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“Advancing Gender Equality: The role and situation for gender equality mechanisms in the context of COVID-19”

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General Secretariat for Family Policy and Gender Equality

- The governmental agency competent to plan, implement, and monitor the implementation of policies on equality between women and men in all sectors.
- The competent national authority for the monitoring of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence



Network of Structures



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Network of Structures

Network of Structures for the prevention and treatment of violence and multiple discrimination against women consists of:

- **42 Counseling Centers nationwide**
- **18 Shelters for abused women and their children**

Scientific personnel of consultants specialized in approaching women from the perspective of gender, provide women FREE information and counseling services, in the context of integrated psychosocial and legal support actions.



Network of Structures

Network of Structures for the prevention and treatment of violence and multiple discrimination against women consists of:

- **The SOS Telephone Line 15900**

It is nationwide, 24/7 , 365 days a year.

Psychologists and social scientists provide:

- immediate assistance in emergencies and violence
- information and telephone counseling services to victims



Actions during Covid-19 lockdown



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Actions during Covid-19 lockdown

Due to the emergency caused by the pandemic

- Consultations were carried either in person, or via Skype, email or telephone
- Temporary free accommodation secured for women victims of domestic violence and their children, who needed immediate and urgent removal from their family home
- Free medical examination for women and medical examination and monitoring of their children, by specialized scientists



Actions during Covid-19 lockdown

Due to the emergency created by the pandemic

- Informed the Civil Society bodies about its actions for dealing with the emergency cases of women victims of domestic violence, who needed immediate removal from their family home.
- Big campaign on the media and social media

"We stay at home but we do not stay silent"



Actions during Covid-19 lockdown

Due to the emergency caused by the pandemic

- Project “Survivor” information were provided to refugee / migrant survivors of gender-based violence during the lockdown, including travel permits, by translating relevant leaflets into Arabic, Farsi and various other languages.



Special permits for working parents

1. Special purpose leave

Special leave to facilitate working parents to care for their children if:

- the operation of care and school units / structures is suspended or rotated in order to deal with COVID- 19.
- the children or a member of the immediate family belonged to groups of increased risk for COVID-19 or had COVID-19
- 3 day leave scheme which is repeated every four days



Special permits for working parents

2. Parents' leave due to coronavirus disease of children

Special leave for parents in case of COVID-19 disease, of their children, or people with disabilities that they care for, regardless of their age

- A leave for fourteen (14) days or for a longer period of time in case it is deemed necessary
- In addition to other leave relating to illness or childcare.
- Independent of other measures on the labor market to combat and limit the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus.



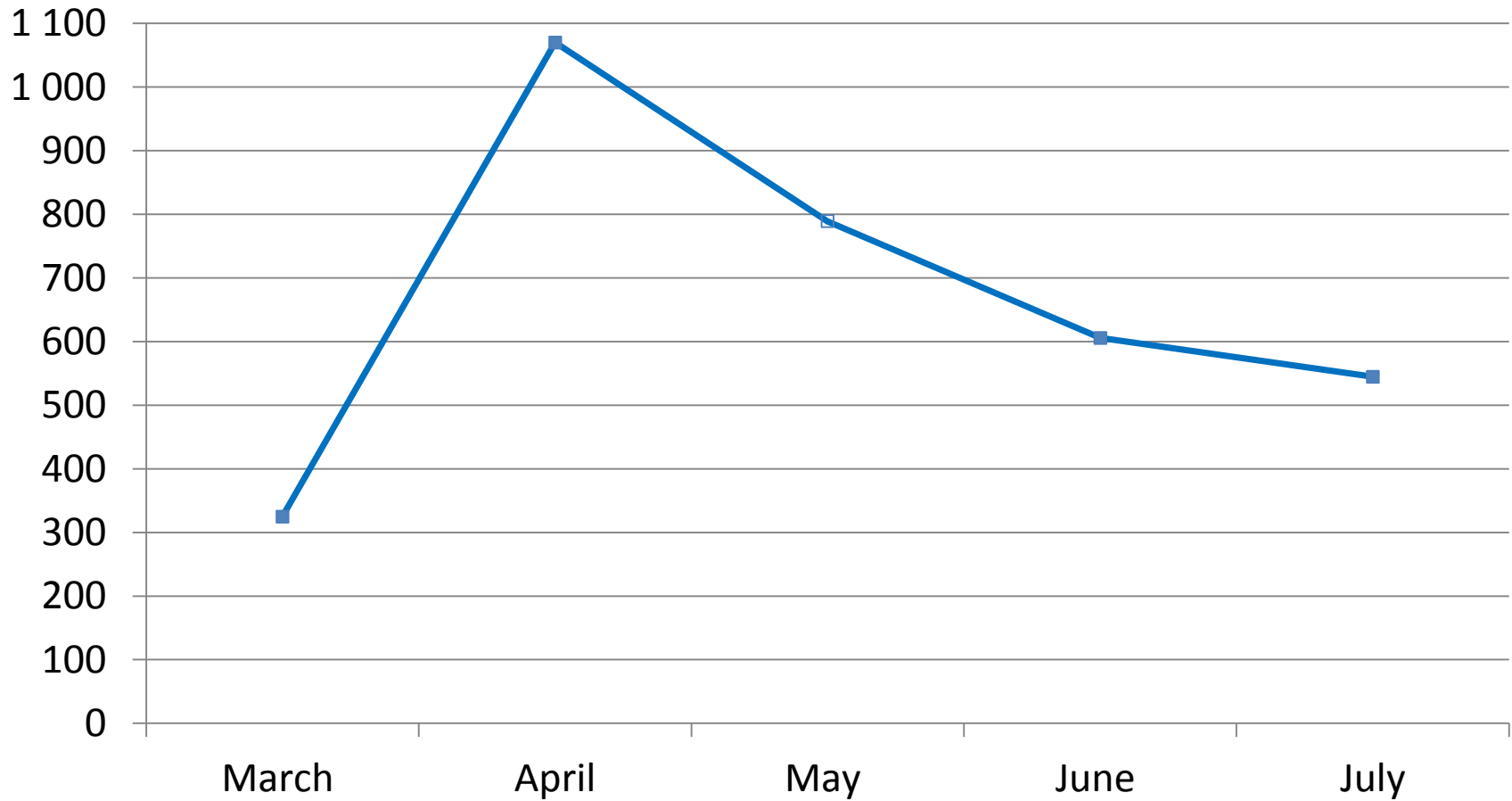
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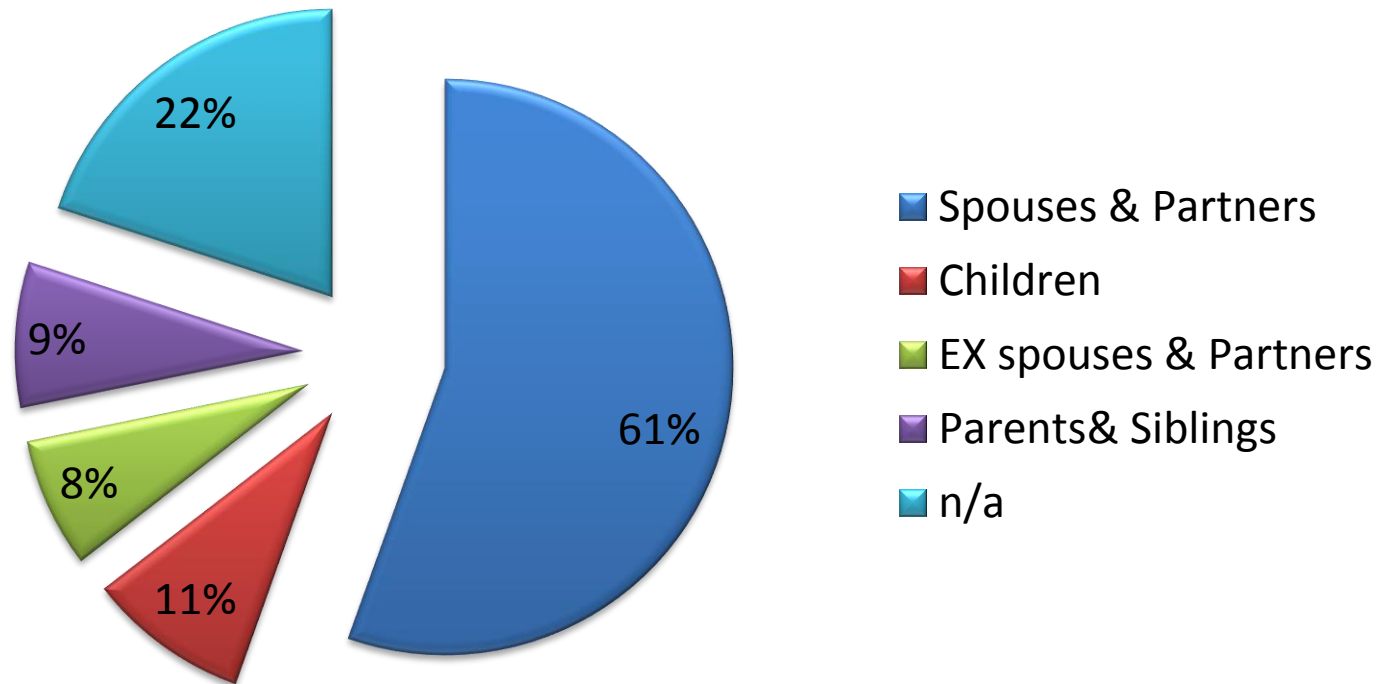
Statistics from SOS line

SOS line calls



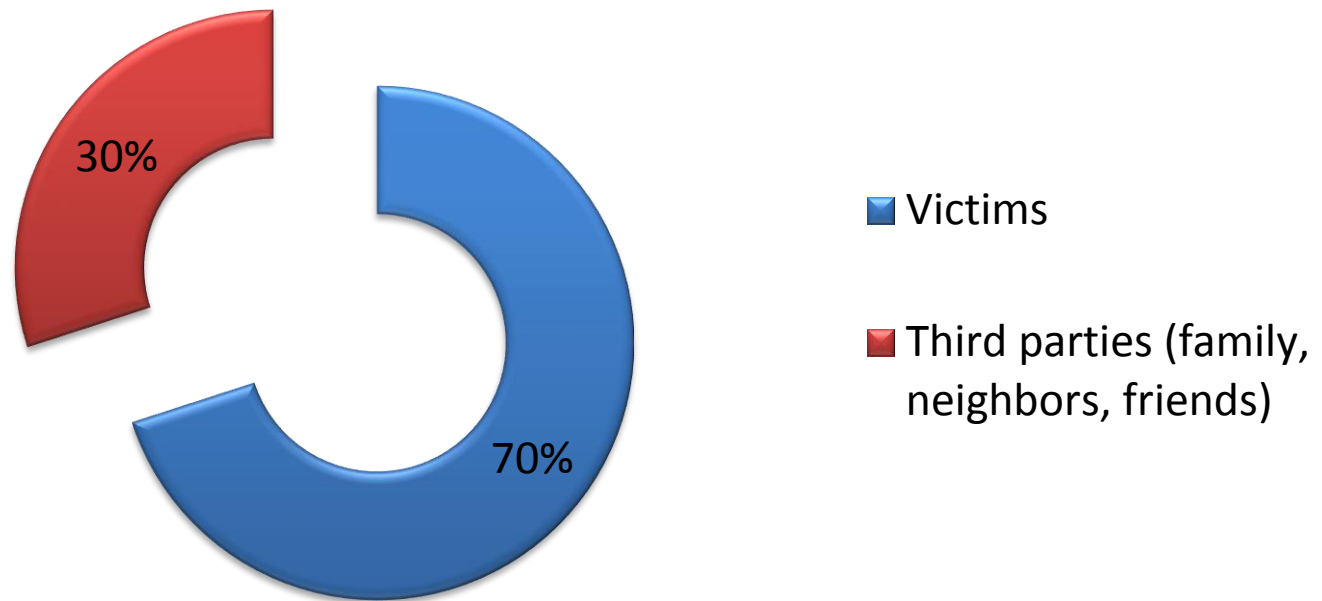
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Incidents of violence concerned



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Incidents of violence reported by



Statistics

Main **age group** called to the SOS Line

- 40-54 years old
- 25-39 years old

The **marital status** of the vast majority

- married (52%),
- with children (62%) and
- employed (21%).

Their **requests**

- 40% psychosocial support
- 36% legal advice and assistance



Statistics

The campaign on the media and social media, helped to

1. inform the general public about the support structures for women victims of domestic violence
2. especially to make these women and third parties dare to report the incident and ask for help



Thank you for your attention



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