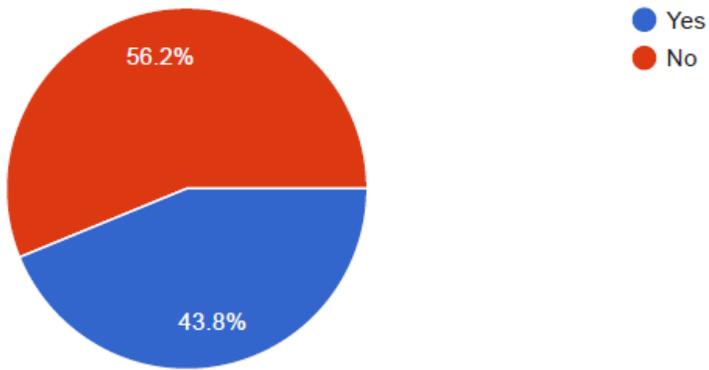
3.3.8. Where and to whom was the violence reported?



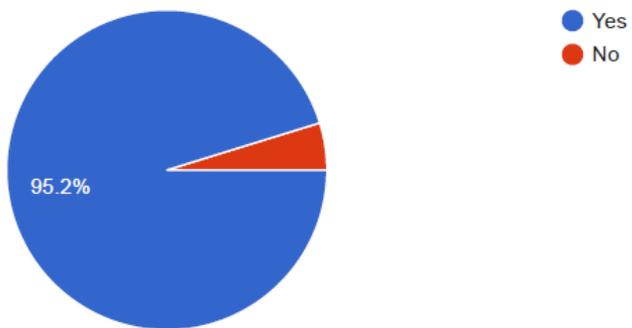
3.3.9 Was the perpetrator arrested?



3.3.10. Are you satisfied with the way the case was handled?



3.3.11. Would you be able to report cases to any of the organizations mentioned?



CHAPTER FOUR

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Summary of findings

- 63.8% of the respondents are female while 32.2% are males and 1% were people with disabilities.
- 90.5% of the 105 respondents said they have heard of SGBV in Enugu State while 9.5% said they had not heard of it before.
- 80% of the respondents are of the view that SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State while 20% do not think so.
- Some of the most prevalent acts of SGBV in Enugu State identified by respondents are rape, FGM, denial of inheritance, Child/forced marriage, intimidation, defilement, abandonment, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and wife battery.
- 83.8% said they had been victims of SGBV, while 16.2% said they had never experience SGBV.
- 64.8% of respondents said that the most frequent type of SGBV they heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State in the last six months is rape.
- One hundred and three respondents (103) respondents said that women in Enugu State experience SGBV while two (2) said women and girls do not experience SGBV in Enugu.
- It is for these reasons that we produced jingles messages calling for an end to rape and other SGBV.

4.2 Conclusions

It could be concluded from the findings of this study that SGBV is prevalent in all the local government areas in Enugu State.

4.3 Recommendations

Based on the findings, the following recommendations are made:

- Jingle messages should be produced and broadcast on Radio to campaign for an end to SGBV against women and girls.
- The messages will call on men and boys who are perpetrators of SGBV to desist from such acts.
- The punishment provided for those found guilty of rape and other SGBV in the VAPP Law will be mentioned in the messages to serve as a deterrent.
- Encourage victims of rape and SGBV to report to Women's Aid Collective (WACOL), TAMAR-SARC Sexual Assault and Referral Centre and the Police.

About the Partners: WINET and ActionAid Nigeria
References

Appendix: Sample Questionnaire

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Online Research on Types of SGBV prevalent in Enugu State, Nigeria

Women Information Network (WINET) is a media focused, independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization, registered with Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria in 2002 as RC: 14892 and is currently, conducting an online survey to determine the types of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) most prevalent in Enugu State, Nigeria. The survey is part of the project Sustained Enlightenment Campaign to End Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Enugu State, under the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) Nigeria project in partnership with ActionAid Nigeria funded by Global Affairs Canada

Please kindly answer the questions below to help us gather data on this issue. Your responses will be treated with strict confidentiality. Thanks.

Date:2020

Location: (a) Enugu State, Nigeria

Section A - Demographic Information – Please tick as appropriate

In which Local Government Area in Enugu State do you reside?

- 1 Nsukka
- 2 Udenu
- 3 Igboeze North
- 4 Igboeze South
- 5 Igbo-Etiti
- 6 Uzo Uwani
- 7 Enugu South
- 8 Enugu North
- 9 Enugu East
- 10 Isi-uzo
- 11 Nkanu West
- 12 Nkanu East
- 13 Udi

- 14 Ezeagu
- 15 Oji River
- 16 Agwu
- 17 Aninri

2. Sex

(a) Female (b) Male (c.) PWD

3. Age (a) 20-28years (b) 29- 40years (c) 41-65 years

4. Highest Educational Attainment

a). University Degree (b) University Degree

(c) Secondary School

(d) NCE (e) OND (f) HND

5. Marital Status

(a) Widow (b) Widower

(c) Single (d) Married

e) Separated

6. Occupation

(a) Lawyer (b) Journalist

(c) Public Servant (d) Student (e) NGO staff

Section B. - Knowledge of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

7. Have you heard of SGBV in Enugu State? Yes No

8. What types of Sexual and Gender Based Violence are you aware of?

(a) Physical

(b) Sexual

(c) Mental/Emotional

(d) Economic

(e) Psychological

9. Do women and girls in Enugu State experience Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)?

(a) Yes

(b) No

10. Do you think SGBV is prevalent in Enugu State?

(a) Yes

(b) No

11. What are the most prevalent acts of Sexual and Gender Based Violence you are aware of in Enugu State? Tick all that apply.

- a) Rape
- b) Harmful widowhood practices
- c) Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
- d) Verbal abuse or discrimination
- e) Denial of inheritance
- f) Cyber/internet/online stalking
- g) Girl-Child/forced marriage
- h) Intimidation
- i) Forceful ejection from home
- j) Defilement
- k) Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects to cause harm
- l) Abandonment
- m) Sexual harassment
- n) Sexual Abuse
- o) Wife battery

12. Have you been a victim of Sexual and Gender Based Violence?

(a) Yes

(b) No

13. What type of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) have you or someone you know experienced? Tick all that apply

- a) Rape
- b) Harmful widowhood practices
- c) Female circumcision or genital mutilation
- d) Verbal abuse or discrimination
- e) Denial of inheritance
- f) Cyber/internet/online stalking
- g) Girl-Child/forced marriage
- h) Intimidation
- i) Forceful ejection from home
- j) Defilement
- k) Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects etc to cause harm
- l) Abandonment
- m) Sexual harassment
- n) Wife battery

Section C. –Practice

14. In the last 6 months, which is the most frequent type of SGBV have you heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State? Tick only **One-the most occurring**.

- a) Rape
- b) Harmful widowhood practices
- c) Female circumcision or genital mutilation
- d) Verbal abuse or discrimination
- e) Denial of inheritance
- f) Cyber/internet/online stalking
- g) Girl-Child/forced marriage
- h) Intimidation
- i) Forceful ejection from home
- j) Defilement
- k) Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects etc to cause harm
- l) Abandonment

- m) Sexual harassment
- n) Wife battery

15. In the last 6months, which is the second most occurring type of SGBV have you heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State? Tick only **One-the second most occurring**.

- a) Rape
- b) Harmful widowhood practices
- c) Female circumcision or genital mutilation
- d) Verbal abuse or discrimination
- e) Denial of inheritance
- f) Cyber/internet/online stalking
- g) Girl-Child/forced marriage
- h) Intimidation
- i) Forceful ejection from home
- j) Defilement
- k) Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects etc to cause harm
- l) Abandonment
- m) Sexual harassment
- n) Wife battery

16. In the last 6months, which is the **third** most occurring type of SGBV have you heard practiced against women and girls in Enugu State? Tick only **One-the third most occurring**.

- a) Rape
- b) Harmful widowhood practices
- c) Female circumcision or genital mutilation
- d) Verbal abuse or discrimination
- e) Denial of inheritance
- f) Cyber/internet/online stalking
- g) Girl-Child/forced marriage
- h) Intimidation
- i) Forceful ejection from home
- j) Defilement
- k) Pushing, biting, kicking, slapping, pulling of hair, using harmful objects etc to cause harm
- l) Abandonment
- m) Sexual harassment
- n) Wife battery

17. What is the relationship of the victim with the abuser?

a) Yes

b) No

24. Are you satisfied with the way the case was handled?

Yes

No

25. Would you be able to report cases to any of the organizations mentioned? Yes No

Thank you for your time. Please, submit the form once.