

Victim Assistance Project Lusaka



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Results of Project and Study 2012 and 2013



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Study Design - Overview



- Discuss proposal with local Zambian partners and solicit input and participation
- Collect and analyze baseline data
- Train participants for intervention, prepare materials and conduct intervention
- Collect and analyze followup data
- Join with local partners in making recommendations for improvements



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Actions undertaken

- Briefing of partner's staff on coordinated victim assistance
- Network meetings (every year)
- Printed materials/information (posters, brochures, pocket cards)
- Medical students of Zambia and Austria involved



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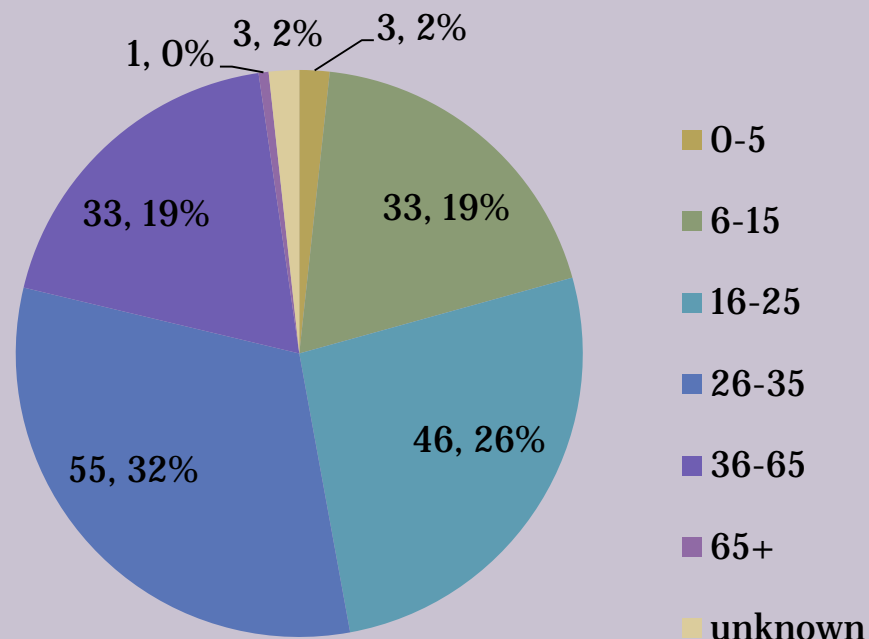
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Results



174 persons included in the study

Age:



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Lapse of time between the injuries and consultation/ treatment

- The average lapse of time between the incident and the time of the medical treatment was about 28,5 hours.
- For 7 of 11 severely injured patients: It was between 30 minutes and 11 days (arithmetic mean: 29 hours).

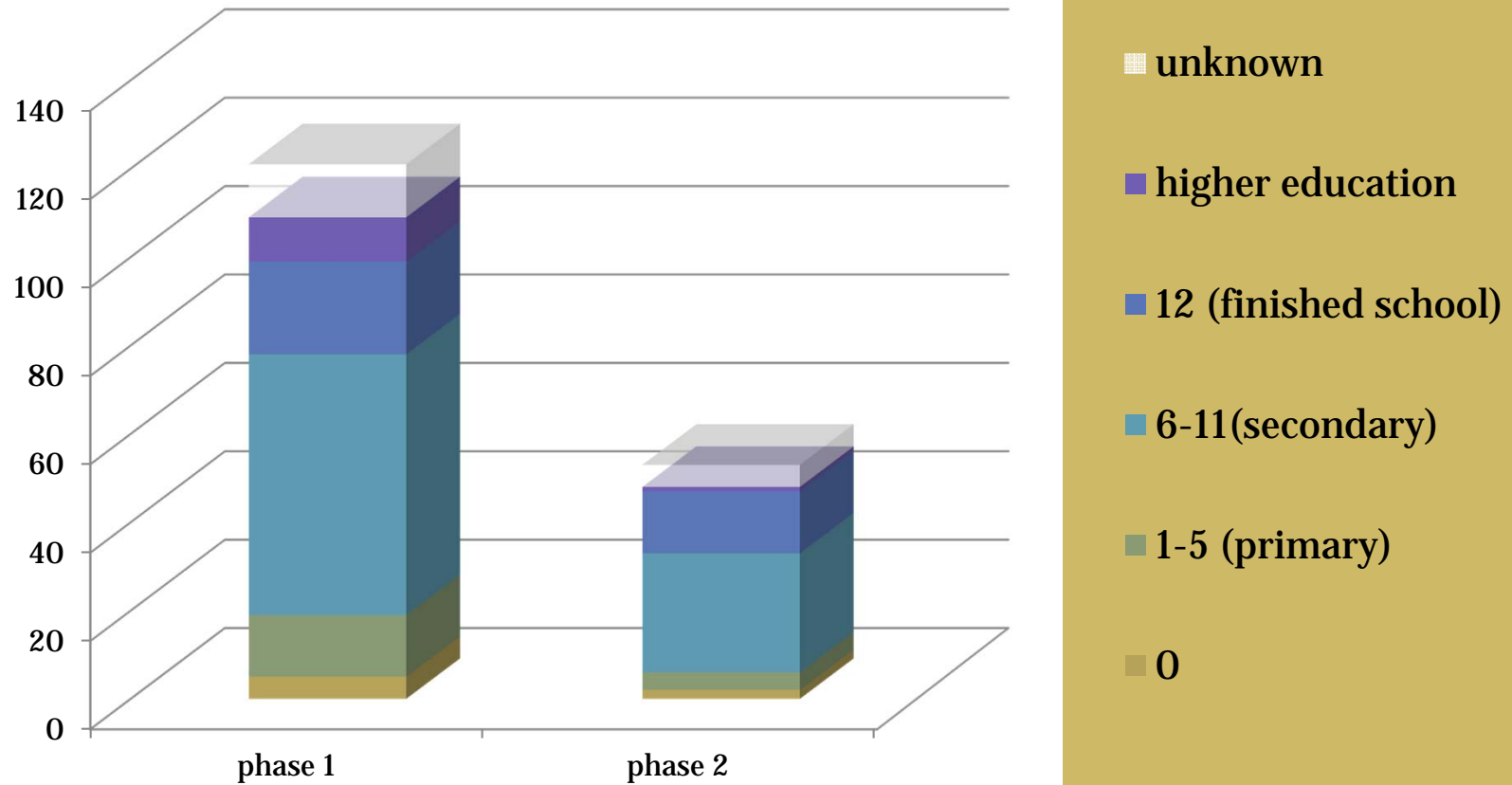


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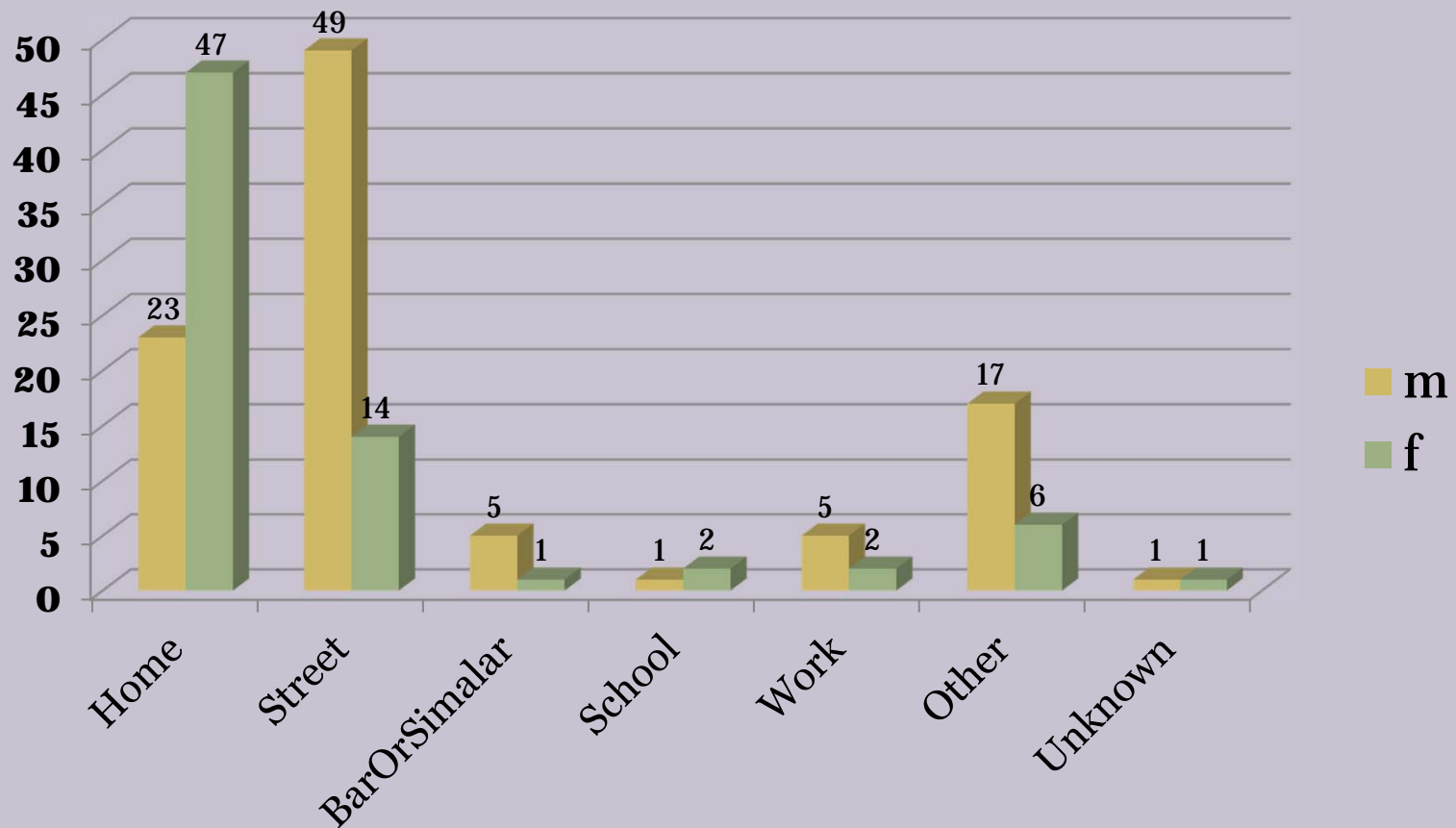
Education



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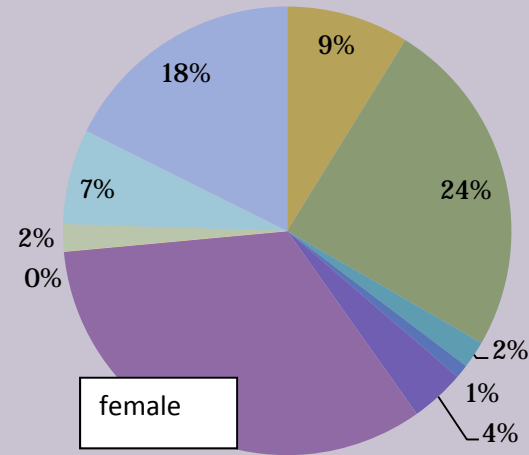
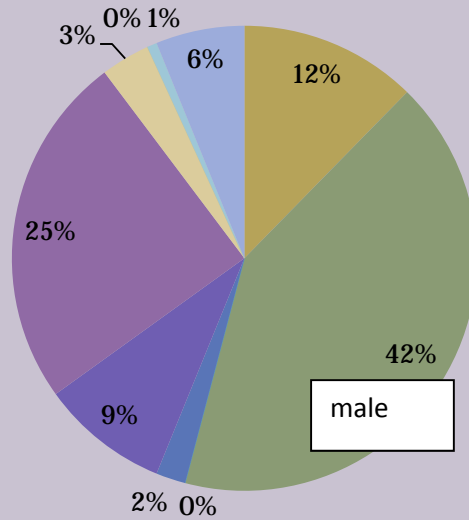
Location of Violence



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Kind of Injury



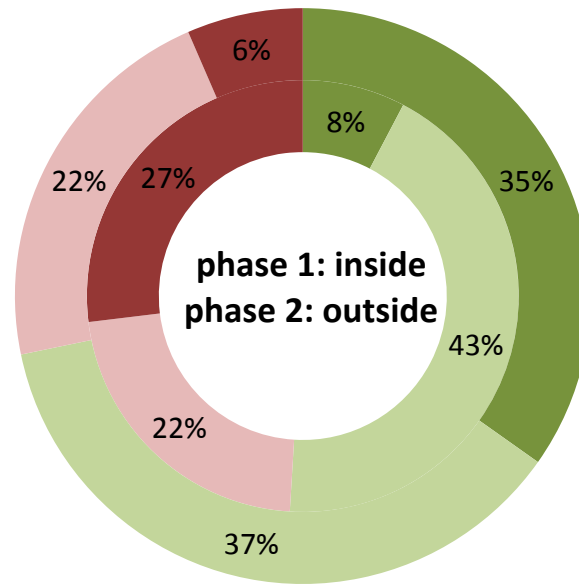
- Laceration/Abrasion
- Cut/Wound/Bite
- Systemic Organ Injury
- Strain/Sprain/Or Dislocation
- Fracture
- Bruise/Contusion
- Brain Trauma
- Burn
- Unknown



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“Have you received sufficient information to who you should direct your questions?”



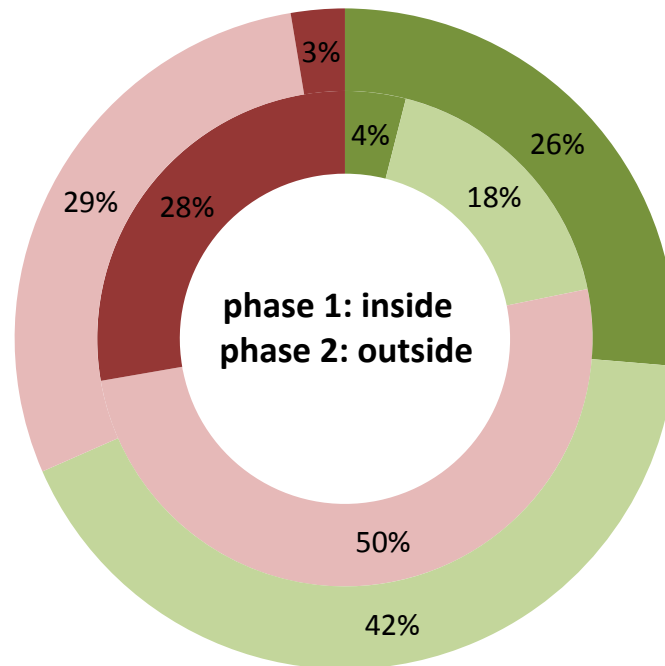
- strong yes
- yes
- no
- strong no



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“Have you received sufficient information on community services?”



- strong yes
- yes
- no
- strong no

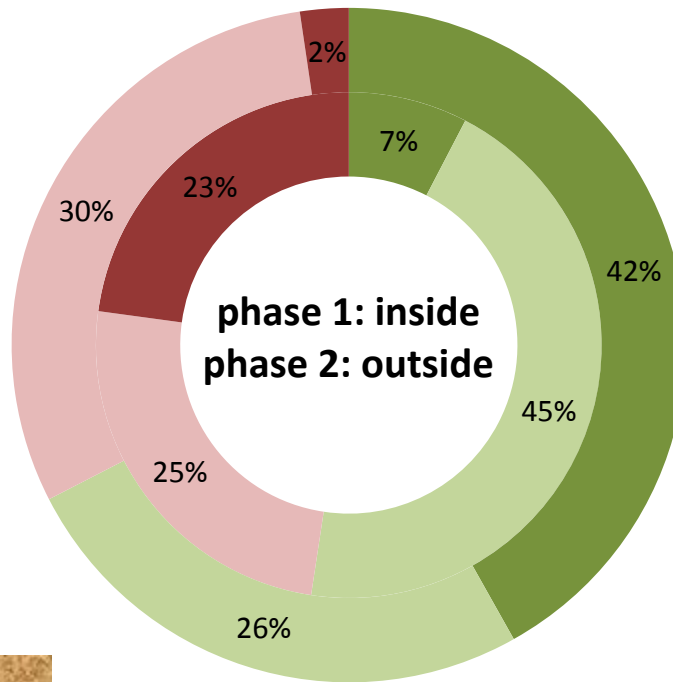


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“Have you received sufficient information how to contact and reach medical and community services?”



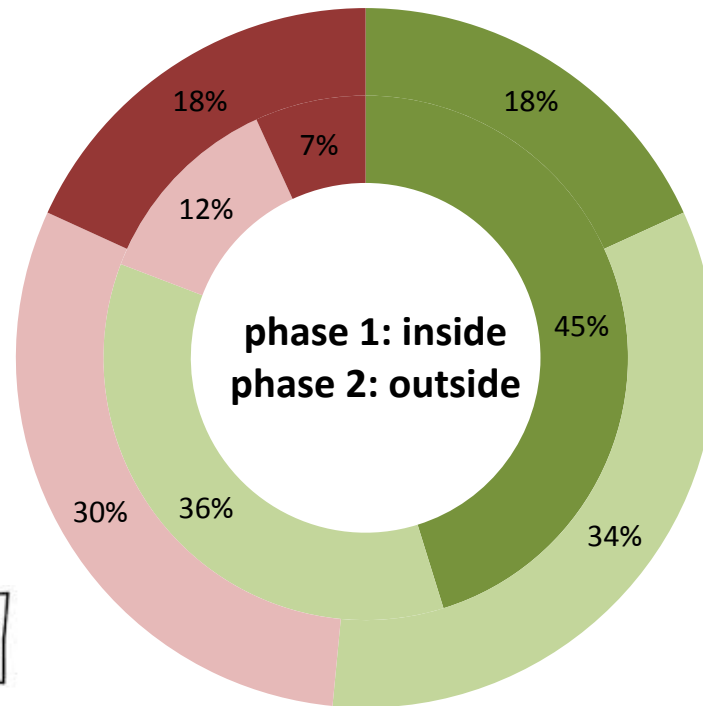
- strong yes
- yes
- no
- strong no



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“How concerned are you about receiving appropriate help later on in the case of discomfort and need?”



- strong yes
- yes
- no
- strong no

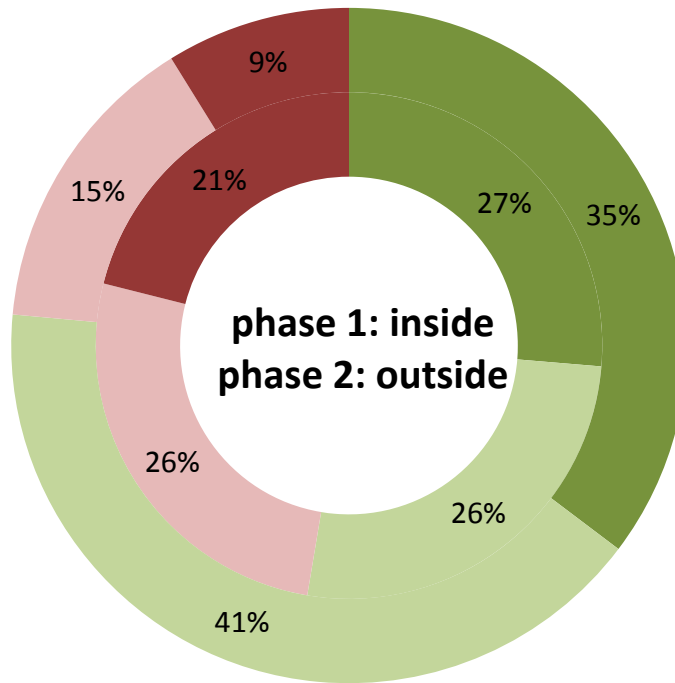


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“The interventions undertaken until now helped to being able to speak to others more openly about the event?”



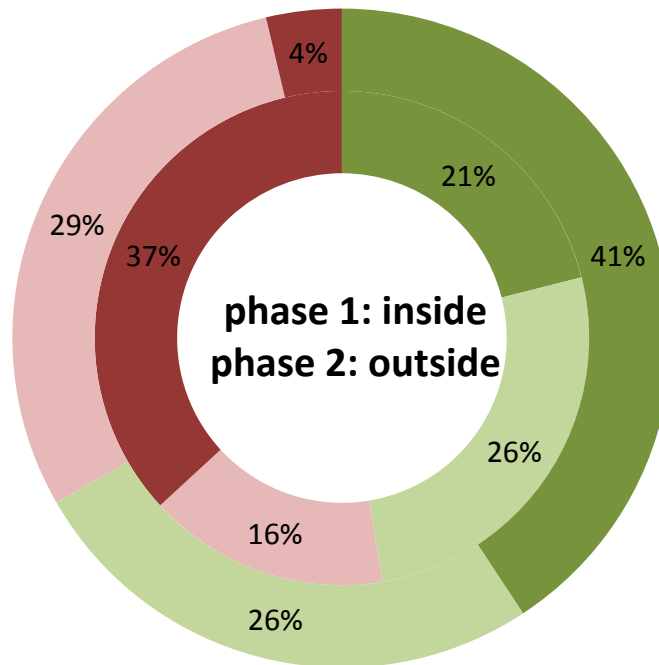
- strong yes
- yes
- no
- strong no



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“If yes, did that improve your situation?”



■ strong yes

■ yes

■ no

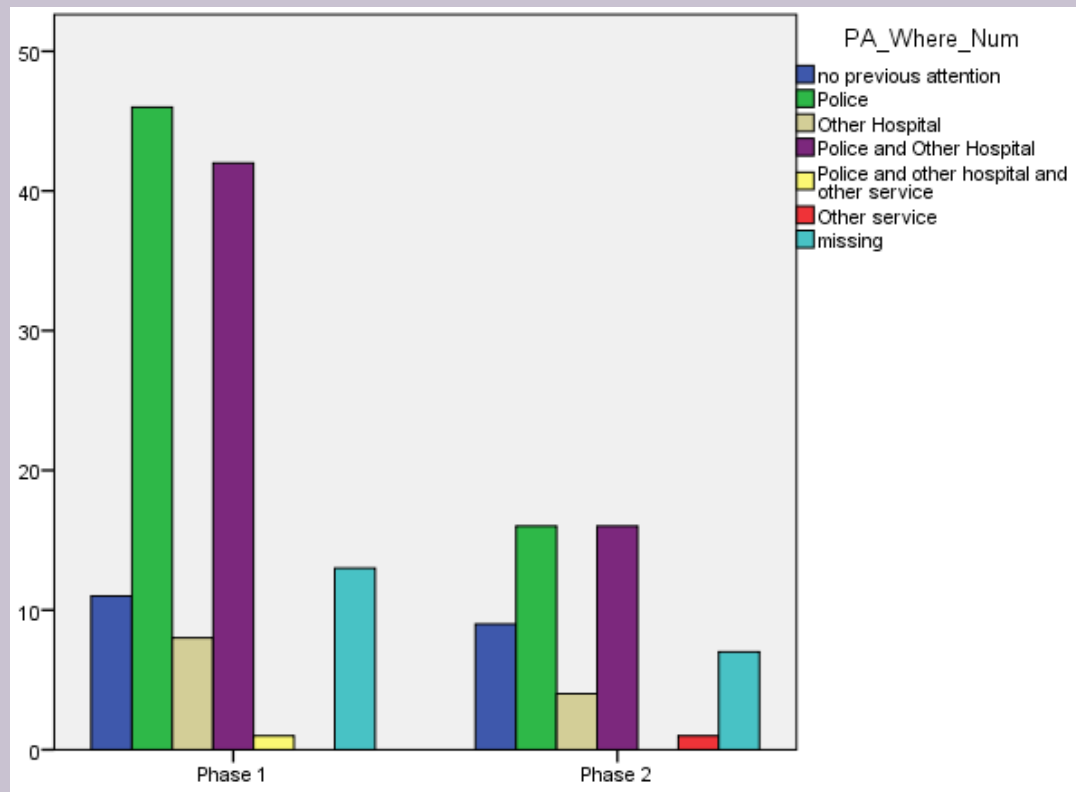
■ strong no



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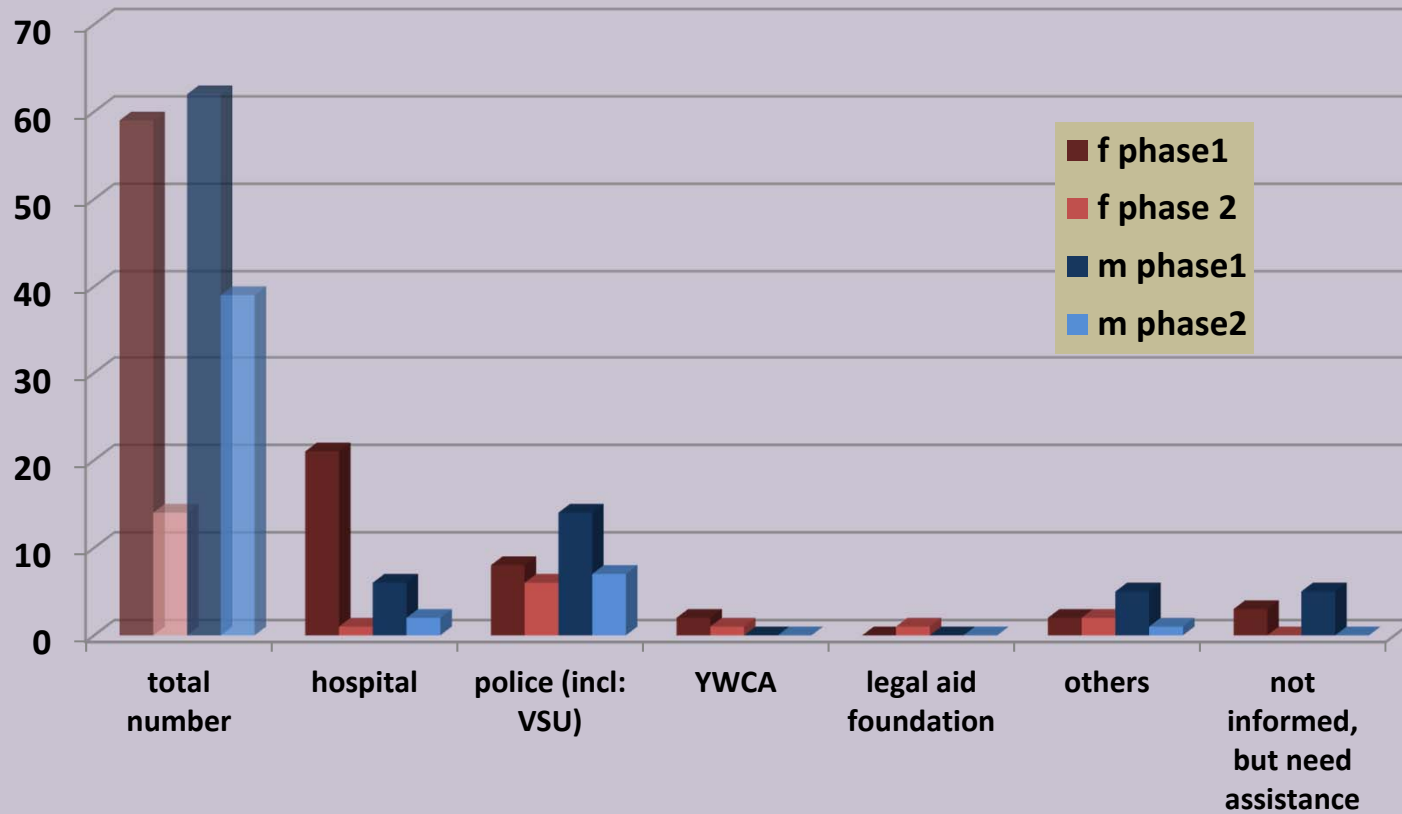
Previous Attention



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Where else to go?



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Cooperation between partners



x, x= cooperation, xx, xx= strong cooperation
 ("X", "XX" means cooperation before interventions,
 "X", "XX" means new cooperations at the end of
 phase 2)

		Emergency Room at Lusaka UTH	Social Work department attached to UTH	YWCA Drop-in centre for battered women (and men)	Legal Aid Clinics	National Victim Support Unit/ Zambian Police	The Zambia Society of Physiotherapists (ZSP).	National Council of Catholic Women	Zambian National Women's Lobby	further cooperations
no data	Emergency Room at Lusaka UTH									
no data phase 2	Social Work department attached to UTH	XX		XX		XX				
	YWCA Drop-in centre for battered women (and men)	XX	X		XX	XX	X	X	X	*
no data	Legal Aid Clinics									
	National Victim Support Unit/ Zambian Police	XX		XX						
no data	The Zambia Society of Physiotherapists (ZSP).									
	National Council of Catholic Women	X	X	XX	X	XX	X		X	
	Zambian National Women's Lobby	XX		XX	XX	XX				**

Still up to date??



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Key Findings:



- Increased in Victim's Knowledge Base
- Benefits to partner organizations:
networking, material...
- Cross-cultural improvements
- Profiles of victims of violence contribute
to global data



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Discussion:

- Study design
- Numbers of participating persons
- Lessons learned about unanswered questions
- Referrals from police vs. social service

organizations

• Limitations



- **HOW TO CONTINUE WITH THIS PROJECT?**



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Recommendations:



- Invest in low-cost interventions to improve care for victims of violence
- Improve effectiveness of social services through facilitating networking, training and regular communications among agencies
- Reduce medical complications and improve health of victims of violence



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Recommendations:

- North – South cooperation should be encouraged at the institutional level
- Lusaka specific: follow up studies, continuing the project



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