National Shelters Network Mapping Report

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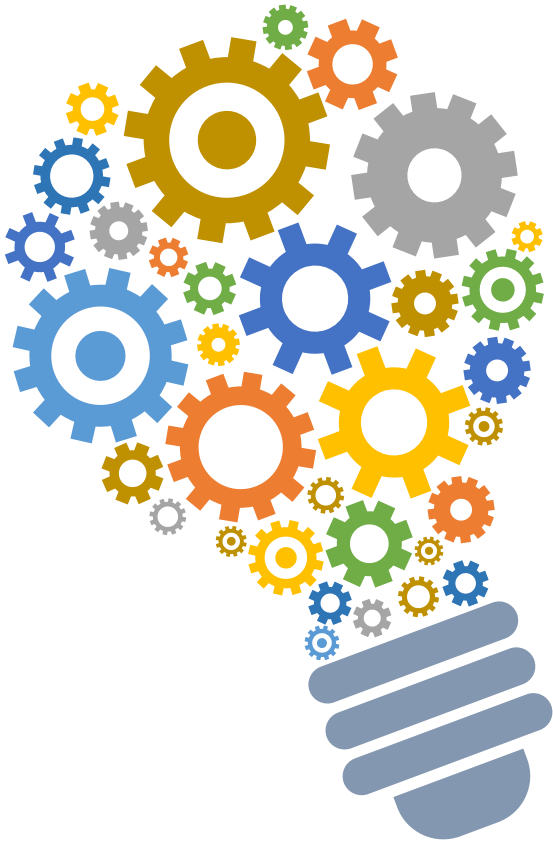
Our NSN Philosophy

If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.

-African Proverb



About Shelters

A shelter is a place/space that deliberately protects or shields someone from something harmful, especially natural or human induced.

In this context, shelters are safe places for victims of abuse and exploitation.

Today's presentation is concerned with mapping of both government and privately run shelters.

NSN Background

- In October 2019, before the 4th World Conference of Women Shelters, an initial baseline was conducted during which 18 shelters were mapped

- On February 26th, 2020 CDTD wrote to the SDfG requesting for collaboration and guidance on any policy framework and practice standards

- Following this, visits were made by CDTD to the Department of Children Services (DCS), National Gender Equality Commission (NGEC) and State Department for Gender (SDfG) to;- find out more about shelters registration and support for shelters; and; any existing government policy, standards or guidelines for the operation of shelters

- In March 2020, more shelters were mapped bringing the number to 25.

- A meeting was organized for March 25th, 2020 inviting members to an inaugural stakeholders consultative forum but which unfortunately failed due to lockdown measures caused by COVID-19

- A continuous Mapping has been carried out through a survey monkey tool and so far 38 shelters have been done.

SHELTERS SURVEY MONKEY QUESTIONS

Centre for Domestic Training and Development (CDTD) carried out a mapping exercise for shelters and safe houses OPERATORS in partnership with Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development (CCGD) and East African Civil Society Organizations Forum (EACSOF) Kenya. The exercise was a follow-up to CDTD's previous survey to firm up on the formation of a Shelters network platform and aimed to help feed into Kenya's COVID-19 GBV prevention and response mapping for service providers and assist in facilitation of coordination and referral framework by State Department for Gender (SDfG) particularly during COVID-19 emergency period.

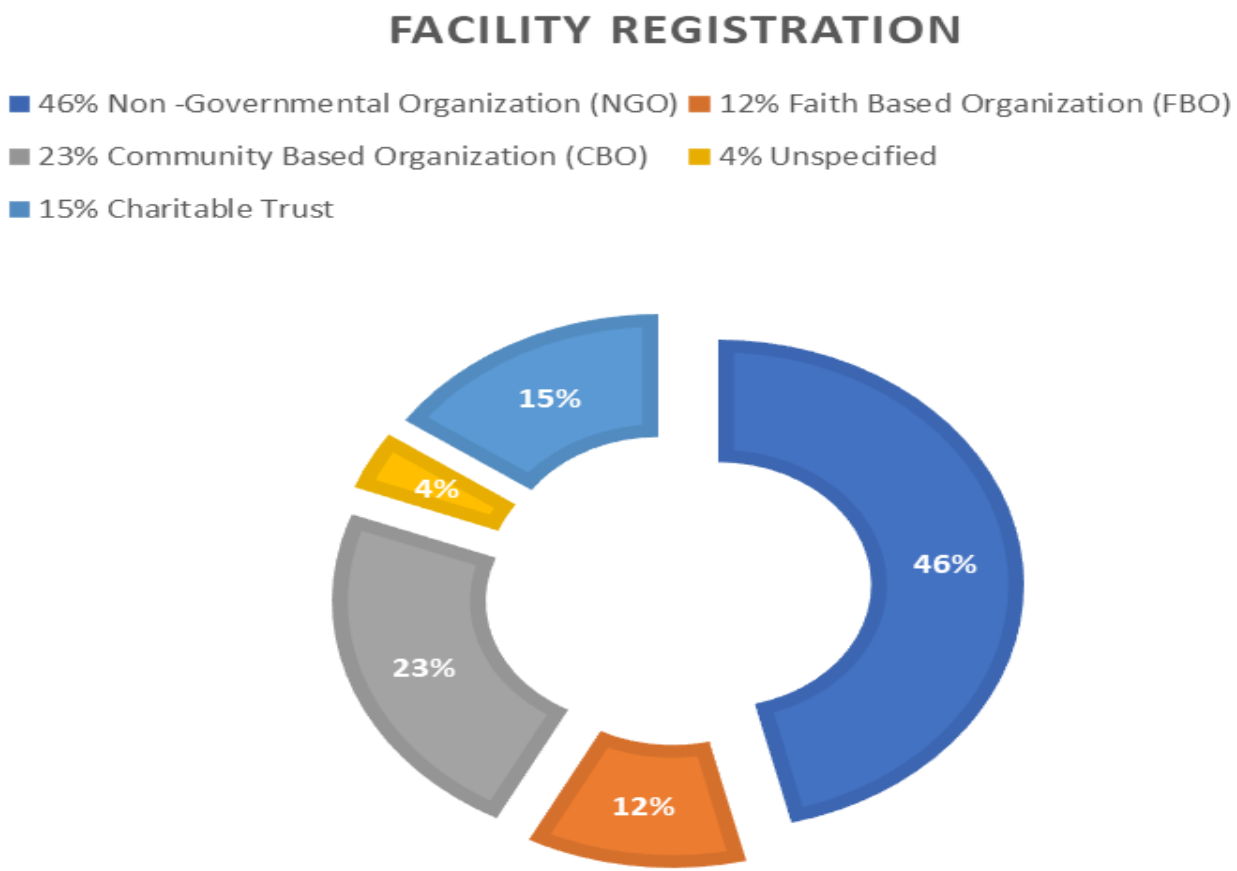
The following questions were administered:-

1. Under what registration does your facility operate?
2. Where is your shelter/facility located? (town, sub-county and County). **Please Note**: respondents don't need to disclose exact street address
3. Please share what motivated you to start the facility.
4. Type of clients/ beneficiaries.
5. Please indicate how many beneficiaries are currently resident? (If you have more than one category kindly break these down)
6. What is the capacity of your facility? (If you have more than one category kindly break these down)
7. What type of calls do you receive as a facility?
8. What are your facility's challenges?
9. What kind of support do you receive from public funds/government, donors, partners, well-wishers etc.?
10. Briefly share about the care and services offered at your facility.
11. Please share any challenges that have been escalated by COVID-19 and how you are addressing them.
12. Have you received any cases due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic? If yes, how many?
13. How often would you like to engage on virtual meetings?
14. What kind of support will you be expecting from fellow network members?

ANALYSIS FOR MAPPED SHELTERS

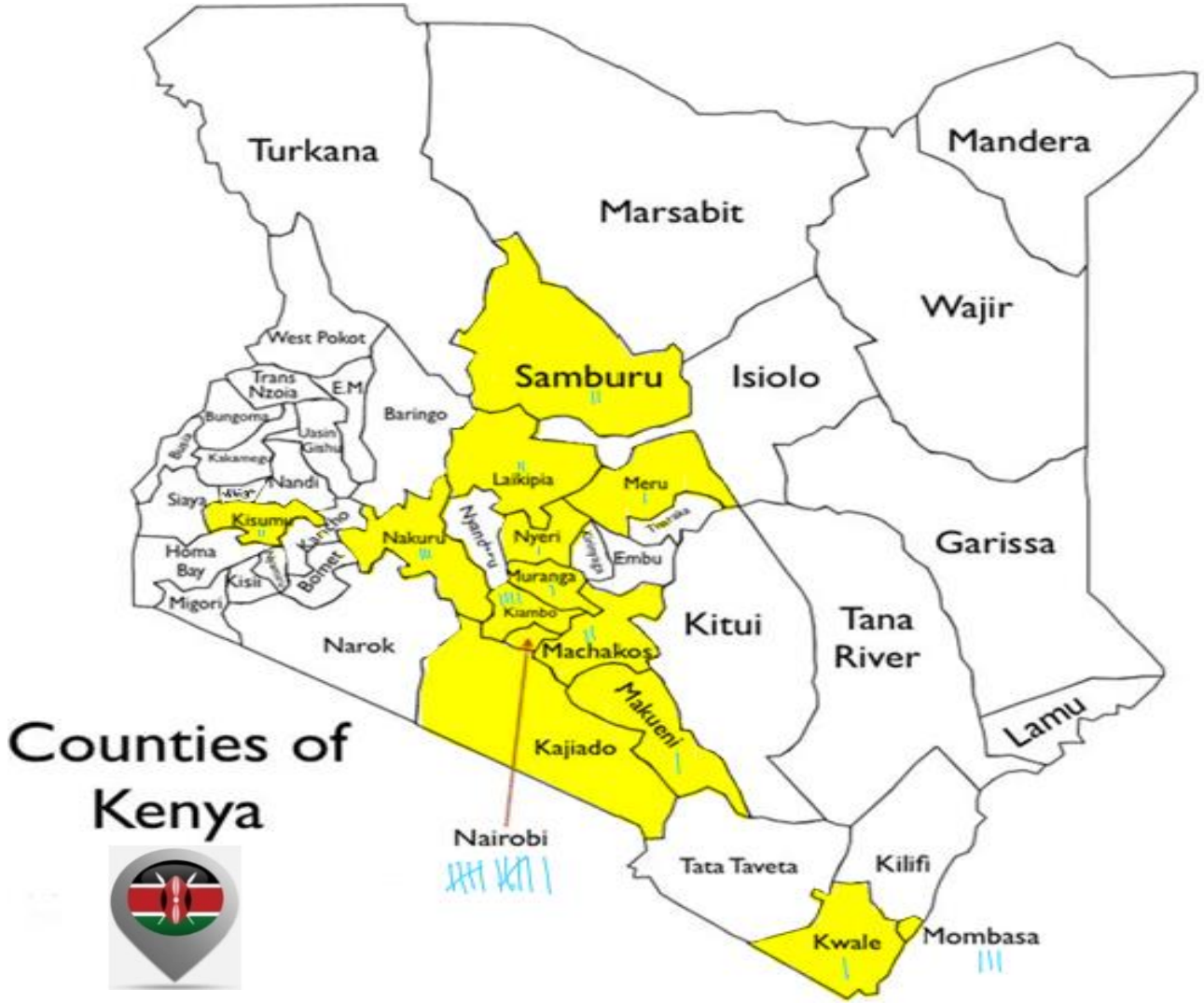
NB: Of the 34 questionnaires sent to shelters and safehouses 26 responses were received.

Under what registration does your facility operate?



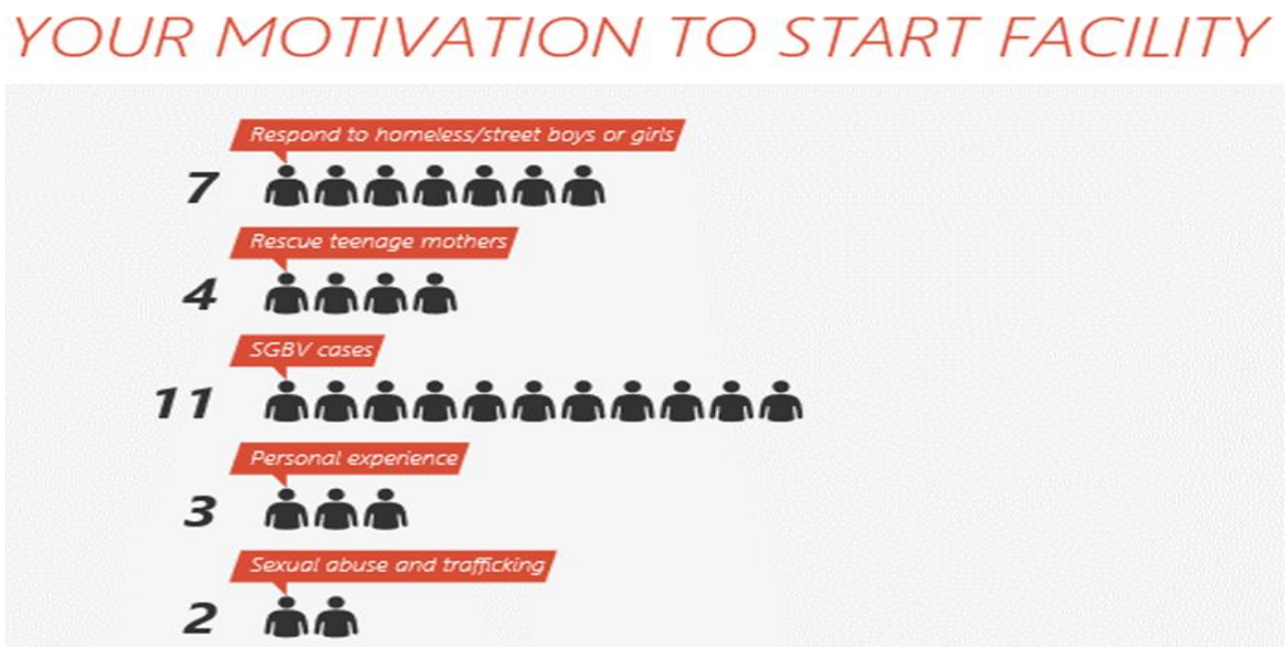
2. Where is your shelter/facility located? (town, sub-county and County)- respondents
(List includes shelters that did not take the survey and has exact locations removed)

A graphical representation of identified shelters



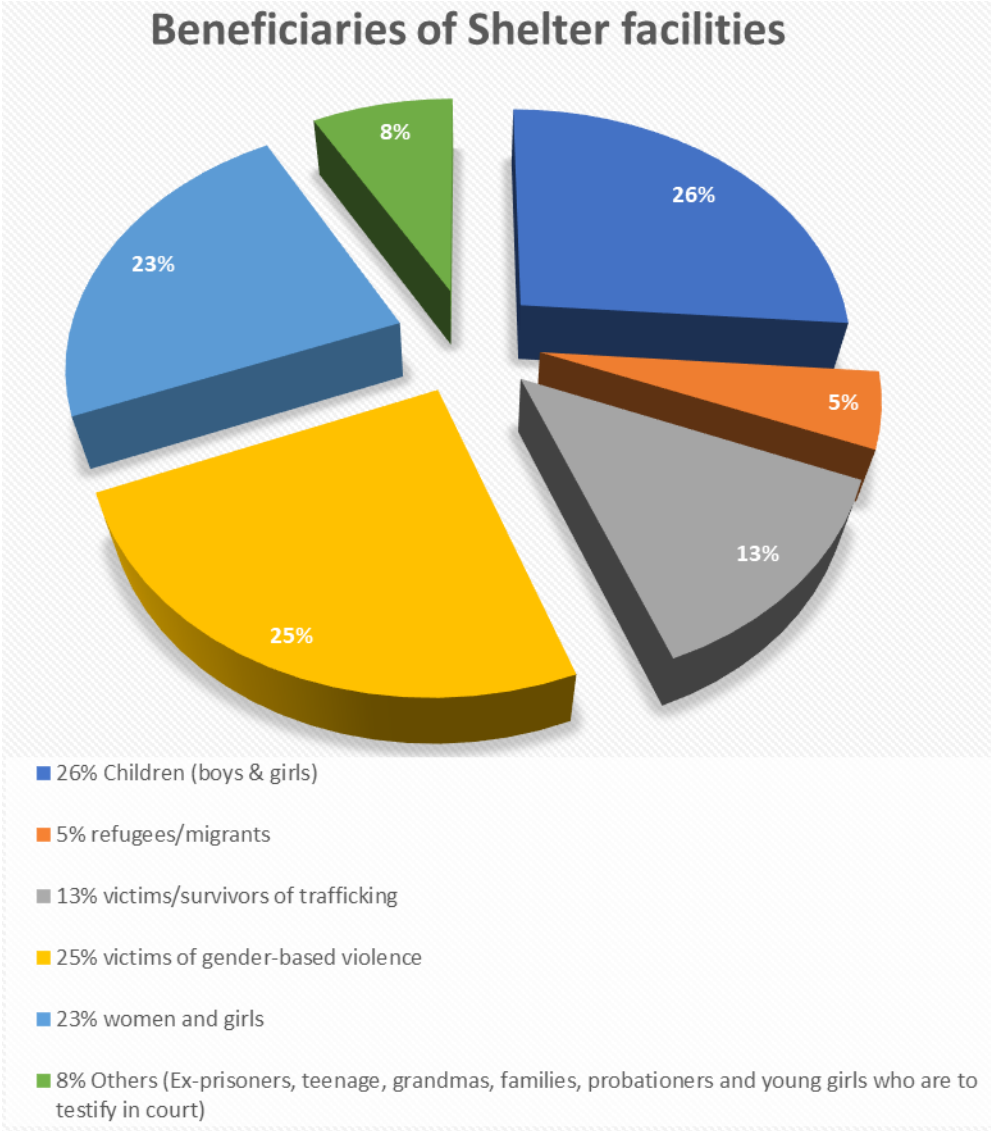
3. Please share what motivated you to start the facility.

Categories	Respondents
Respond to homeless/street boys or girls	7
Rescue teenage mothers	4
SGBV cases	11
Personal experience	3
Sexual abuse and trafficking	2



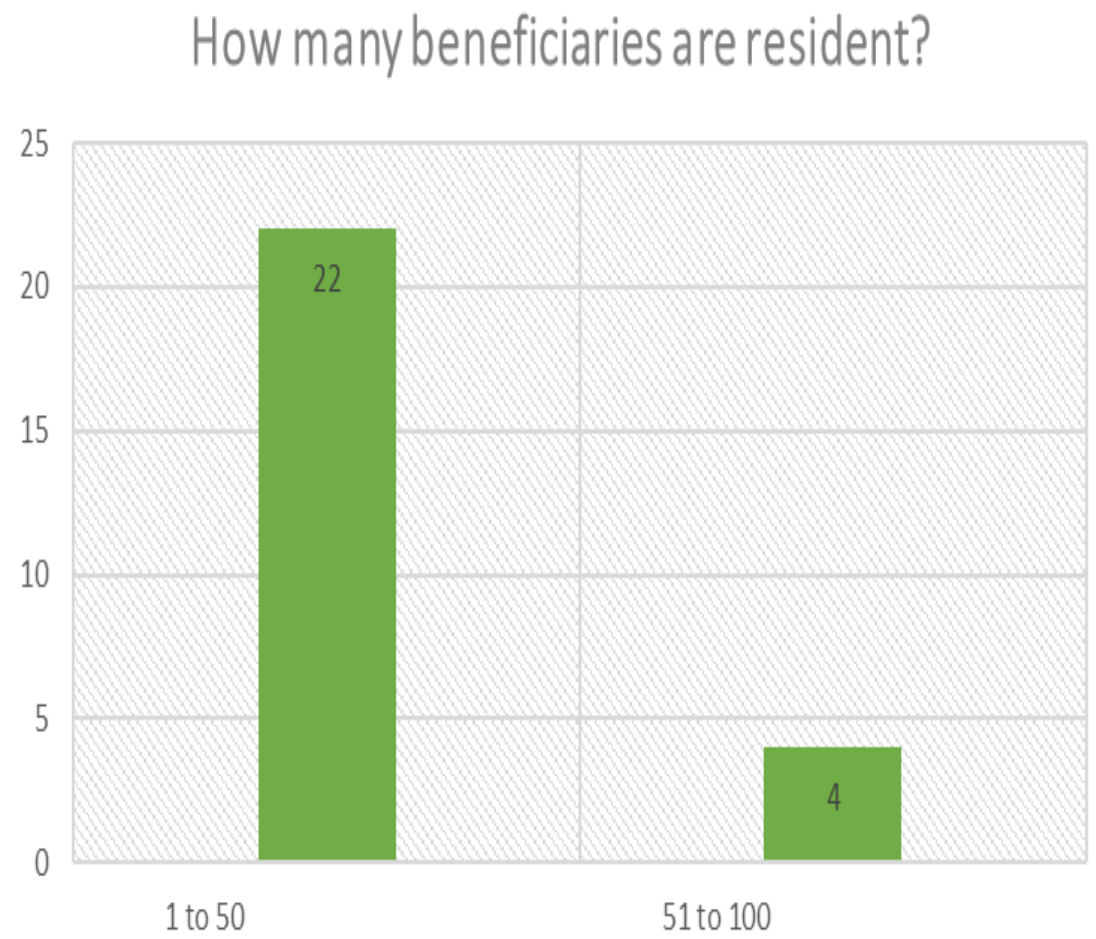
4. Type of clients/ beneficiaries

Categories	Respondents
Children (boys and girls)	16
refugees/migrants	3
victims/survivors of trafficking	8
victims of gender-based violence	15
women and girls	14
others: Ex-prisoners, teenage, grandmas, families, probationers and young girls who are to testify in court	5



5. Please indicate how many beneficiaries are currently resident? (If you have more than one category kindly break these down)

Categories	Respondents
1 to 50	22
51 to 100	4



6. What is the capacity of your facility? (If you have more than one category kindly break these down)

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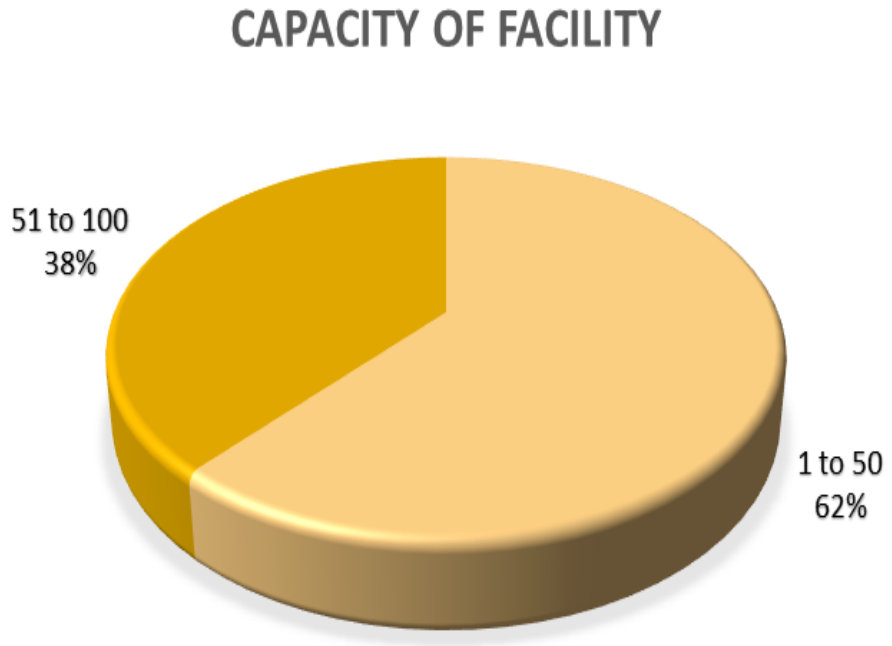
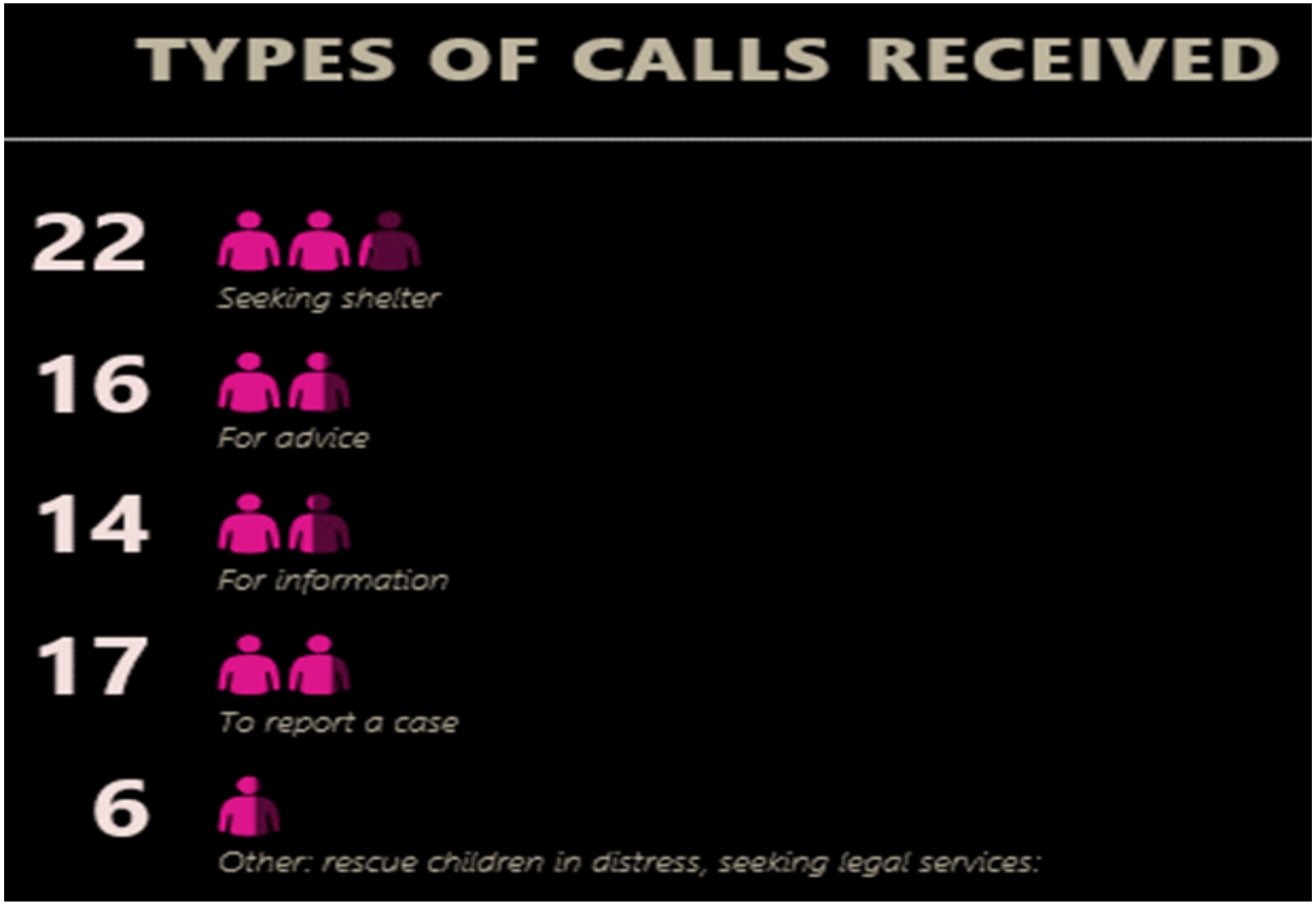
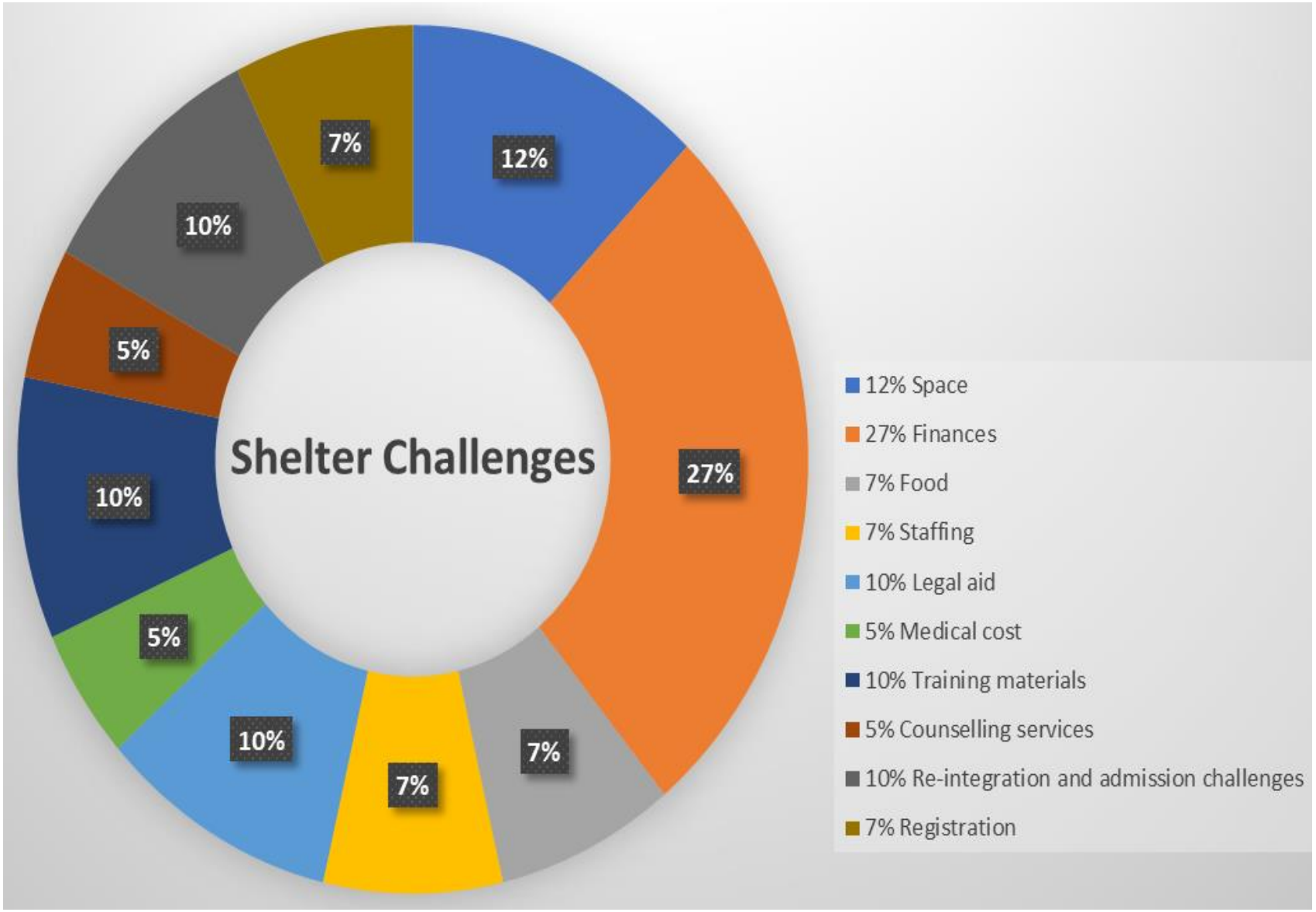


7. What type of calls do you receive as a facility?



8.What are your facility's challenges?



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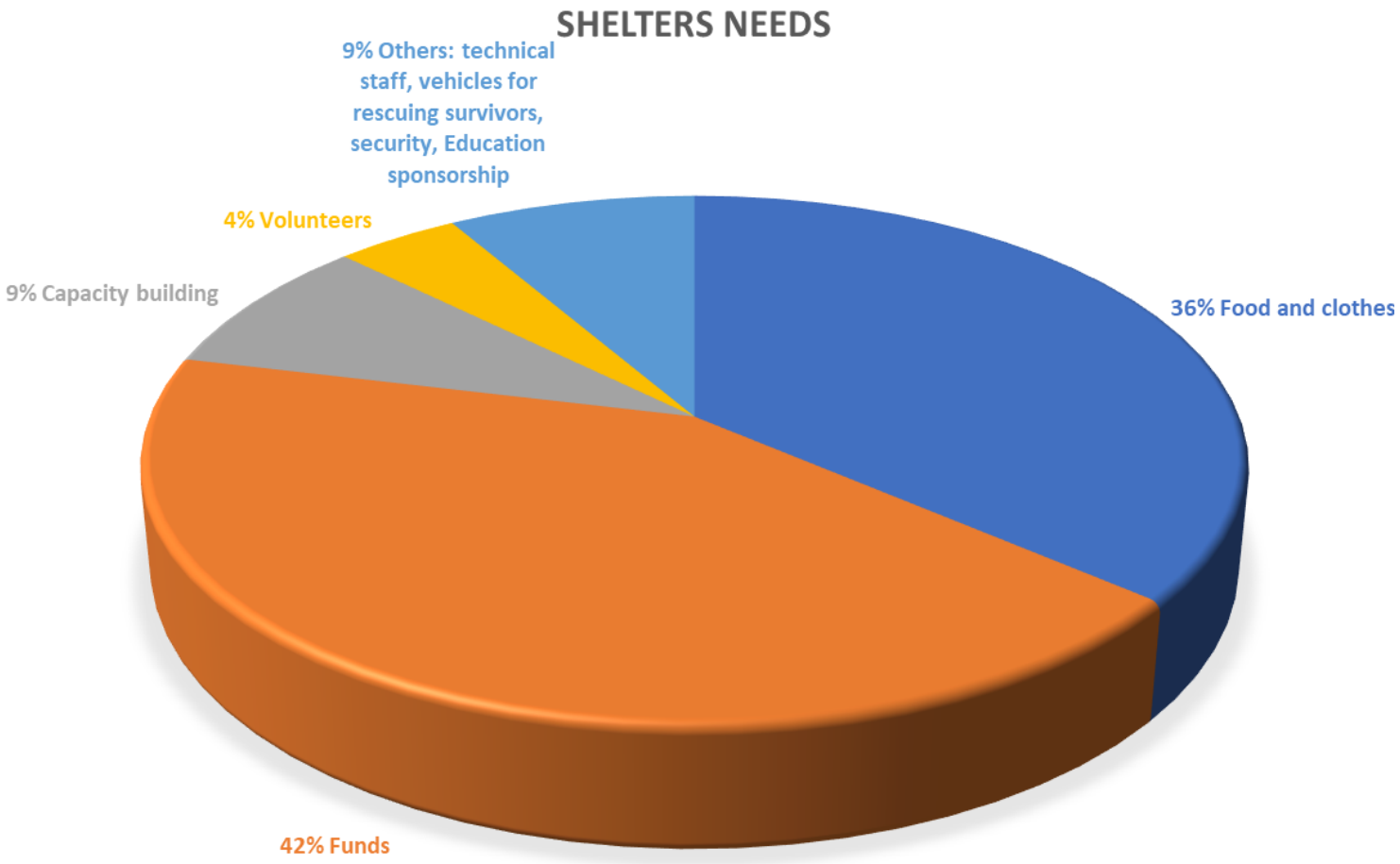

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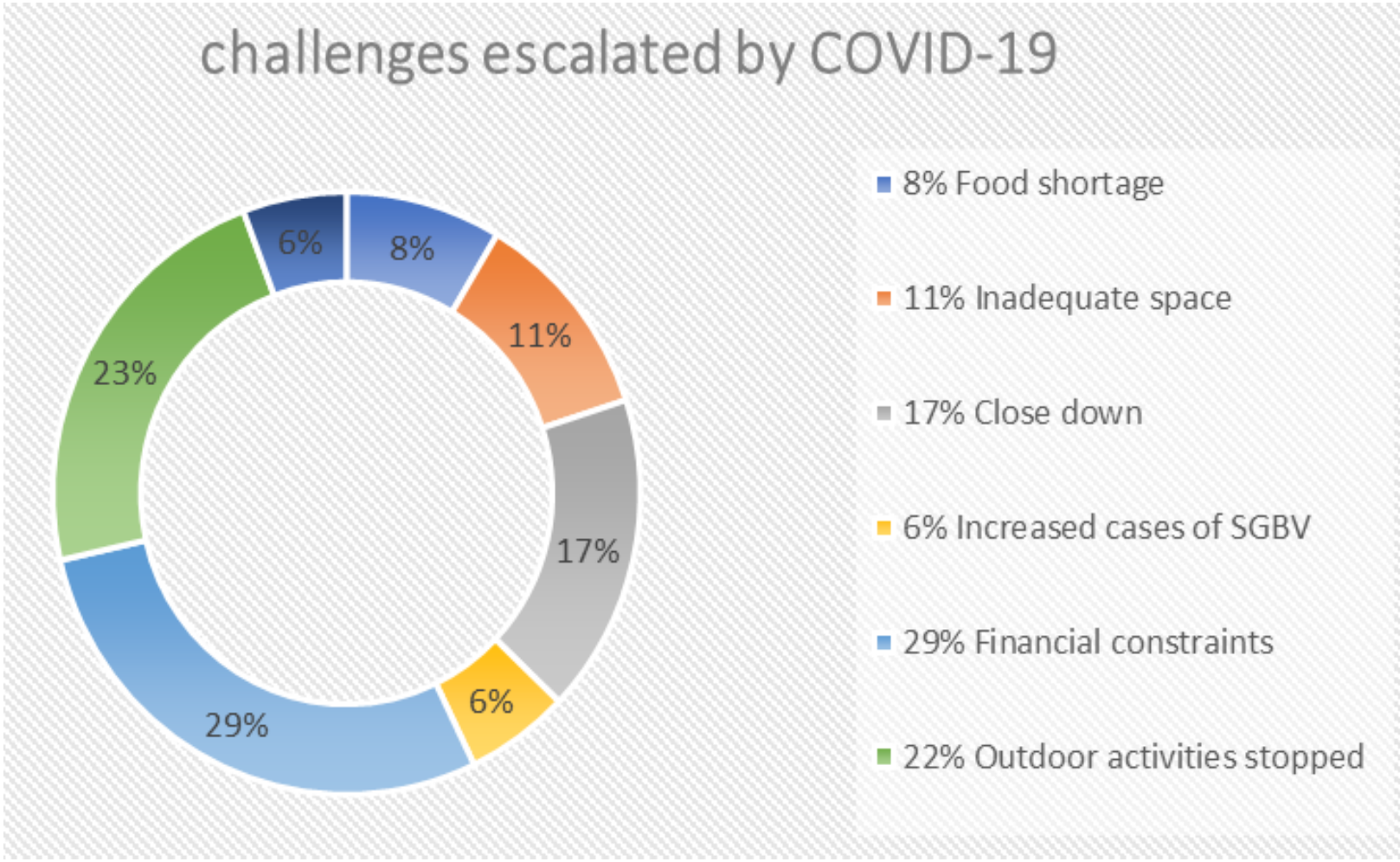
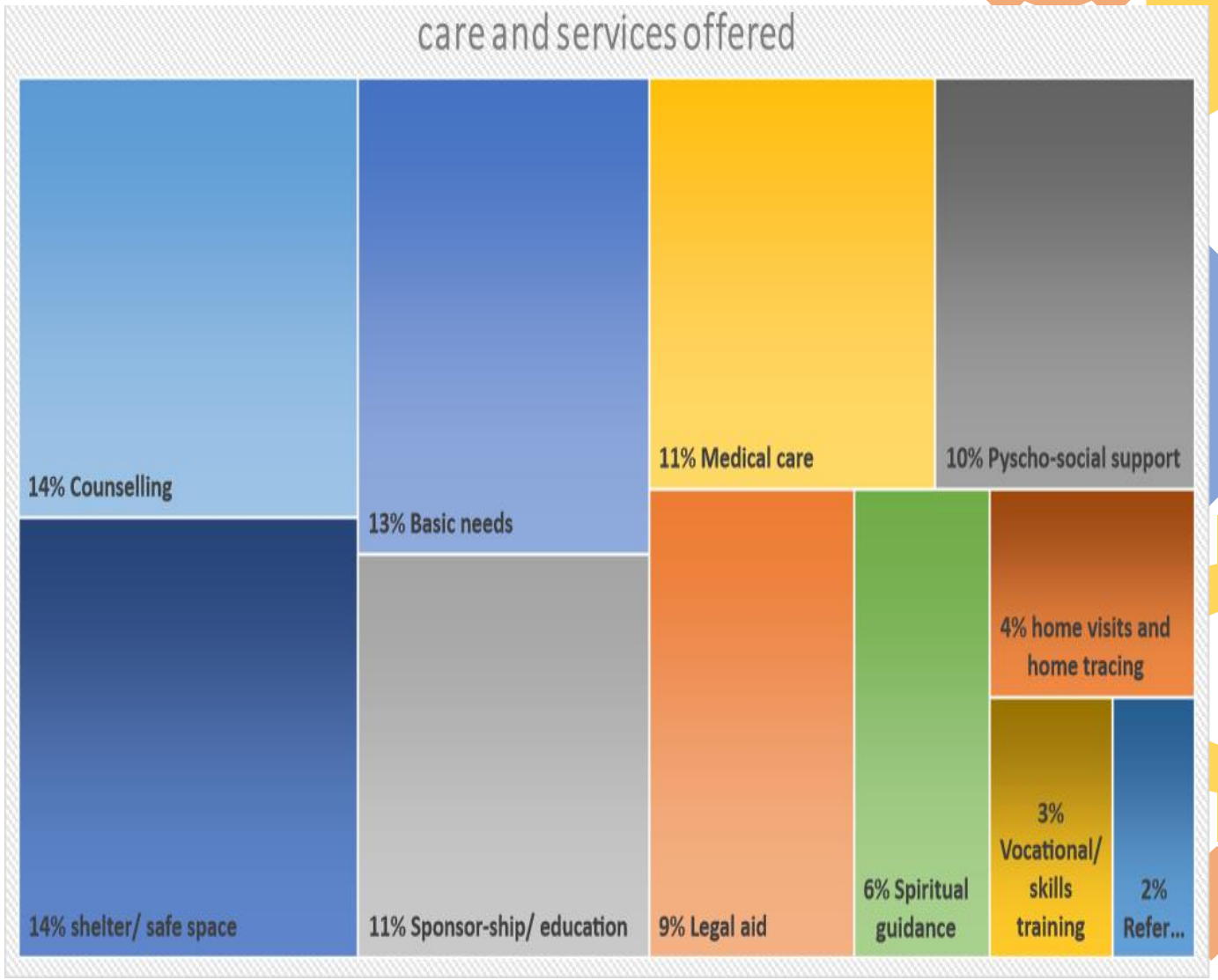


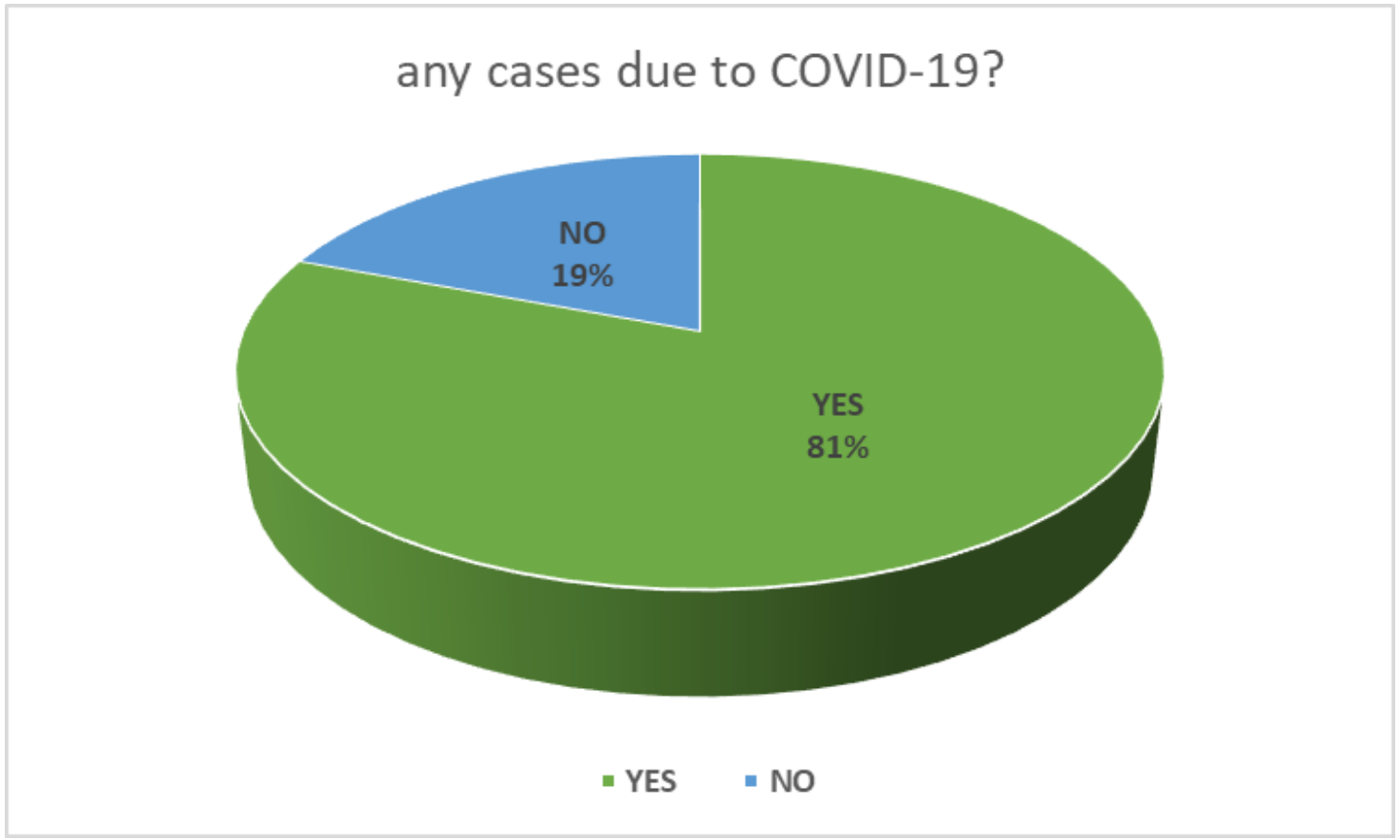
11. Briefly share about the care and services offered at your facility.

Categories	Respondents
Basic needs	13
Legal aid	9
Sponsor-ship/ education	11
Medical care	11
Counselling	14
Spiritual guidance	6
shelter/ safe space	26
home visits and home tracing	4
Pyscho-social support	10
Vocational/skills training	3
Referrals	2



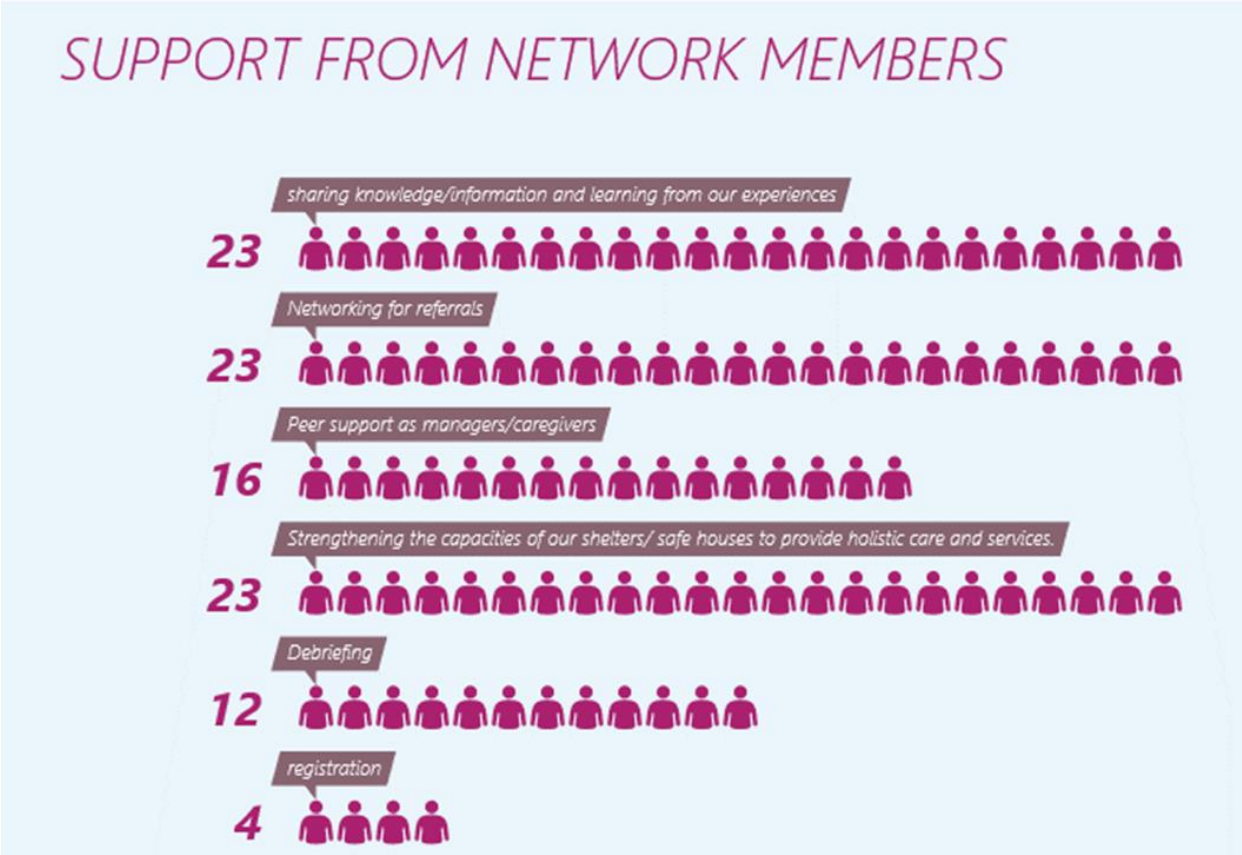
12. Have you received any cases due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic? If yes how many.

Response	Respondents
yes	21
NO	5



13.What kind of support will you be expecting from fellow network members?

Categories	Respondents
sharing knowledge/information and learning from our experiences	23
Networking for referrals	23
Peer support as managers/caregivers	16
Strengthening the capacities of our shelters/ safe houses to provide holistic care and services.	23
Debriefing	12
Other: registration	4



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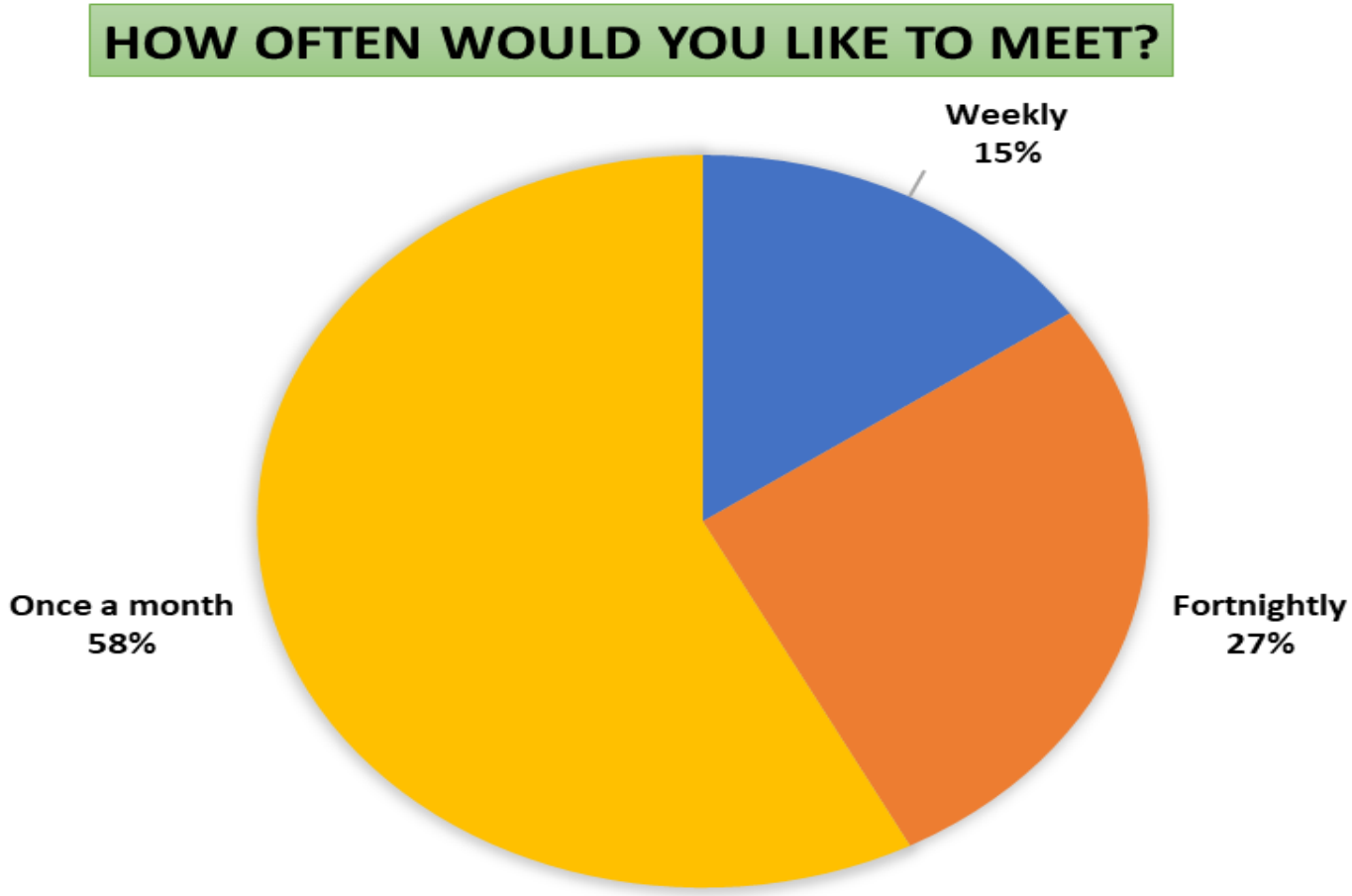


Why a Shelters Network

- Networks matter because they bring people together for the greater good of the members.
- They inspire, provide direction and focus.
- They give back while moving people forward.
- Networks matter because people matter – the central role of the people involved is key
- Networks can help ensure the sustainability of a sector and provide growth opportunities for members through sharing of information, forging collaborations with strategic partners', leadership development, trainings, mentorship and collective resource mobilization.

Interim Secretariat Functions

- Regularly update Shelter Operators on important information and data
- Follow up on cases reported to the NSN
- Link referred cases to necessary service providers e.g. shelters, hospitals, social workers etc.
- Regularly update the progress of a cases including successful referrals and services provided
- Documentation of member shelter activities
- Report writing, meeting minutes etc.
- Continually engaging members to share their experiences, achievements, challenges and learnings
- Attending relevant meetings and networking events i.e. zoom meetings etc. aligned with the shelters network objectives
- Attending weekly SDfG's convened GBV cluster working group meetings
- Organizing important meetings for NSN members
- Managing the NSN WhatsApp group
- Sharing important webinars and links with NSN members on the WhatsApp group

Partnerships

- The State Department for Gender (SDfG)
- Collaborative Center for Gender and Development (CCGD)
- East African Civil Society Organizations Forum (EACSOF)

Functions of the National Shelters Network

Functions Elaborated

Policy & Advocacy

-Addressing gaps and opportunities in the legal framework
-Continuous policy analysis and development
- Licensing/Registration
-Advocacy around the sector issues
-Mainstreaming of global issues, including linkages with global players

Sector Development

-Different experiences of sector members can be shared and addressed
-The operational ecosystem can be modeled and constructed to onboard efficiency and logical frameworks
-Identifying sectoral barriers, formulating solutions and deploying them at scale
-Establishing standards of practice

Sector Academy

-Direct technical assistance Mentoring

-Capacity building programs

-Technology and information clearing house

-Stay connected with emerging knowledge, technology, practices

Sector Services

-Registry services for members
-Provision of sector-specific services, such as regulation, validation, credentialing
-Reference bureau services

Unified Voice

-Liaison services, including linkages Sector representation
-Enhanced ability to pool resources in pursuit of specific agenda
-Can build public agency around issues
-Able to pool data, produce current content

Credentialing

-Referencing system registry services
-Peer-to-peer engagement
-May grow to provide an internal accreditation mechanism
-Professionalizing the sector

Shelters Networks Examples

The Asian Network of Shelters (ANWS) - www.shelterasia.org

-The network kicked off at the 1st Asian Conference of Women's Shelters in Taipei in September 2012, when 30 representatives from 14 countries in the region met to draft the vision, values, purpose and objectives of the Network

-Launched when delegates selected 6 steering committee members from the 3 sub-regions to the official board. ANWS progressed to host the 4th WCWS Conference held on November 5th to 8th, 2019

-Has 20 members from Northeast Asia, Southeast and Southern Asia

Vision, Values, Purpose

Vision: A just world in which communities and families live free from all forms of violence.

Values: Loving, warm, harmonious, equitable mutually-respectful and inclusive families and societies.

Purpose: Unite, promote and strengthen the women's shelter movement in Asia to end all forms of gender-based violence.

Objectives:

1. Platform creation: Be a platform to promote cross-learning between countries, regions and sub-regions.

2. Capacity building: To promote capacity building at all levels to enhance effective management-skills and delivery of services.

3. Advocacy: To strengthen advocacy for policies and legislations related to violence against women.

4. Representation: To be a representative network that can raise Asian voices globally and create national and sub-regional networks.

Shelters Networks Example 2

Roks (the National Organization for Women's Shelters and Girls' Shelters in Sweden) - Sweden based – www.roks.se

Roks (the National Organization for Women's Shelters and Girls' Shelters in Sweden) is the only national membership organization that exclusively works with women's and young girls shelters in Sweden. Roks currently hosts around 100 women's and young women's / girls shelters.

All the shelters are independent members of Roks but share a common helpline. Roks offers its members competence development and opportunities to share experiences -in meetings, conferences etc. as well in capacity building.

Roks also produces educational materials and publishes important shelters researches to influence public opinion and policy.

Governance

- **Board of Governors:** The members of Rok's board work voluntarily with their assignments. The task of the board members is to be jointly responsible for Rok's organization, operations and finances.

- The Board, jointly with the other members, are responsible for the implementation of decisions made at Annual General Meetings.

Main Objective:
To work from a feminist perspective to put an end to men's violence against women, young girls and children.

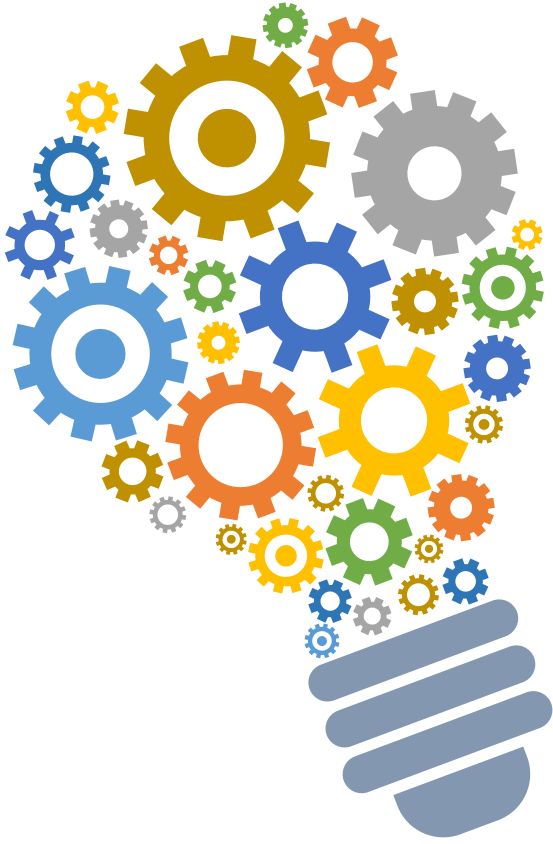
Activities
-Advocacy: Monitoring bills and proposals related to women's rights violations and follow ups on how legislation works in practice.
-Skills development, awareness creation, coordinating emergencies, offer guidance on shelter registration and practices etc.

Learnings and Achievements

Learnings

- Shelters are a vital missing link in protection programs including safeguarding of children's rights and privileges.
- Information, knowledge and understanding of shelter practice is low in Kenya leading to low prioritization and investment in the work.
- Most operational shelters have been initiated as an attempt to meet demand for safe spaces for survivors of violence and often motivated by personal experiences.
- Multi-partner approaches will provide shelters with resources for infrastructure and critical skills to provide necessary transitional services for survivors.
- The Shelters network platform is ideal for peer support, capacity building and cross-learning within Kenya and in the region.

Achievements

- 53 shelters mapped across 18 counties that make up membership of the network.
- Over 200 successful cross-referrals facilitated between member shelters besides the regular cases admitted.
- Vibrant networking, information sharing and updates on sector-specific issues through the Secretariat and a WhatsApp platform.
- Presented recommendations on Shelters during an Inter-agency meeting convened by the PS, SDfG
- NSN has influenced the discourse on Shelters in relation to the impact of COVID-19 as an active member of the GBV Cluster Working group and through the media advocacy.
- Shelters are now recognized as an essential service provider by the government

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