ROLE OF DSVA IN COMBATING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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BACKGROUND:

For decades, individuals and communities have grappled with issues of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, the resultant impact in most cases is devastating to the victim.
Often, the victims are helpless while perpetrators walk freely without being held accountable for their actions.

RESPONSE OF THE LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

LAGOS STATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGENCY

The Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT) which metamorphosed into the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) in *September 2021* was established to increase victim safety and reduce the commission of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in the State to the barest minimum.

The Agency was set up to improve upon the level of cooperation and collaboration among the professionals and other stakeholders working to bring an end to SGBV in the State.

STATUTORY MANDATE OF DSVA

- *Provide coordinated response to issues of Sexual and Gender Based Violence crimes in the State*
- Eradicate the stigma associated with reporting Sexual & Gender-based Violence
- *Restore public confidence in the legal system by ensuring justice is served timeously*
- Ensure the public is fully aware of the consequences of SGBV crimes
- ULTIMATELY PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF SGBV

SERVICES OFFERED FOR SURVIVORSOF DOMESTIC. AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Medical assistance -Through the PHCB/ GH/ SARCs

RESCUE OPERATION

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (counseling)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

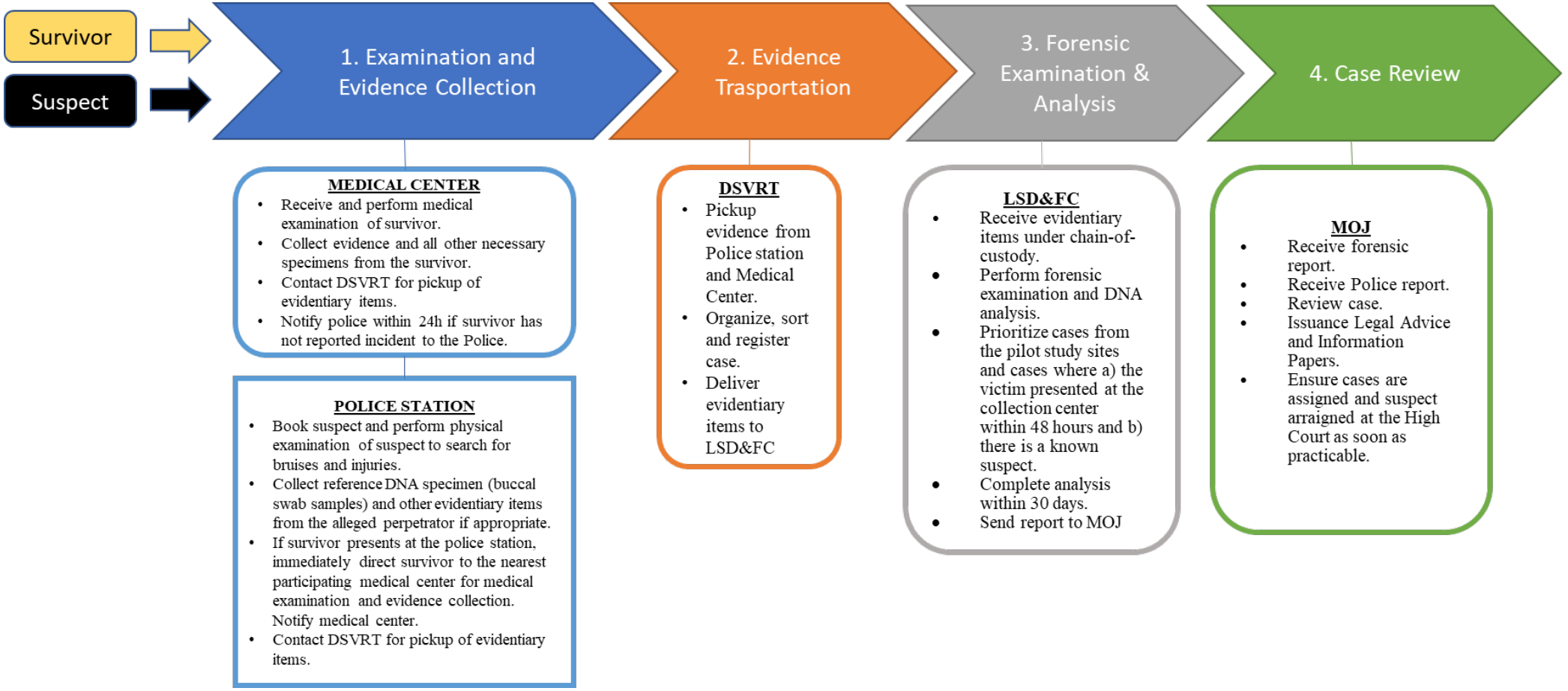
EMPOWERMENT

THE DSVA WORKSTREAM…

SURVIVOR ADVOCATE'S RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

1. Survivor reports through phone, email, office or social media and an interview with the survivor is held.
2. Survivor is referred/ accompanied to a comprehensive PHC/SARC and Police Station (Family Support Unit).
3. Liaise with the FSU officer to ensure arrest is made and case is charged to court.
4. Prepare DPP request for Letter of Duplicate case file.
5. Accompany survivor to court and begin to monitor the progress of the case.

HANDLING DNA EVIDENCE



TACKLING SGBV AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

1. Designating responding to sgbv as an emergency in Lagos- Lagos State sexual assault standing order, 2016

2. design and procurement of Sexual assault evidence collection kits, also referred to as rape kits (first of its kind in nigeria, since 2016)

3. mainstreaming sgbv response into the health sector- ante natal care etc

4. providing grant to cater to cost for analysing smaples and treating survivors of sexual violence

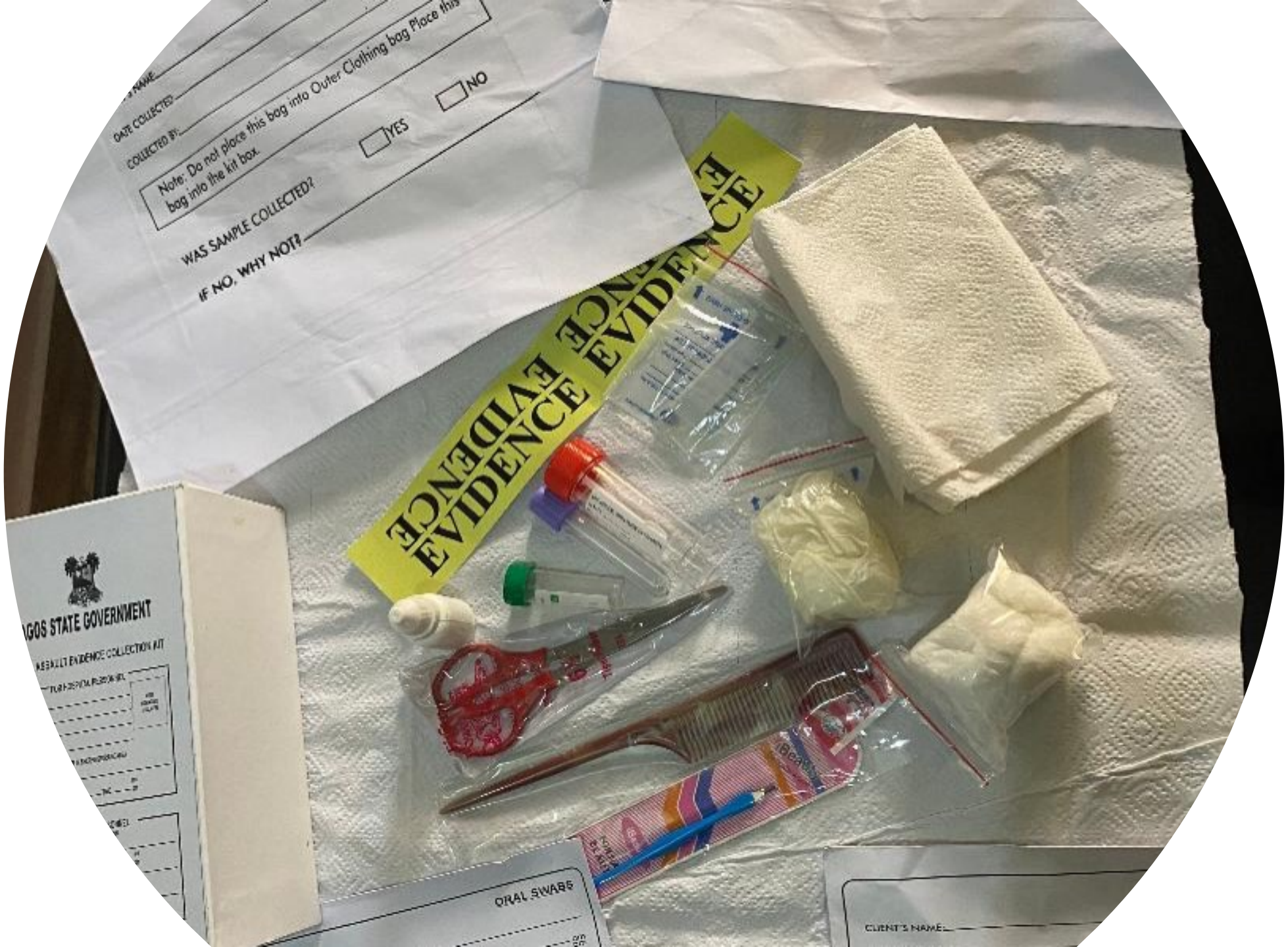
5. establishment of the lagos state sexual violence trust fund by her excellency, dr. (mrs. claudiana ibijoke sanwo-olu

What is a rape kit?

The term rape kit actually refers to the kit itself—a container that includes a checklist, materials, and instructions, along with envelopes and containers to package any specimens collected during the exam.

- It contains

1. Bags, envelopes and paper sheets for evidence collection (5- Clothing, underwear, fingernails scrappings, trace evidence, oral swabs)
2. Comb
3. Documentation forms
4. Materials for blood, semen, urine samples
5. Vaginal and Penial Swab stick
6. Cuticle remover
7. Gloves
8. Sterile water
9. Cotton wool
10. Slides and slide cover


DATE COLLECTED
COLLECTED BY:
Note: Do not place this bag into Outer Clothing bag Place this bag into the kit box.
YES
NO
WAS SAMPLE COLLECTED?
IF NO, WHY NOT?
EVIDENCE EVIDENCE
GOS STATE GOVERNMENT
ORAL SWABS
CLIENT'S NAME:

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The Agency also collaborated with Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (Lagos branch) to launch its Speak to INU (I Need You) scheme, for licenced pharmacist in the state. Speak to INU seeks to provide medical assistance to victims of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence using community-based approach.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF HEALTH WORKERS (DOCTORS/ NURSES)

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM (DSVRT)

OUR ETHOS

- 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".**

- PREVENTIVE MEASURES

SGBV AS AN EDUCATION ISSUE

''IT'S ON US'' Campus Activation

Safeguarding the Rights of a Child (STRAC) interactive workshop

The Queens Club

....Raising Empowered Girls

Kings Club in secondary schools within the state.

SGBV, AS A SECURITY CONCERN

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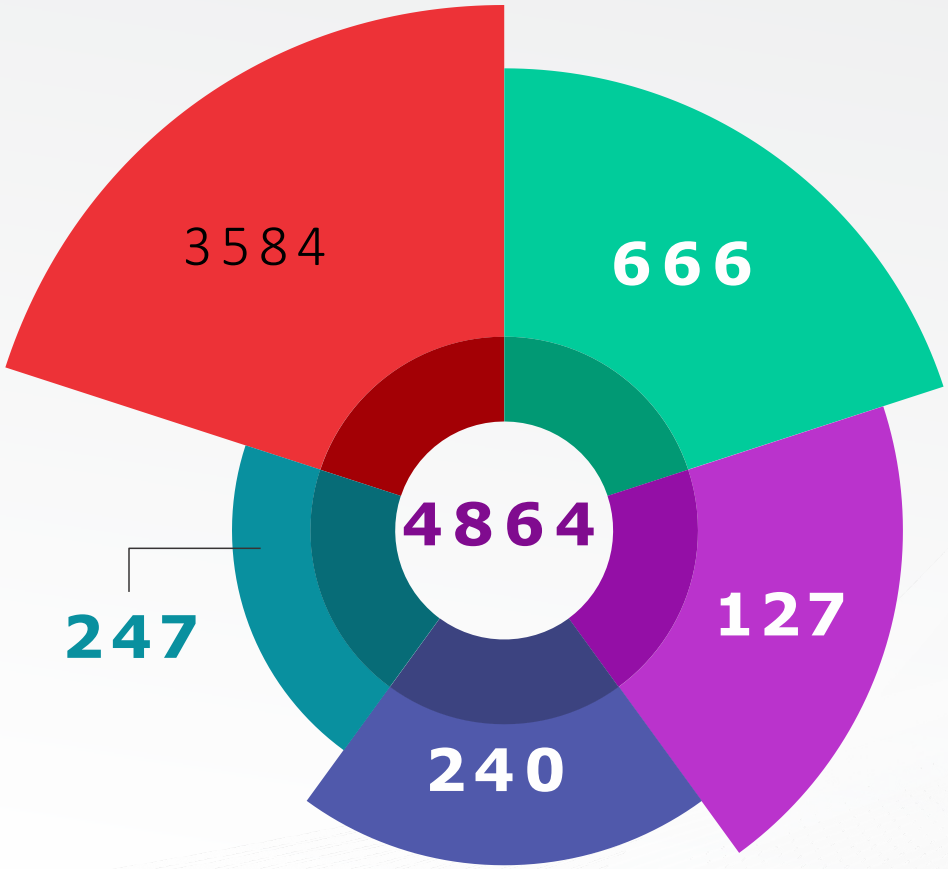
POLICE STATIONS (FSU)	PHONE NUMBERS
ADENIJI ADELE FSU	0906-288-7864
AJAH FSU	0906-288-7849
ALAKUKO FSU	0906-288-7861
BADAGRY FSU	0906-288-7852
FESTAC FSU	0906-288-7841
IKEJA FSU	0906-288-7863
IKOTUN FSU	0906-288-7870
ILUPEJU FSU	0906-288-7848
ISOKOKO FSU	0906-288-7856
KETU FSU	0906-288-7860
GENDER DESK	0906-288-7853
IKORODU IGBOGBO FSU	0906-288-7858

DATA

STATISTICS OF SURVIVORS

NUMBER OF ASSAULTS REPORTED FOR ADULT



NUMBER OF ASSAULTS REPORTED FOR CHILDREN

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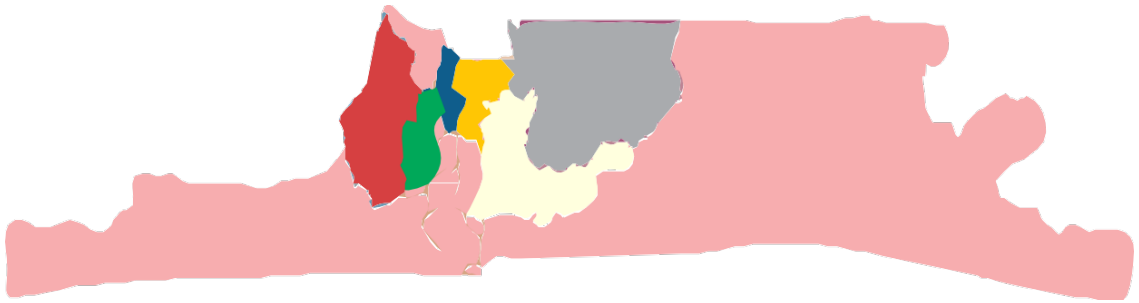

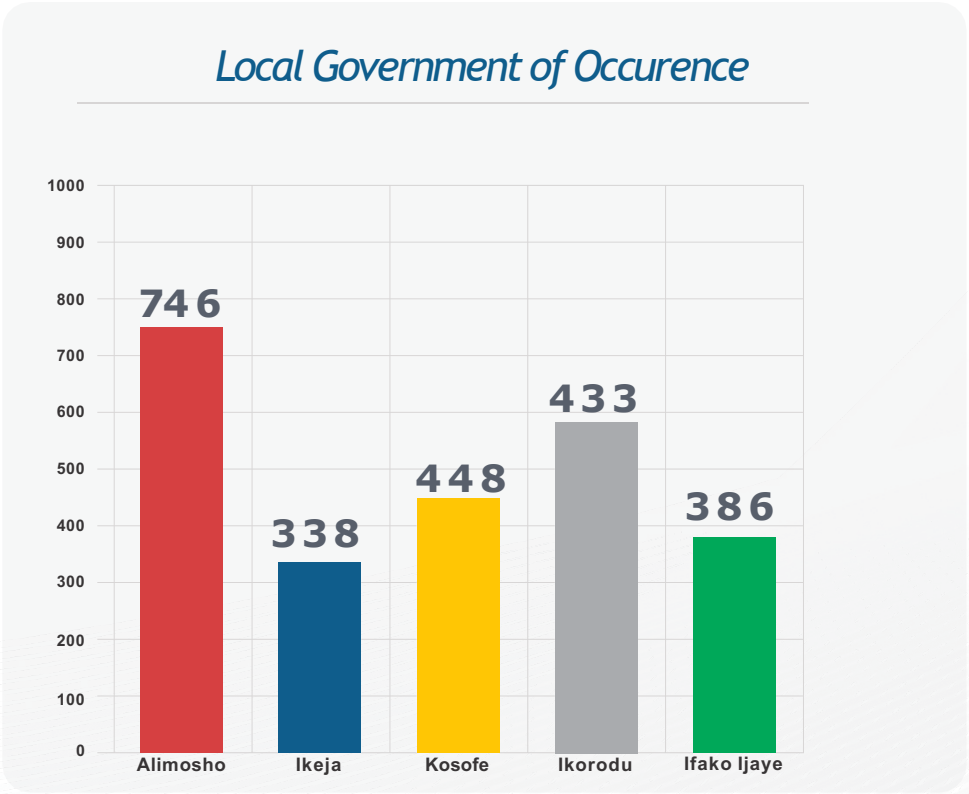

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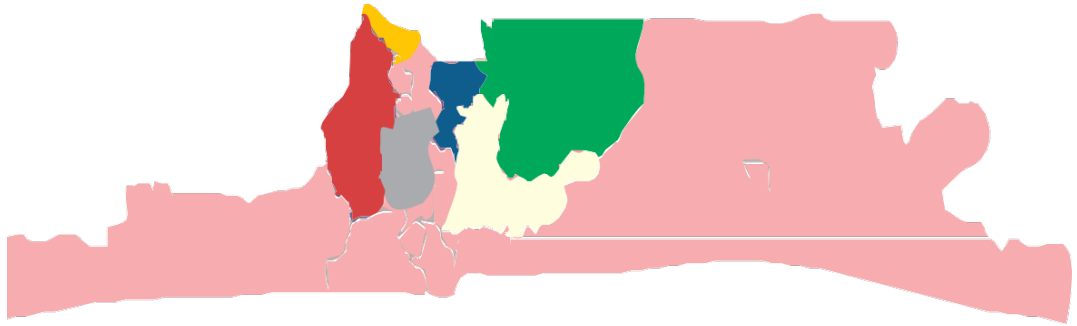
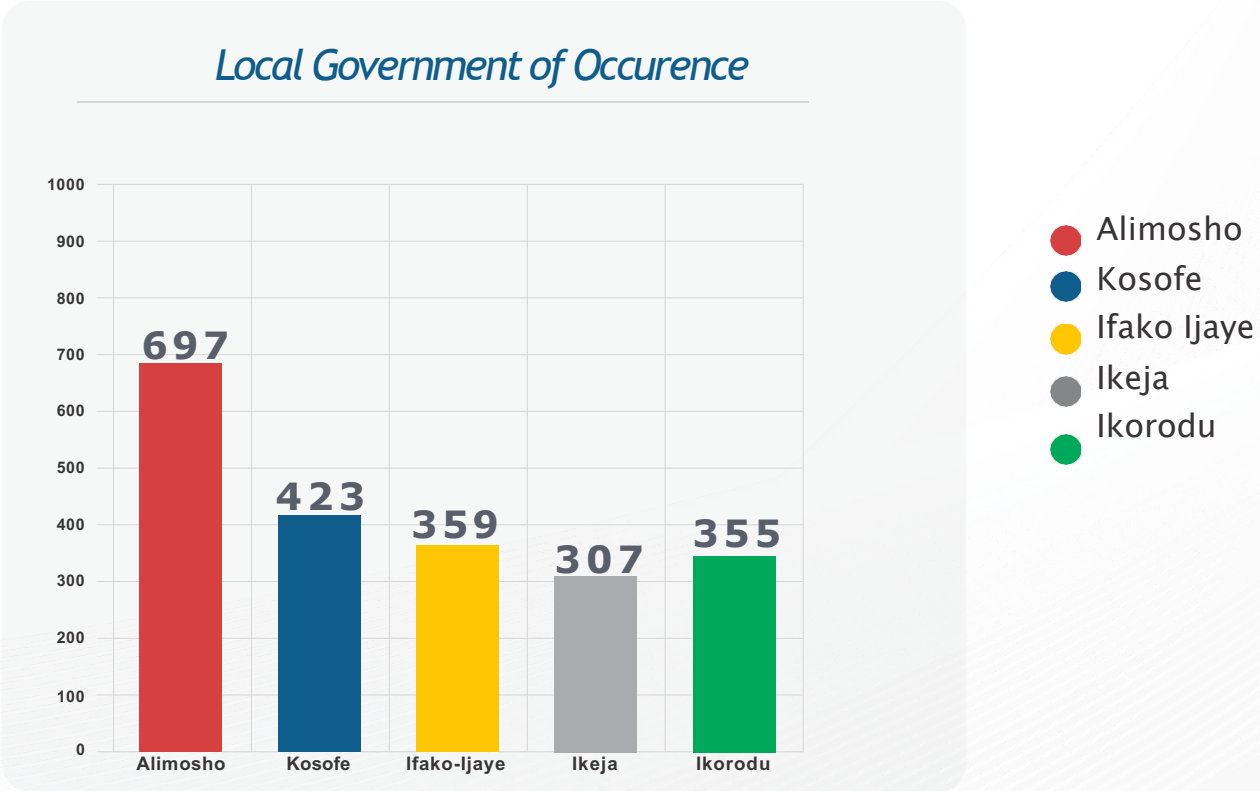
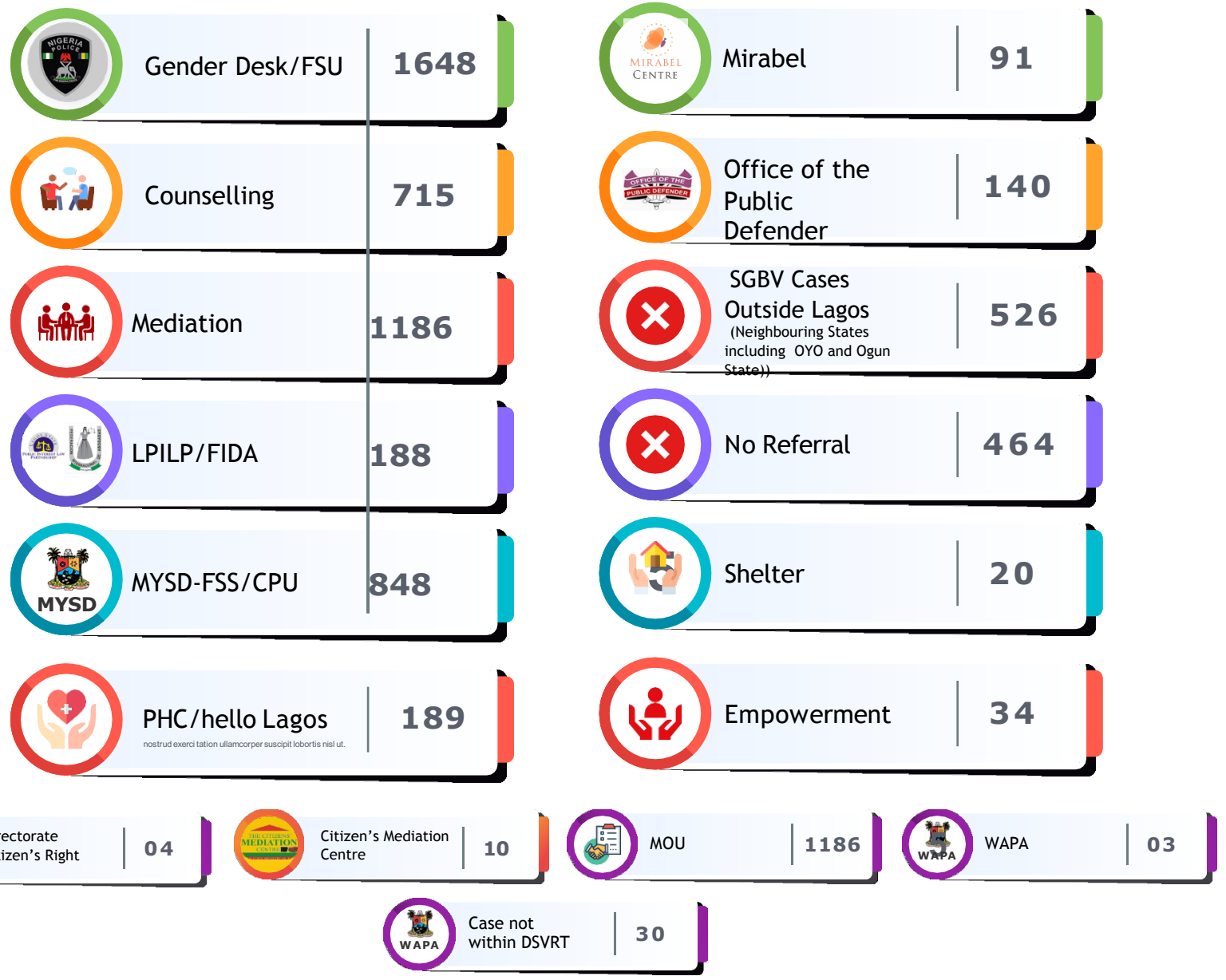




ACTIONS & REFERRAL ON REPORTED CASES FOR ADULTS



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Did you know?

Reported cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence

2014	2022
3	180
(Cases a month)	(New cases a month)

CONCLUSION:

SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IS NOT A RESPECTER OF AGE, CLASS OR CREED.

ANYBODY CAN BE A VICTIM OR SURVIVOR.

IT IS ON ALL OF US TO END SGBV

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