

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



First Quarter Situation Report January to March 2020

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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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Introduction -The Girls Advocacy Alliance Project implemented by YACAN, Defence for Children International (DCI) and Plan International agreed to continue produce and submits a situation of sexual violence and child abuse cases in the Western Area.

To this end, the purpose of this Situation Report (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.

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.

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.

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.

His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio express his outrage and condemnation of the continued incidents of rape, sexual and gender-based violence on 23 June 2020.

His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio has used on 23rd June 2020 called a press conference, also broadcast live, to express his outrage and total condemnation of the continued incidents of rape, sexual and gender-based violence in the West African nation of Sierra Leone.

“The depravity of sexual violence is obscene, criminal, and totally objectionable. As a Government, we stand with the survivors, victims, and their loved ones and my Government will vigorously prosecute cases and bring all perpetrators to justice,” he said.

“My Government is committed to equal protection and justice, inclusive development, and equal access to opportunity for every Sierra Leonean, especially women who constitute 51% of our population,” he assured.



YACAN Volunteer demanding for justices of Rape Victims In Sierra Leone to be provided by the Government through the rule of law

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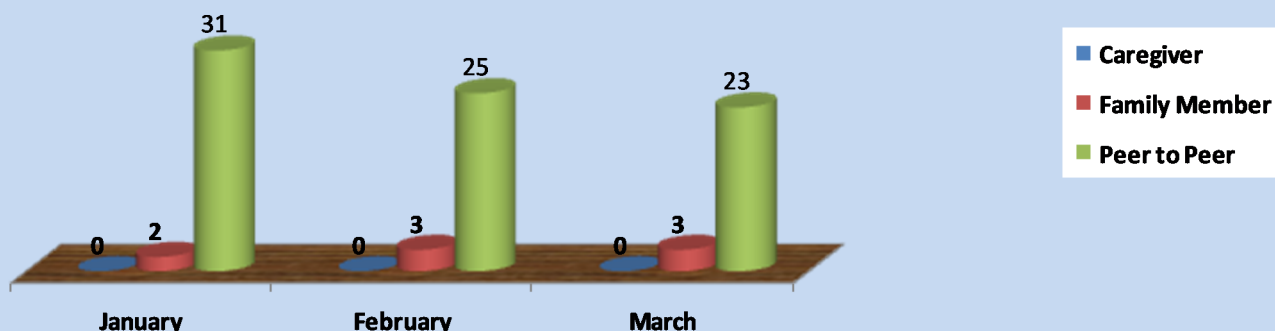
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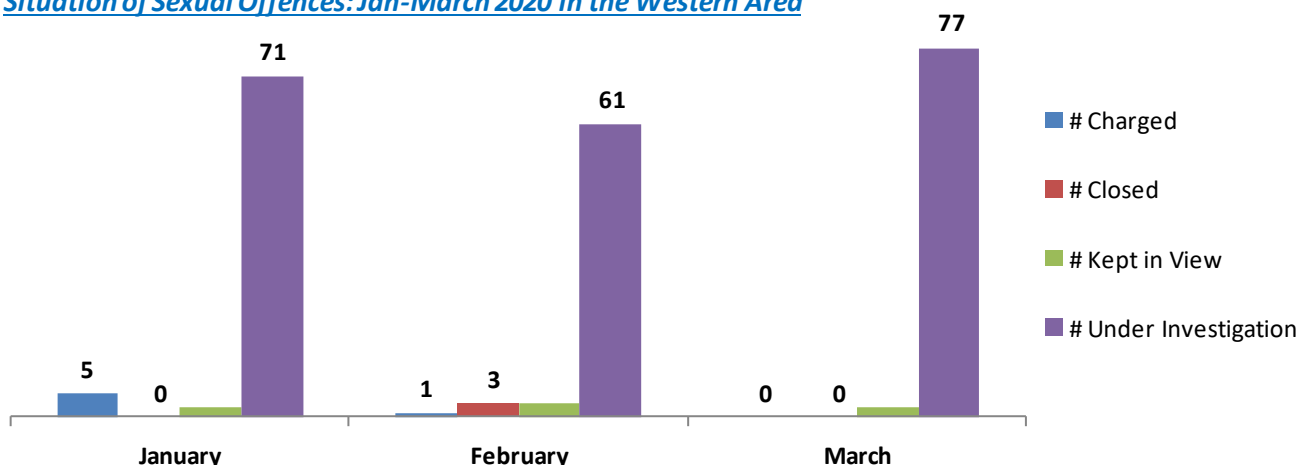
SEXUAL VIOLENCE MONITORING AND ACTIONS IN THE FIRST Quarter OF 2020

Perpetrators of Sexual Penetration Jan - March 2020 in the Western Area



- Total # 225 Sexual Violence cases monitored
- 212 Sexual Penetration case monitored with 6 charged, 3 closed, 7 Kept in view and 206 under investigation.
- 4 Sexual harassment cases monitored with all 3 under investigation and 1 Closed
- 8 rape cases monitored with all 8 under investigation

Situation of Sexual Offences: Jan-March 2020 in the Western Area



- Data obtained on **353** cases with **9** charged, **24** closed, **20** kept in view and **300** under investigation
- Station with highest # of cases charged is Kissy Police Station (**6 out of 40 Case**),
- Station with highest # of cases kept in view is Calaba Town police station (**7 out of 61 Case**)
- Station with highest # of cases Under Investigation is Calaba Town Police Station (**50 Out of 61**).
- Station with most # of case Closed is Eastern Police Station (**11 our of 46 Case**)
- We observed that 91% of Perpetrators (79 out of 87) are mainly Peers to Peer
- 8 family members were perpetrators in the last 3 months
- 79 Peer to Peer perpetrators (P2P)
- On average there were 62.3 School Going Girls are victim of SP each Month.
- On average, there were 26.3 P2P SV each month.
- On average, 2.5 family members carried out SV each month.

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CHILD ABUSE MONITORING AND ACTIONS IN THE FIRST QUARTER 2020

Sexual Violence (SV Cases)

- Charged to Court – 6
- Closed—3
- Kept in View—7
- Under Investigation—209

Other Child Abused report to Police Stations

- Charged to Court –3
- Closed— 21
- Kept in View— 13

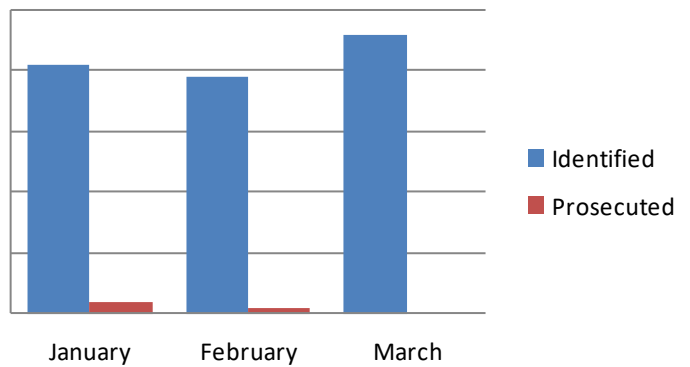
Sexual Gender Base Violence on School Going Girls

- Sexual Penetration—187
- Sexual Harassment — 3
- Rape — 1

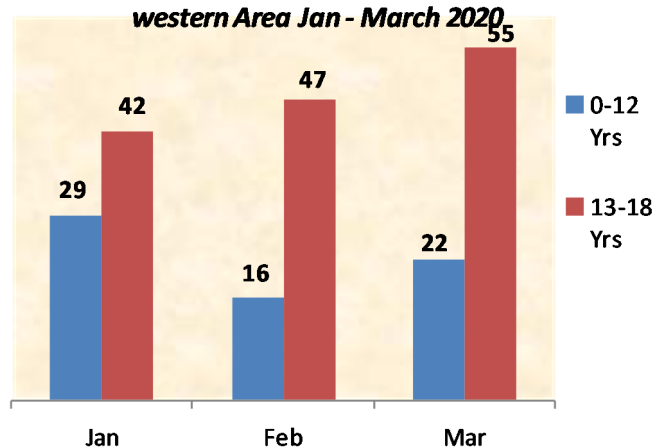
Communities and Police Stations with High reporting of cases

- Calaba Town Police Station—61 Cases
- Kissy Police station— 50 Case
- Eastern Police Station— 46 Case
- Congo Cross Station — 41 Case

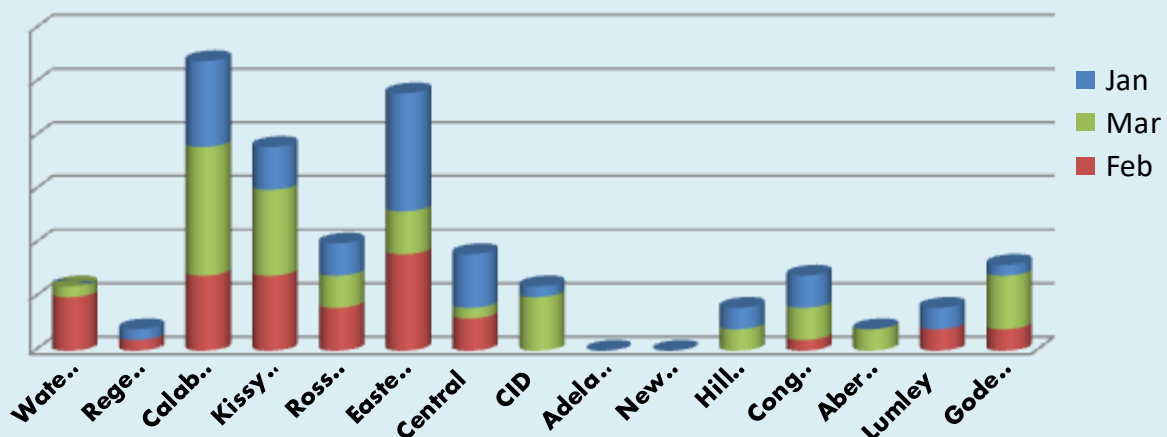
Child Abuse Situation and Actions Jan - March 2020 in the Western Area



Sexual violence involving school girls in the western Area Jan - March 2020



Child abuse across 14 police station and 1 post in the western area between Jan to March 2020



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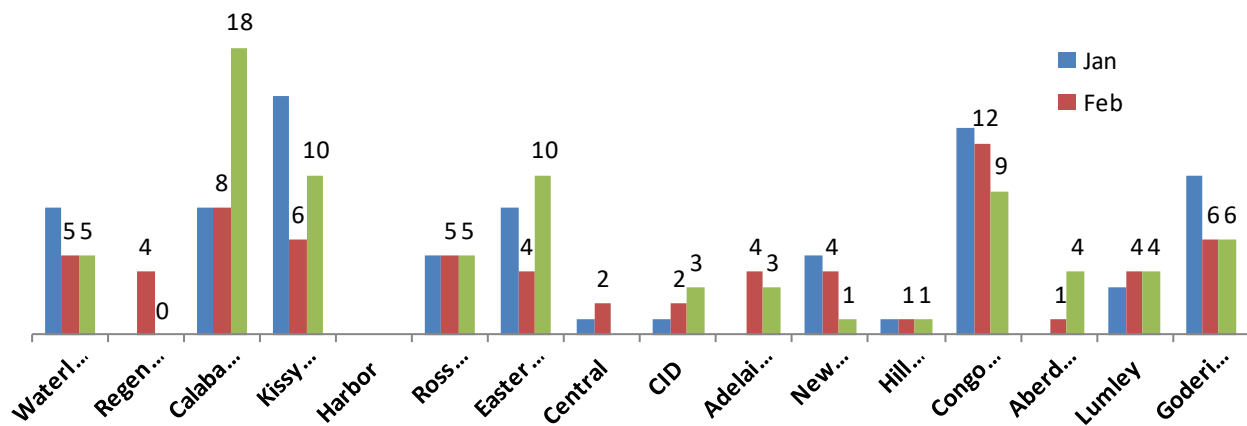
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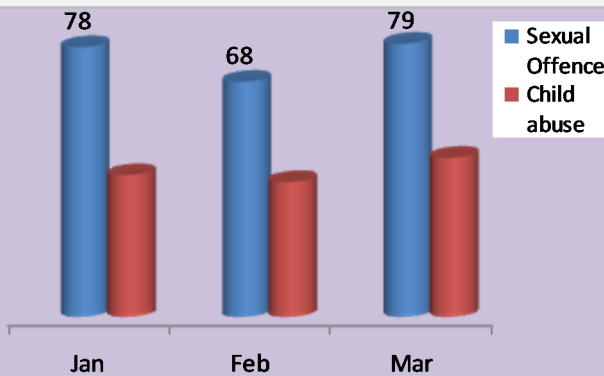
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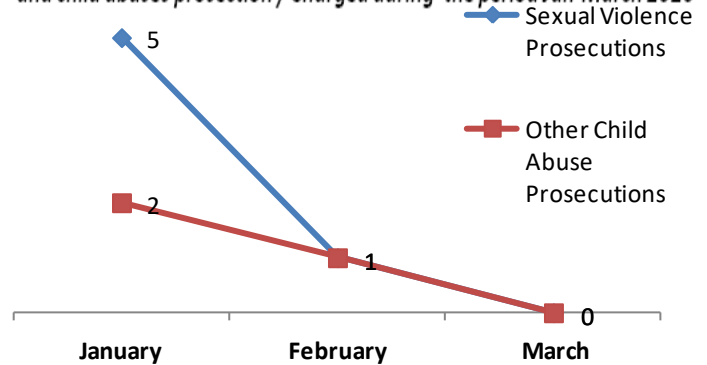
Sexual Offences identified across 14 Police Stations and 1 Post in the Western Area between Jan and March 2020



Sexual offence and Child abuse cases in 15 Police Stations in the Western Area: Jan-March 2020



Comparative trend in Sexual offences and child abuses prosecution /Charged during the period Jan-March 2020



Significant achievements

- increased Community acceptability of the police, especially FSU by stakeholders.
- CSOs and NGO sensitization on the 2019 reviewed Gender Laws in Sierra Leone
- Increased reporting on of sexual SGBC have been charged to court
- Rainbow center cooperating with the police station by providing medical report to victims
- Don Bosco helping in sheltering victims, so police would be able to access victims to facilitate investigation on time
- The police ensure that cases investigated are sent to the DPP's office for advice before prosecuted .

Challenges

- Neglect; leaving files unattended to
- No vehicle in the police station to go after victims who stays in hard-to- reach communities
- Low level of education at Community level
- Delay in DPP's legal advice to the police Station on SP Cases
- Rainbow center's delay in releasing medical report to the police
- Unavailability of house numbers in most slum communities
- Victims Domestic Violence are requested to pay Le 2500.00 or Le 35,000.00 for medical at Government Hospitals
- People divulging information to perpetrators, thereby enabling suspect to disappear into thin air
- No free medication in hospitals for victims of sexual and gender base violence in the western Area
- Lack of finance on the part of community people to pay for transportation to report issues SGBV, especially those living in difficult terrain, hard-to-reach, hilly and mountainous areas.

Limited availability of Logistics causing I constraint in-terms of Station-

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