



Did you know that...

... abused women in Southern Mindanao suffer most from emotional disturbance?

Of the 478 women served by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region XI in 2000, 59.2 percent were emotionally disturbed, the highest proportion registered since 1996. Emotional disturbance has been the major abuse women in Region XI suffered from, in the five year period of 1996-2000.

Meanwhile, of the 81 sexually abused women in 2000, 13.2 percent were victims of rape, while 3.6 percent were victims of incest. A lone victim of acts of lasciviousness was reported during the year. Among the other types of abused women assisted by the department, 12.3 percent were women victims of physical abuse/battery/maltreatment; 7.3 percent, were strandeess and identified as vulnerable to abuse; 2.1 percent suffered from illegal recruiters; 1.3 percent were victims of armed conflict; and 0.8 percent were either in detention or involved in involuntary prostitution.

The number of abused women served by DSWD increased by 22.2 percent, from 391 in 1999 to 478 in 2000. However, this is meager compared to the almost triple rise in the number of women the agency helped in 1997, when the highest number of reported abused women was recorded, at 1,316.

Abused Women Served by the DSWD in Southern Mindanao by Clientele Type: 1996-2000

CATEGORY	YEAR				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Sexually Abused	23	67	138	101	81
Rape	10	53	105	86	63
Incest	13	14	24	9	17
Acts of Lasciviousness	0	0	9	6	1
Physically Abused/ Battered/ Maltreated	166	322	237	76	59
Victims of Illegal Recruitment	23	68	3	0	10
Victims of Involuntary Prostitution	14	26	1	2	2
Victims of Armed Conflict	4	0	0	6	6
Women in Detention	2	5	42	6	2
Others:					
Emotionally Disturbed	219	672	436	173	283
Unwed	11	108	0	0	0
Strandeess	0	48	6	6	35 a/
Vulnerable to Abuse	0	0	34	21	b/
TOTAL	462	1,316	897	391	478

a/ includes vulnerable to abuse and exploitation

b/ included in Strandeess

Fig. 2 Percent Distribution of Abused Women Served by DSWD, Region XI: 2000

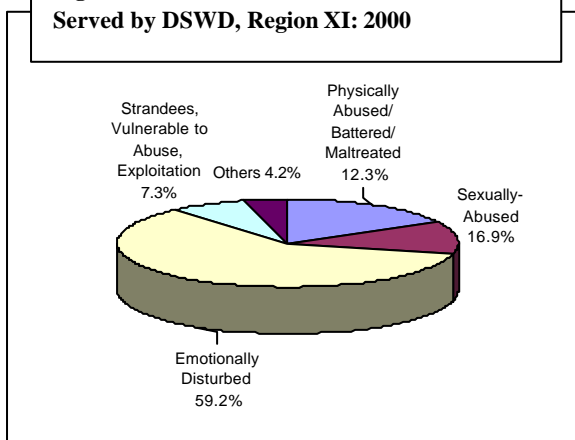
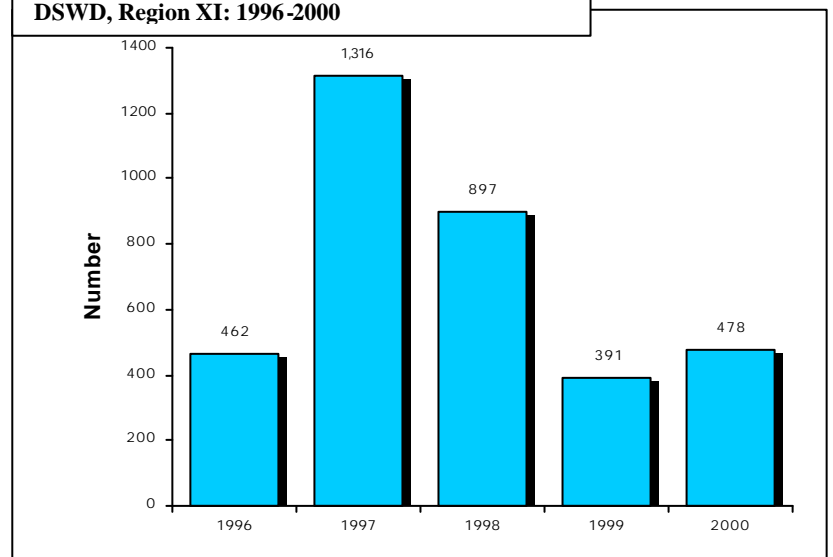


Fig. 1 Number of Abused Women Served by DSWD, Region XI: 1996-2000



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