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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, DR. (MRS.) MARTHA UDOM EMMANUEL

Let me begin my message by first thanking God for His infinite grace on the Committee, especially in our determined effort to rid our society of incontinent predators who are bent on destroying our children. Special appreciation also goes to my dear husband, Governor Udom Emmanuel, on whose shoulder I, and members of the Committee stand to carry out all our programmes without any fear or favour.

Gender-based violence (GBV) has become a global pandemic, which affects women and girls more than men and boys. Statistics show that 1 in 3 women in their lifetime have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence.

In her effort to eliminate all forms of gender based violence in the state, the Akwa Ibom State Government enacted the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law in 2020 and inaugurated the Gender Based Violence Management Committee to intervene, manage and coordinate response to all forms of gender based violence through the implementation of the said law. Since our inauguration on the 15th September 2021, the Committee, made up of well selected, selfless sons and daughters of Akwa Abasi Ibom State and chaired by me, has taken giant steps to see to the prevention, response and prosecution of gender based violence. These steps include:

1. The commencement and completion of town hall meetings with community leaders and stakeholders in the ten federal Constituencies in the state. This activity has yielded great results as there has been a significant drop in the number of GBV cases in the state especially rape. More so, our

communities are now aware of the provisions of the law especially as we have translated the VAPP Law into four major dialects in the state to wit- Ibibio, Annang, Ekid and Oro. They also have more knowledge on how to identify, report and deal with cases of Gender Based Violence where it arises in their communities.

2. To ensure our boys are not left behind, as a lot of interventions and activities are centered around girls, the Committee organized the first Akwa Ibom State Boys Conference which brought together high caliber men who talked to our boys "man to man". The outcome of this Conference is that we have boys who have mentors that are ready to hold their hands through life and when we hold another conference next year, their mentors will give reports on their mentorship.
3. Knowing the importance of engaging our men in the fight against Gender Based Violence, the Committee has put together the Male Advocates Group, which consists of men willing to lend their voices to the eradication of gender based violence in the state. With our Male Advocates, the



- Committee intends to commence community to community engagements where we will visit villages and towns to engage their residents.
4. We have embarked on intensive media engagements and have jingles on GBV airing on AKBC Radio, a GBV Half Hour airing every Tuesday by 11am on AKBC TV and a 30-minute live interview session on XL FM every Tuesday. We have also engaged with the public on Inspiration FM and other media houses.
 5. To get the buy in of strategic stakeholders, the Committee paid courtesy visits to the Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State, The Commissioner of Police and the President of the State Council of Chiefs. The Committee has also played host to representatives of Denmark, European Union, UNFPA, Heartland Alliance and R.I.S.E.
 6. The Committee has strengthened and given support to the Family Support Unit of the State Command of the Police Force and the Ministry of Justice. Due to this partnership, the state has recorded about 36 rape convictions and our Sexual Offenders Register is populated and accessible to the public. We will recommend that schools and other employers who wish to engage the services of teachers or other employees should do a background check on potential employees by going through the Sexual Offenders Register.
 7. The Committee in fulfillment of its mandate, has produced a State Gender Based Violence Prevention Strategy Plan, a Unified Referral Pathway and a Training Manual on GBV for schools. To further breakdown what GBV is to children, the Committee has produced and published an illustrated comic book on GBV for children titled " Martha".
 8. The Committee has also commissioned 2 new Sexual Assault Referral Centres in Uyo, managed by Heartland Alliance, and Ikot Ekpene. We are also in the process to take over the management of the AGAPE Center situate at Immanuel Hospital, Eket. These centres are one stop clinics for victims of sexual and other gender based violence to access free medical, psychological legal and other services they might need.

9. The Committee had unveiled our signature and the biggest of our accomplishments, the building and commissioning of the State Gender Based Violence Center, built out of love and the desire to provide a safe place for victims/survivors of sexual and gender based violence and where they can learn a skill whilst trying to pick up the pieces of their lives. The facility is a 60 bed edifice, which will provide for many, not only shelter, easy access to justice, medical interventions and skill acquisitions but also provide comfort, succor and hope to those whose homes have become torture chambers. Those whose parents, guardians, spouses and neighbours have become their abusers and those who have become preys to perverts.

Today, we can proudly say that we have, as a state, reached out and touched the vulnerable, the tortured, the abused and the violated. We rejoice and thank His Excellency, the Governor of Akwa Ibom State, my dear husband, for his support and encouragement towards the fulfilling of the Committee's mandate.

I thank my team and all who have sacrificed so much for this vision to come to reality.

Our prayers is that the Lord will help us eliminate this evil menace that has threatened to disrupt the peace and wellbeing of our State.

God bless Akwa Ibom State.

Dr. (Mrs.) Martha Udom Emmanuel



ADVOCACY VISITS

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THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE STATE

The Akwa Ibom State Gender-Based Violence Management Committee paid an advocacy visit to the Honorable Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State, Hon. Justice Ekaette F. F. Obot, to advocate for specialized courts for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence cases, accelerated hearing of rape cases and a friendlier family court system.



ADVOCACY VISIT TO

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

The Committee paid an advocacy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State Command to deepen our relationship and explore more ways that the Committee can strengthen the Family Support Unit and also attain a more coordinated response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in the state.



ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE OKU IBOM IBIBIO

The Committee visited His Eminence, Nteyin Solomon Etuk, the Oku Ibom of Ibibio Land and President of the Akwa Ibom State Traditional Rulers Council to engage him and other members of the council on garnering community response to Gender-Based Violence and the possibility of reintroducing traditional sanctions, which are not repugnant to natural justice, equity and good conscience in tackling and eliminating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.



ADVOCACY VISIT TO

CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

The Committee in its bid to ensure victims of gender-based violence access justice, medical care and shelter, visited chairmen of Local Government Councils, advocating for the establishment of Gender-Based Violence Response Desks in their various Local Government Areas.



TOWNHALL MEETINGS



The Committee held town hall meetings in the ten Federal Constituencies of the State where key stakeholders and community leaders, including the youths, and children rubbed minds on strategies and ways to curb and or end gender-based violence in their communities. The Committee showed an explicit and impactful documentary on victims of sexual and other gender-based violence, their injuries, their stories, their trauma and struggle to piece their lives together after the violations at the end of which, every community leader committed to ending gender-based violence in their communities

EKET/ONNA/ ESIT EKET/ IBONO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



UKANAFUN/ORUK ANAM FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY





ORON/OKOBO/URUE-OFFONG ORUKO/UDUNG UKO AND MBO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



IKONO/INI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY





ABAK/ETIM EKPO/IKA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



ETINAN/NSIT UBIUM/NSIT IBOM FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY





IKOT ABASI/MKPAT ENIN/EASTERN OBOLO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



IKOT EKPENE/OBOT AKARA/ESSIEN UDIM FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY





ITU/IBIONO IBOM FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



UYO/URUAN/NSIT ATAI/IBESIKPO ASUTAN/ FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WALKS/ SENSITIZATION, RADIO & TV PROGRAMMES

WALK FOR LOVE

Our valentine's special rally against Domestic Violence held on the 12th of February 2022 in Uyo, the State Capital. On this day, the Committee made it clear that "Love no be Fight", and that people who were in abusive relationships could choose to leave to live and the proper steps to take when abused



AKWA IBOM STATE BOYS CONFERENCE

To commemorate the International Day of the Boy Child, the AKS-GBVMC hosted the 1st ever Akwa Ibom State Boys Conference centered on boosting optimism and restoring self-worth.



CREATION OF MALE ADVOCATES AND STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON THE REINTRODUCTION OF TRADITIONAL SANCTIONS TO CURB GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The committee, with support of UNFPA held the stakeholders meeting with traditional rulers on the reintroduction of traditional sanctions to curb gender based violence. The meeting had in attendance 60 participants consisting of 40 traditional rulers drawn from the 10 Federal Constituencies and 20 other participants from NGOs, CBOs and FBOs.

Traditional sanctions that could be reintroduced were identified and traditional rulers advised to always report cases of rape to appropriate authorities.





WORKSHOP ON COMBATING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE /SELF DEFENCE SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

This workshop held on the 18th August, 2022 at the prestigious Ibom Hall, Uyo. We had 3 speakers – Mfon Edemekong Esq, who gave a review of the VAPP Law, Dr. Nsekpung Udoh who spoke on GBV: Safeguarding your mental health and Coach Bassey Odungide who spoke and showed the audience a practical guide to self-defense.

We spoke to an audience of 700 women and held an engaging interactive session of comments, questions and answers.





CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

The Committee joined millions all over the world to celebrate the international day of the girl child with a seminar on the theme, 'Our Time Is Now, Our Rights, Our Future'. Apart from delivering a keynote address, there were panel discussions by major stakeholders, a self-defense master class and an interactive session between the girls and Committee members. The Committee also distributed pads and other hygiene packs to the over 1,000 (one thousand) girls who participated.

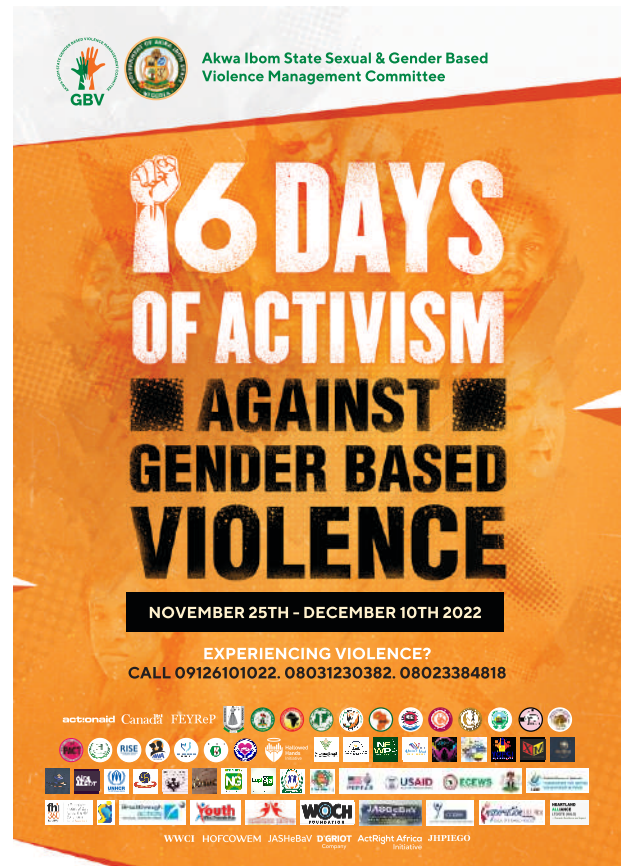




FLAG OFF OF THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence of 2022 was flagged off with series of activities including a float led by the Chairperson of the Akwa Ibom State Gender-Based Violence Management Committee, Her Excellency, Dr. Martha Udom Emmanuel accompanied by members, Chairmen of Local governments, wives of Members of Parliament, CSO's, NGO's, volunteers, youths and the people, walking in solidarity to address the issues of sexual and gender-based violence and its psychological, physical and emotional effects on the lives of men, women, girls, and boy.

The Committee with its partners, also took the sensitization to 16 markets, 16 schools and 16 churches. at each market, focal persons were appointed and posters, bearing contact information of the Committee were pasted at strategic places to ease the citizens access to the Committee.











COLLABORATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS



Akwa Ibom State Gender Based Violence Management Committee met with Heartland Alliance and R.I.S.E to discuss their partnership in their commitment to eliminating gender-based violence in the State.





In partnership with the United Nations Population Fund, Akwa Ibom State Gender Based Violence Management Committee launched the translated Simplified VAPP Law booklet in Ibibio, Annang, Ekid and Oro translations.



SENSITIZATION/ADVOCACIES TO COMMUNITIES

- a. The Committee in collaboration with Heartland Alliance undertook sensitization on the VAPP Law to communities in Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area on the 24th June, 2022 and another to Okopedi Market Square, Ibiono Ibom on the 22nd August, 2022.
- b. The Committee went on an advocacy/ sensitization on the VAPP Law to Atan Offot village on the 11th of August, 2022. The village head, Eteidung Idongesit Alfred mobilized over 200 men, women and youths to the event. He also had, in complete number all the family heads in the village in attendance.
- c. The Committee also took its advocacy and sensitization on the VAPP Law to Ikwe village in Onna Local Government Area on the 16th August, 2022. The Committee met with the Village Head, His Highness Eteidung Friday Inyang and 16 out of 32 family heads. The village has successfully handled 6 cases after the visit.

An overview of the VAPP Law was done and offences, wherein the Village Council could hear and determine were listed and a paralegal, one Mfoniso Isaiah was attached to the Village Council to help in guiding and reporting cases handled by the Village Council to the Committee.

The village has successfully handled 10 cases after the visit.











MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS ON TELEVISION/RADIO

Round table TV discussion on the psychological, emotional, physical, economic effects, and legal implications of rape, abandonment of children and spouse without financial assistance, and forceful rejection from the matrimonial home on AKBC TV/Radio and on XL FM.





COMMISSIONING OF PROJECTS/ GBV TEAM



COMMISSIONING OF THE AKWA IBOM STATE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CENTRE



AKWA IBOM STATE SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE





AKS GENDER BASED VIOLENCE/SKILLS ACQUISITION CENTER AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE

Akwa Ibom State Gender-based Violence Centre

The Akwa Ibom State Gender-Based Violence Centre was established for the sole purpose to serve as a temporary shelter for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence who needed to be relocated from their abusive environment. The GBV Center provides SGBV survivors with a place to heal and have their needs met for the right kind of support and social integration.

Activities:

From September 2022 to December 2022, the Gender-Based Violence and Skills Acquisition Center has provided shelter for 4 adult survivors and 4 children of sexual and gender-based violence free of all financial cost.

Heartland Alliance Sexual Assault Referral Center And The Restoration Center General Hospital, Ikot Ekpene

The Akwa Ibom State Gender-Based Violence Management Committee as part of its mission to ensure survivors of gender-based violence receive swift

medical response and treatment, established two Sexual Assault Referral Centres to aid in giving immediate medical attention and treatment to survivors of sexual violence. The Centers provides free services, which include but are not limited to:

1. Medical treatment to survivors of sexual violence.
2. Provision of psychosocial support to survivors of sexual violence and other people who still suffer from past experiences.
3. Full collaboration with other agencies and organizations for prevention, protection, and care.
4. Provision of protective measures for children who are survivors of sexual violence.

Activities:

From September 2022 to December 2022, The Restoration Center Ikot Ekpene has responded to 35 survivors of sexual violence free of all financial cost.





CLIENTS/CASES RESPONDED TO IN 2022

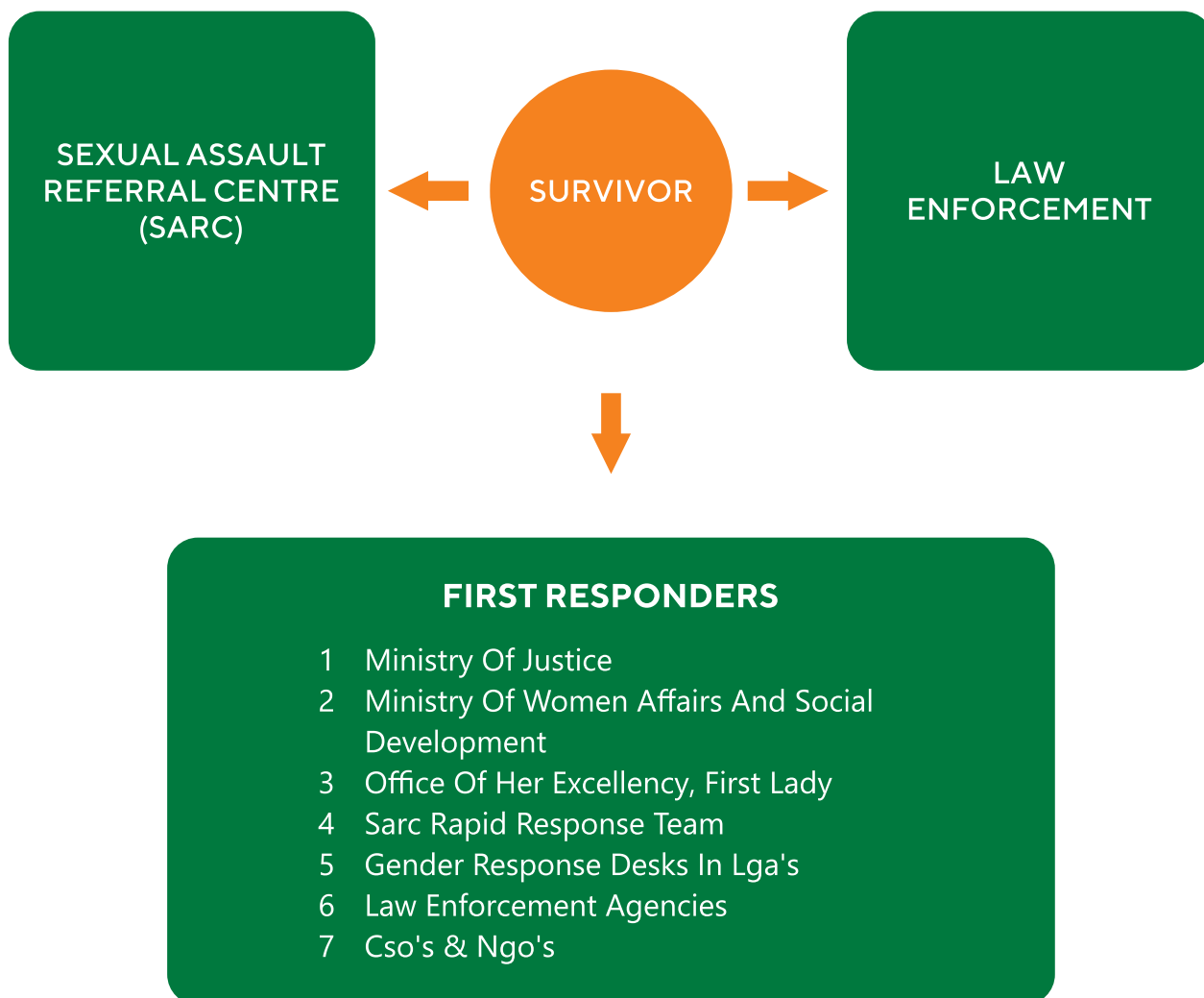
BREAKDOWN OF DATA ON CLIENTS/CASES RESPONDED TO IN 2022

Restoration Centre, Ikot Ekpene Akwa Ibom Statistics SARC opened 9th SEPT. 2022

Month	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22		
Clients Gender						
Female	11	12	11			
Male	0	1	0			
TOTAL number of clients:	11	13	11	0		
Clients Age						
0-17 years	10	10	10			
18 years and above	1	3	1			
TOTAL number of clients:	11	13	11	0		
Client Services provided						
Counselling	11	9	6			
Medical	11	13	11			
Medical / Forensic Reports to Police	6	7	6			

Legal Outcomes						0
Charged to Court	9	4	2			15
Convictions	3	2	1			6
Arrests Made	0	0	0			0
Settled Out of Court	0	0	0			0

SURVIVOR FLOW CHART FOR REPORTING GBV IN AKWA IBOM STATE





AKS SGBV INFORMATION FLOWCHART

VICTIMS:

These are persons who have experienced various forms of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and who are willing to report or take necessary steps to get justice, and or intervention.

FIRST RESPONDERS:

First responders are the people or organizations who are the first point of contact to the victims of sexual crimes. They are obligated to respond promptly to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence reports and render support and assistance to the victim.

SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE (SARC):

The SARC is a center for immediate medical, psychological, legal support and other interventions for the victims. Victims can also report directly to the SARC because the SARC is also a first responder. The SARC liaises with all Gender Response Desks in all Local Governments across the state.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Includes all Law Enforcement agencies empowered to arrest, investigate and prosecute all sexual offenders/offences e.g.; The Nigerian Police, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), National Agency for the Prohibition and Trafficking in Persons.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS:

The Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare renders social welfare services to survivors of gender, which may include shelter, skill acquisition, reintegration of survivors into communities and reuniting survivors with family. They work closely with victims, SARC, Law Enforcement Agencies, and the Ministry of Justice

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE:

The Ministry of Justice renders legal advice, monitors and takes over the prosecution of all sexual offenses in the state. The Ministry of Justice works closely with victims, SARC, Law Enforcement Agencies, Women Affairs, and the Ministry of Education. They also populate the Sexual Offenders Register and execute the witness protection program of the state.

LIST OF PEOPLE CONVICTED

S/N	NAME	SEX	OFFENSE	
1	Godwin Peter Udo	M	Rape	Convicted
2	Ubong Inemisit Etim	M	Rape	Convicted
3	Uduak Sebastine Udoaka	M	Rape	Convicted
4	Ability Israel Okon	M	Rape	Convicted
5	Emmanuel Sylvester Okon	M	Rape	Convicted
6	Enobong Thompson Essien	M	Rape	Convicted
7	Inibehe Umanah Friday	M	Rape	Convicted
8	Friday Etim Akpan	M	Defilement	Convicted
9	Usen Amos Umotong	M	Defilement	Convicted
10	Akanimo Edoho Sam/Godwin Asuquo	M	Rape/conspiracy	Convicted
11	Ubokobong Simon Akpan	M	Rape	
12	Uwem Nkereuwem Idiong	M	Rape	Convicted
13	Godwin Ime Alex	M	Rape	Convicted
14	Okon Michael Ikpo	M	Rape	Convicted
15	Etim Etim Effiong	M	Rape	Convicted/ To appeal
16	Iniobong Okon Moses	M	Defilement	Convicted
17	Ubong Japhet Jerimiah	M	Rape	Convicted
18	Aniekan John Udom	M	Rape	Convicted
19	Ezekiel Edet Ukpa	M	Rape	Convicted
20	Ofonime Udo Umoh	M	Rape	Convicted
21	Ime Edet Udoh	M	Rape	Convicted
22	Nsikak Joseph Udofia	M	Rape	Convicted
23	Ubong Nse Umoh	M	Rape	Convicted
24	Kufre Pius Abia	M	Rape	Convicted
25	Idoreyin Boniface Udofia	M	Rape	Convicted
26	Imo Peter Udoakang	M	Rape	Convicted
27	Akanimo Okon Udoh	M	Rape	Convicted
28	Daniel Silas George	M	Rape	Convicted
29	Etim Anietie Bassey	M	Rape	Convicted
30	Bassey Sunday Edoho	M	Rape	Convicted
31	Henry Okon Henry	M	Rape	Convicted



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT AND YOUTH REORIENTATION PATHWAY, FEYREP

From January 2022 to December 2022, Family Empowerment and Youth Reorientation Pathway, FEYREP has responded, provided shelter and protection services to 166 survivors of sexual violence free of all financial cost.

BREAKDOWN OF DATA ON CLIENTS/CASES RESPONDED TO IN 2022

FEYREP REPORT 2022						
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Clients Gender						
Male	1	2	4	2	3	5
Female	5	8	12	8	9	13
Total	6	10	16	10	12	18
Clients Age						
0-17 years	3	2	2	2	2	4
18 years and above	3	8	14	8	10	14
Total	6	10	16	10	12	18

FEYREP REPORT 2022							
Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Clients Gender							
Male	5	4	6	4	2	2	40
Female	13	12	11	10	10	15	126
Total	18	16	17	14	12	17	166
Clients Age							
0-17 years	6	5	4	0	3	4	37
18 years and above	12	11	13	14	9	13	129
Total	18	16	17	14	12	17	166

LAWS, POLICIES, AND RESOURCES FOR SGBV IN AKS

1. The Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law, 2020 (in Ibibio, Annang, Ekid, and Oro)
2. Akwa Ibom State Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Law, 2022.
3. Akwa Ibom State Child Rights Law, 2008
4. Akwa Ibom State Administration of Criminal Justice Law, 2022.
5. Widowhood Obnoxious Practices (Prohibition) Law, 2003
6. State Prevention Strategy Plan.
7. Unified Referral Pathway Policy.
8. Training Manual on Gender-Based Violence Response.
9. Gender-Based Violence Units and Response Desks in LGA's.
10. Establishment of Akwa Ibom State Gender Based Violence Center (2022)

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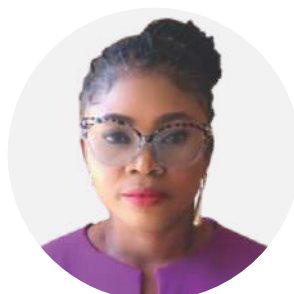
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