

Prosecution of Sexual Violence and Child Abuse cases in the Western Area



Half Year Situation Report

January to June 2019

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Activity: Monitor ,collect data and report on the situation of prosecution of Sexual Violence and Child abuse cases in the Western Area

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The introduction 1	To this end, the purpose of this annual SitRep is to provide specialized information to our targeted audience on the situation of prosecution of Sexual Violence and abuse cases throughout 2019 and to help YACAN, Plan International and its partners adequately report on this activity.
National Emergency on Rape & 1	This report by extension also helps government and CSO review its data collection and management with regards the subject of sexual violence and child abuse. In this report the data is based on sexual offence cases reported, kept in view and under investigation in the 14 Police Stations in the Western Area Data on court actions have not been available at the time of writing this report.
Sexual Violence 2	Data in this report comes from FSU of the Sierra Leone Police reporting and is presented in charts to give readers the opportunity for their understanding and visualization of the data. In the charts basic and self explanatory information is shared to keep the readers at ease and add value to the report.
Child Abuse 3	Data on court action is yet to be available and hence prosecution is not treated in this report. We hope to bring full information by the final edition of the 2019.
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State House declaration of National Emergency on Rape and Sexual Violence [7 Feb 2019]

“Of nearly 3,000 reported sexual assault cases, 602 of the survivors became pregnant; 7 of them contracted HIV/AIDS; 2,404 had STDs; thousands more were scarred and traumatised by the ordeal. Only 39 of these 3,000 reported cases were successfully prosecuted whilst 2,961 of the survivors of sexual violence were denied justice,” he disclosed.

“My government will continue to work with civil society organisations, development partners, and community stakeholders to address gaps and deficiencies in the Sexual Offences Act of 2012. I am directing close inter-agency collaboration in ensuring that the full cycle of services from reporting, investigation, treatment, after-care, and prosecution is free, uncomplicated, and delivery speedily,” he said.

“On this note, I, therefore, declare rape and sexual violence as National Emergency. With this declaration, I have also directed the following. That ALL Government Hospitals MUST provide FREE Medical Treatment and certificate to every victim of rape and sexual abuse.

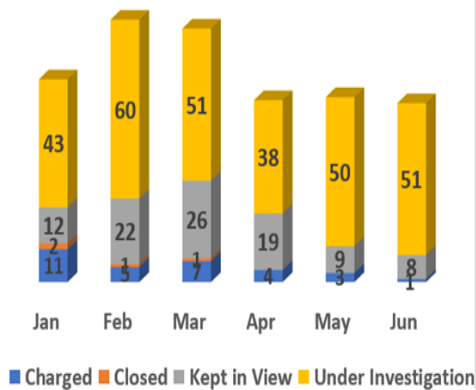
“That Law Officers Department should consider to charging all persons accused of Rape and Sexual Violence with an offence of “Aggravated Assault”. Finally, a dedicated National Emergency Telephone Number for reporting Rape and Sexual Violence would be made available to the public,” he closed.



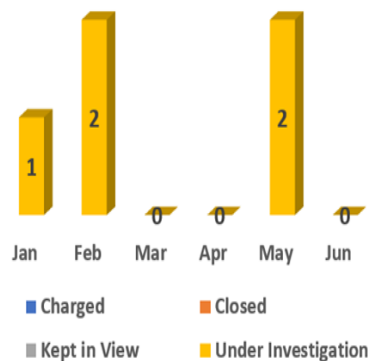
Sierra Leone President Julius Maada Bio, pictured here at a press conference in May 2018, last week declared rape and sexual violence a national emergency.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE MONITORING AND ACTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2019

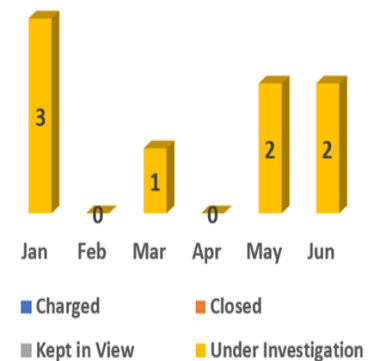
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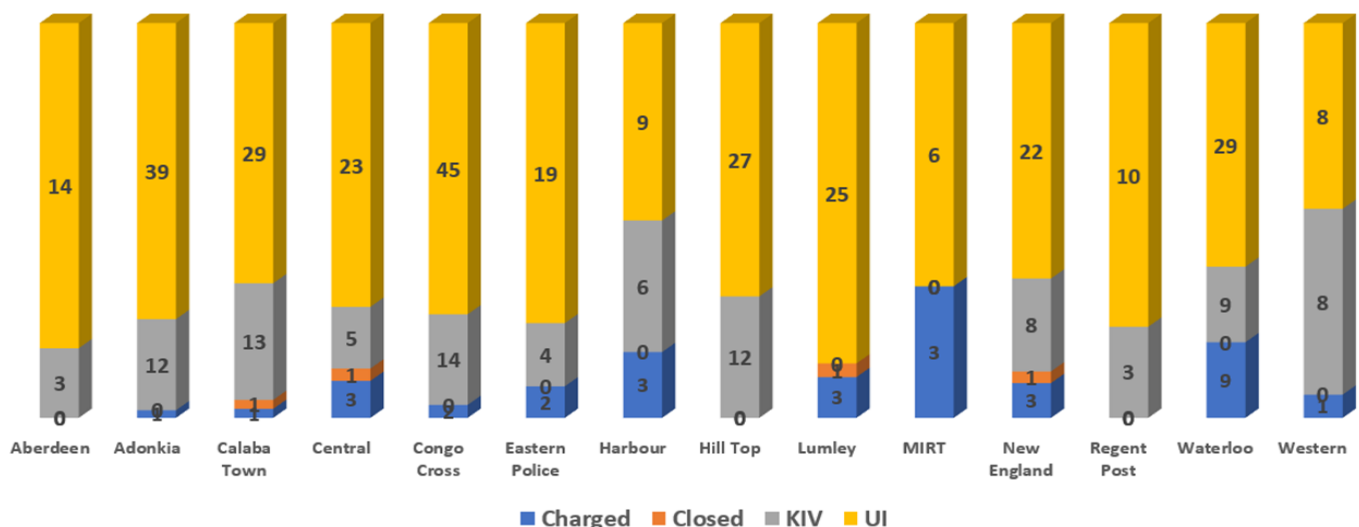


Compares **Rape** cases as part of SV and how the cases have changed over the 6 months of 2019



- Total # 437 Sexual Violence cases in 14 stations/post reported in quart 1&2
- 424 Sexual Penetration case with (31 charged, 4 closed, 96 Kept in view and 293 under investigation).
- 5 Sexual harassment cases monitored with all 5 under investigation
- 8 rape cases monitored with all 8 under investigation

Compares Sexual Offence cases at 14 Police Stations over the 6 months of 2019



- Data obtained on 437 cases with 31 charged, 4 closed, 97 kept in view and 305 under investigation
- Station with highest # of cases charged is Waterloo (9/31),
- stations with highest # of cases kept in view is Congo Cross (14/97)
- station with highest # of cases under investigation is Congo Cross (45/305).

- **Perpetrators are mainly Peers and family members**
- 26 family members were perpetrators in the last 6 months
- 174 Peer to Peer perpetrators (P2P)
- On average, there were 29 P2P SV each month.

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The Situation

Sexual Violence (SV)

- Charged to court—31
- Closed—4
- Kept in view—96
- Under investigation—306

Child Abuse

- Closed—21
- Kept in view—46
- Under investigation—160

SV on School Going Girls

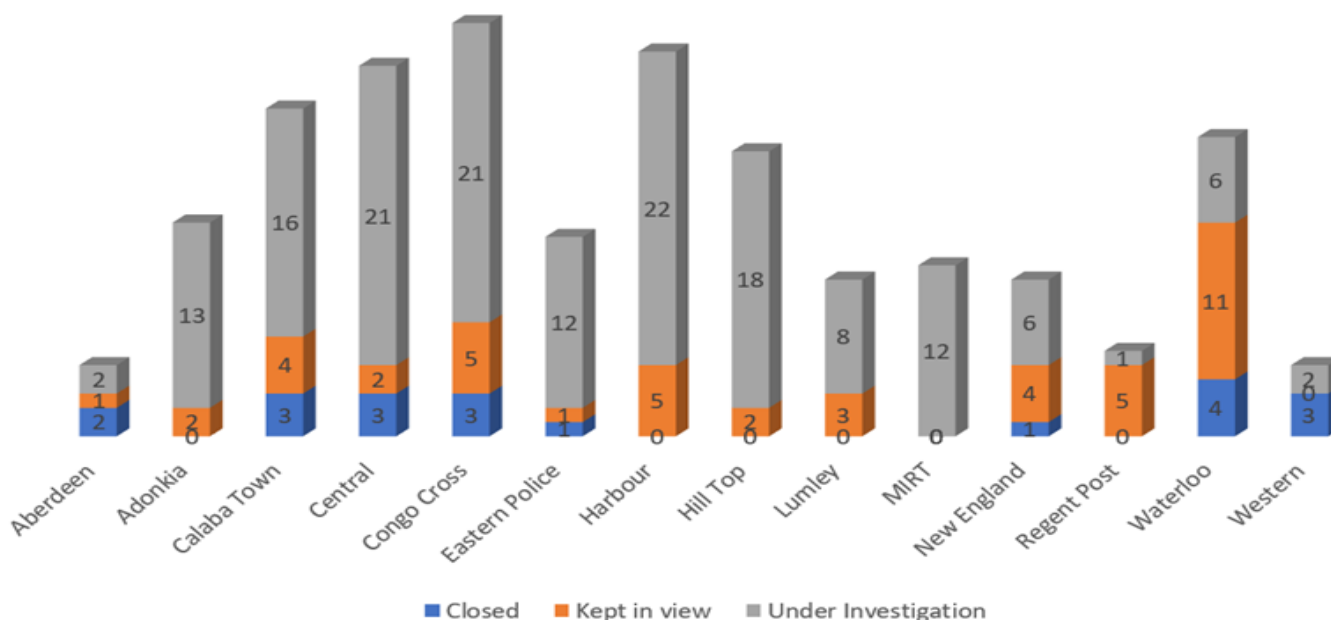
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- Rape—5

SV on ages 0-12

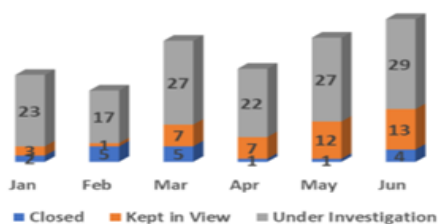
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CHILD ABUSE MONITORING AND ACTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2019

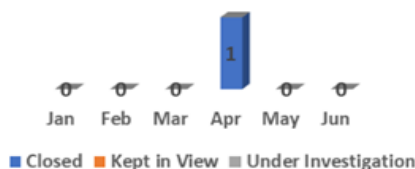
Shows action on Child Abuse cases at 14 Police Stations across WA over the 6 months in 2019



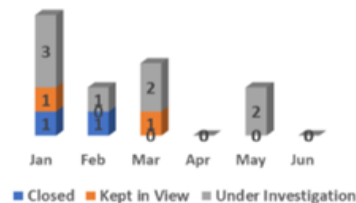
Shows how **Domestic Violence** has changed over the 6 months of 2019



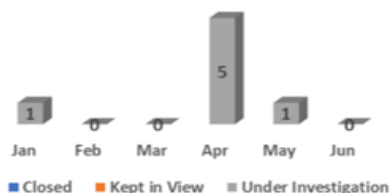
Shows how **abandonment** has evolved over the 6 months of 2019.



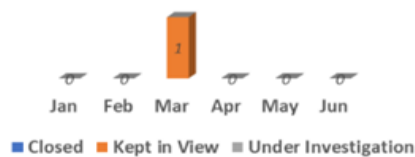
Shows how **Child cruelty** as a category of Child Abuse as reported at the Police have evolved over the 6 months of 2019



Shows how **Child Trafficking** has evolved over the 6 months of 2019



Shows how **harbouring** has evolved over the 6 months of 2019.



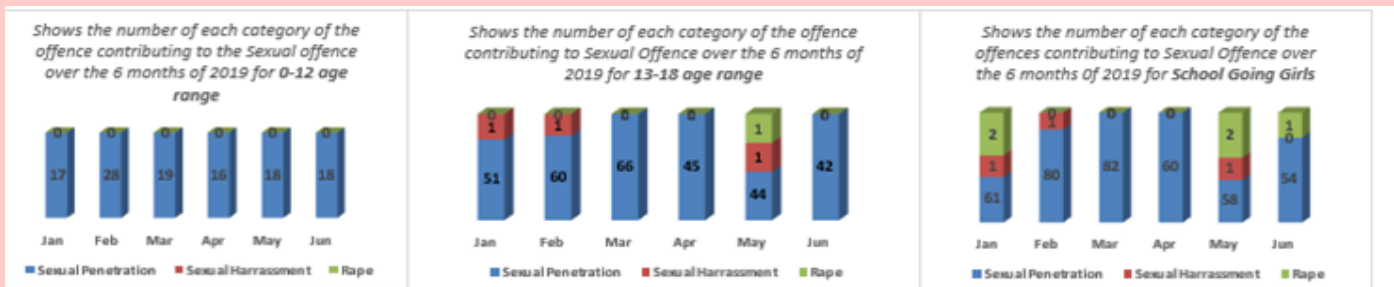
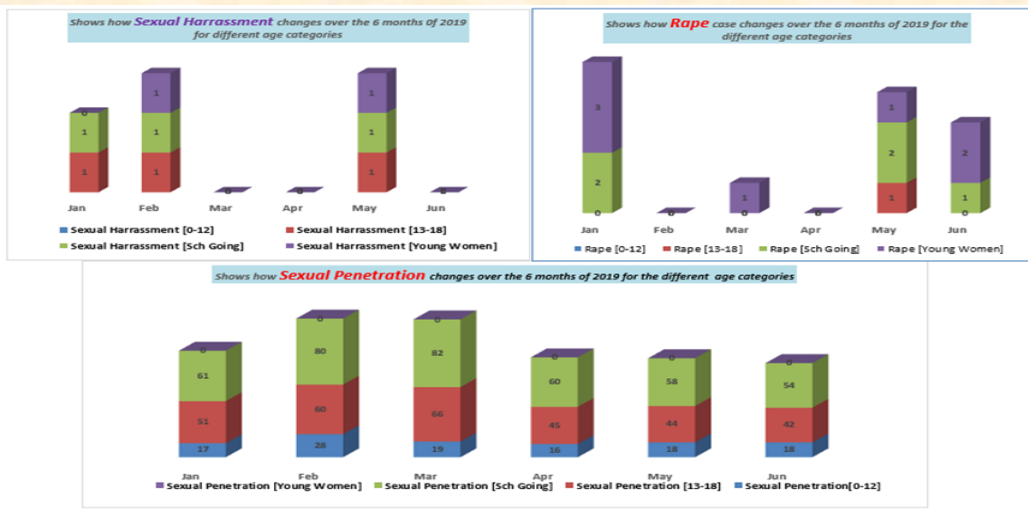
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SEXUAL OFFENCE CASES IN THE DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORIES—JANUARY-JUNE 2019



Significant Achievement and Challenges

Significant achievements

- Improved access for data and information from police through the a centralized system.
- Increase reporting on SGBV cases across Freetown
- The President declare SGBV on girls a pubic emergency across sierra Leone
- Establishment of special unit in the police with responsible personnel in every station to investigate Sexual penetration complains
- Increased CSO commitment to keep community safe throuth indicating a Black Tuesday to amplify community action
- Rainbow Centre increased availability of medical report on child abuse cases and publish information
- Increased reporting by Girls relating to domestic violence and other related cases

Challenges

- More cases are under investigation by the police.
- Difficulty in obtaining data from the court
- Absence of birthday certificate of victims
- Limited access to girls who are out of YACAN Project area
- Access to medical facility after the pronouncement by government to receive free medical services from all government facilities in 2019

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