

## VICTIM SUPPORT UNIT 2023 FIRST QUARTER GBV DATA ANALYSIS

**10,797** cases of Gender Based Violence were reported Countrywide in the First **Quarter of 2023** compared with **6,915** GBV cases recorded in the first quarter of **2022** showing an increase by **3,882** cases translating to a **56.1%** increase. Out of the **10,797** reports, **6,944** were Criminal cases while **3,853** were non-criminal reports translating to **64.3%** and **35.7%** respectively. A total of **(35) Murder** cases were recorded during the period under review. Lusaka Province recorded the highest GBV criminal cases with **1,413** cases.

The **2023 First quarter** Gender Based Violence Disaggregated Data indicates that **2,674** child victims were abused countrywide representing **24.8%** of all the victims of Gender Based Violence. Out of the **2,674** children, **1,924** were girls representing **72%** while **750** were boys representing **28%**. **6,271**, women and **1,852** men were abused countrywide representing **58.1%** and **17.1%** respectively. In terms of gender vulnerability, a total of **8,195** females representing **75.9%** and **2,602** males representing **24.1%** were abused during the period under review countrywide.

The Zambia Police **Act N0 14 of 1999** mandates VSU officers to provide professional counseling to victims of crime & to offenders. The **2023** First quarter statistical report indicates that a total number of **9,332** were counseled by Victim Support Unit officers countrywide. **5,561** or **59.6%** **counseled** were under the criminal cases category whereas **3,771** or **40.4%** were counseled under the non-criminal cases category. Out of the **5,561** counseled under the criminal cases category, **3,481** or **62.6%** were victims comprising **549** or **15.8%** men, **1,920** or **55.1%** women, **223** or **6.4%** boys and **789** or **22.7%** girls. **2,080** or **37.4%** were offenders in which **322** or **15.5%** were men, **1,162** or **55.9%** women, **159** or **7.6%** boys and **437** or **21%** girls. Out of **3,771** counseled in the non-criminal case category, **2,221** or **58.9%** were women, **732** or **19.4%** were men, **362** or **9.6%** were boys and **456** or **12.1%** were girls.

Under **forms** of abuse in the criminal case category, the highest reports filed were under **Physical abuse** totaling **4,025** translating to **58%** against **2,641** cases recorded in **2022** showing an increase by **1,384** cases or **52.4%** increase.

**1,558 Economic** abuse reports were recorded translating to **22.4%** against **1,071** in **2022** showing an increase by **484** cases or **45.2%** increase.

**1,010 Sexual abuse** translating to **14.5%** were recorded against **764** cases in **2022** showing an increase by **246** cases or **32.2%** increase. **350 Emotional Abuse** translating to **5%** were recorded against **259** cases in **2022** showing an increase by **91** cases or **35.1%** increase.

**Lusaka Province** recorded the highest GBV criminal cases with **1,413** cases translating to **20.3%**, followed by **Copper belt Province** with **1,143** cases translating to **16.5%**. **Tazara Division** recorded the lowest GBV criminal cases with **38** cases translating to **0.5%**.

GBV Criminal Statistics from the rest of the Provinces are as follows; **Central Province 834** cases translating to **12%**, **Western Province 725** translating to **10.4%**, **Luapula Province 700** cases translating to **10.1%**, Eastern Province **561** cases translating to **8.1%**, **Southern Province 547** cases translating to **8%**, **North-Western Province 443** cases translating to **6.4%**, **Muchinga Province 334** cases translating to **4.8%**, **Northern Province 162** cases translating to **2.3%** and **Airport Division 44** cases translating to **0.6%**.

The **2023** GBV Criminal Report shows that **1,010** Sexual offenses were recorded representing **14.5%** of all the reported cases against **764** cases reported in **2022** showing an increase by **246** cases translating to **32.2%**. Out of these **1,010** cases, **750** victims were girls translating to **74.3%**, **238** victims were women translating to **23.6%**, **16** victims were boys translating to **1.6%**, whilst **6** victims were men translating to **0.6%**.

A total of 701 cases of Child defilement translating to **69.4%** were recorded, of which **697** were girls representing **99.4%** and **4** were boys representing **0.6%** of all the reported cases.

**Lusaka Province** recorded the highest number of child defilement cases with **234** cases translating to **33.4%** of all child defilement cases reported country wide. **Central Province** recorded **86** cases each translating to **12.3%**, followed by **Eastern Province** with **81** cases translating to **11.6%**.

**Southern Province** recorded **73** cases translating to **10.4%**, **North-Western** recorded **71** cases translating to **10.1%**, Luapula Province recorded **37** cases translating to **5.3%**, Copper belt Province recorded **32** cases translating to **4.6%**, **Muchinga Provinces** recorded **31** cases each translating to **4.4%** of all the reported defilement cases, whereas Western province recorded **30** cases representing **4.3%**, **Northern Province** recorded **19** translating to **2.7%**. **Airport** recorded **7** cases translating to **1%**.

**Still under Sexual Offences; 146** rape cases of which all were women, **22** attempted rape cases were recorded during the period under review. The country also recorded **69** cases of indecent Assault out of which **49** victims were women, **19** girls and **1** boy. **14** cases of incest were recorded in which **4** victims were girls, **8** victims were women whereas men and boys recorded **1** each.

**Under Physical Abuse**, the country recorded **4,025** cases translating to **58%** of the reported cases, **2,948** cases were women translating to **73.2%**, **648** victims were men translating to **16.1%**, cases **224** were boys translating to **5.6%**, **205** were girls translating to **5.1%** against **2,641** cases recorded in **2022** first Quarter Report showing an increase by **1,384** cases translating to **52.4%** increase.

Out of **4,025 Physical Abuse** cases, **3,474** Assault OABH cases was recorded country wide representing **86.2%** of all the reported GBV cases. Out of the **3,474** Assault OABH cases, **2,861** translating to **82.4%** were women while **613** translating to **17.6%** were men.

**17** cases of Grievously Bodily Harm (G.B.H) were also reported during the period under review by **1** man and **17** women, translating to **5.9%** and **94.1%** respectively.

**35** Murder cases were recorded during the period under review translating to **0.9%** compared to **19** cases in the **2022** First Quarter Statistical Report recorded showing an increase by **16** cases translating to **84.2%** increase. Out of **35** cases of murder recorded country wide, 10 victims were men translating to **28.6%**, **15 were women** translating to **42.9%**, **6 were** boys recorded while 4 were girls translating to **17.1%** and **11.4%** respectively. No case of attempted murder were recorded during the period under review compared to **2** recorded in **2022** First Quarter Report showing a decrease by **2** cases translating to **100%** decrease.

**3,474** cases of Assault OABH cases were recorded during the period under review compared to **2,305** recorded in the First Quarter of **2022** in which **2,305** cases of Assault OABH were recorded showing an increase by **1,169** cases translating to **50.7%** increase.

**Lusaka Province** recorded **581** cases of Assault OABH country wide translating to **16.7%**. **Central Province** **551** cases translating to **15.9%**, **Copper belt Province** **441** cases translating to **12.7%** and **Southern Province** recorded **374** cases representing **10.8%**. **Further, Western Province** recorded **362** representing **10.4%**, **Eastern Province** **324** translating to **9.3%**, **North-Western Province** **254** cases representing **7.3%** and **Luapula Province** **238** cases at **6.9%**, **Muchinga Province** recorded **218** cases representing **6.3%**, **Northern Province** recorded **94** cases translating to **2.7%**, Finally, **Tazara** recorded **36** cases representing **1%** whilst **Airport** recorded **1** case at **0.0%** of all the reported Assault OABH cases.

**Under Economic Abuse**, **1,558** cases were recorded country wide translating to **22.4%**. Out of these, **670** cases of Failing to Provide Necessaries of life and **653** cases of Neglecting to Provide Necessaries were recorded translating to **43%** and **41.9%** of all reported cases respectively.

Further, under **Emotional or Psychological abuse**, VSU recorded **350** cases translating to **5%**. **134** or **38.3%** cases of the use of Insulting language were recorded against **53** men and **81** women translating to **39.6%** and **60.4%** respectively. Further, a total of **57** or **16.3%** cases of threatening Violence were reported by **17** men and **40** women translating to **29.8%** and **70.1%** respectively. Finally, out of **6,944** GBV cases reported countrywide, **1,072** cases representing **15.4%** were taken to court resulting in **100** convictions translating to **9.3%**, **1** acquittal or **0.1%**, **54** withdrawals or **5%** and **917** or **85.5%** pending in various courts of law around the country. On the other hand, **4,074** cases are still pending under investigations while **1,798** cases were withdrawn at police stations translating to **69.4%** and **30.6%** respectively.

A comparison with the First Quarter of **2022** which recorded **4,740** cases against **6,944** cases recorded in **2023** showing an increase of **2,204** cases or **46.5%**.

**Table 1** Showing **Criminal Statistical Data** Disaggregated by sex according to forms of abuse.

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>FORMS OF ABUSE</b>	<b>MALES</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2023 ANNUAL GBV</b>	SEXUAL	6	238	16	750	<b>1,010</b>
	PHYSICAL	648	2,948	224	205	<b>4,025</b>
	ECONOMIC	211	672	152	523	<b>1,558</b>
	EMOTIONAL	148	194	3	5	<b>350</b>
	UNCLASSIFIED	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>6,944</b>

**Table 2** Showing **Non-Criminal Statistical** Data Disaggregated by Sex according to Forms of Disputes.

PERIOD	FORMS OF DISPUTES	MALES	WOMEN	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
<b>2023 ANNUAL GBV</b>	FAMILY	330	589	104	141	<b>1,164</b>
	MARITAL	363	1,021	0	0	<b>1,384</b>
	CHILD	0	0	56	106	<b>162</b>
	ECONOMIC	112	488	167	171	<b>938</b>
	EMOTIONAL	34	121	27	23	<b>205</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>3,853</b>