

Statistics on Sexual Violence

Observing its 25th Anniversary this year, War Against Rape (WAR) has been publishing for the past few years, through its various publications, including the Annual Factsheet, statistics on sexual violence in Karachi as well as across Pakistan. WAR gathers statistics and case-related information from all 112 Police Stations in Karachi, including Women Police Stations and the three major Government hospitals in the city where medico-legal examination are conducted. The statistics includes cases it investigates, which may be referred from other sources as well including police, other NGOs, newspaper / media, citizens and directly from Courts via Public Prosecutors and Judges.

Official records for Karachi show that only 109 FIRs were registered in 2013; in cases of sexual assault (includes Rape, Gang-rape, attempt to Rape, incest and Sodomy) compared to data collected from the three major hospitals shows that 370 Medico-legal Exams (MLEs) were conducted in cases of sexual assault during the same period.

Reported Sexual Assault cases Jan-Dec 2013

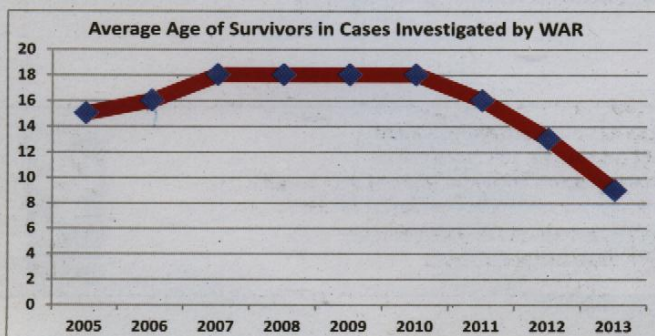
In 2013 across Pakistan, a reported 772 First Information Reports (FIRs) were lodged in cases of Rape and Gang-rape including murder of 217 women and girls after Sexual Assault (SA). It is a widely noted fact that the official numbers represents only the tip of the iceberg.

Emerging Trends

Average Age of Survivors

With increase in Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) cases in 2013, the trend showed a shocking decrease in the average age of a Survivor. In 2013, WAR's Survivor Support Officers investigated almost 60% of Child Sexual Abuse cases of children under 13 years compared to only 30% in 2012. There were 14% cases of Child Sexual Abuse with murder of a child as young as 7 years old. This also brought the **average age down rapidly from 13 years to just 9 years**.

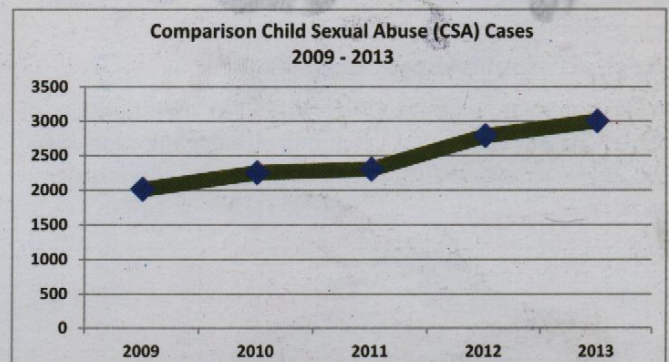
The chart below traces the average ages of Survivors in cases investigated by WAR from 2005-2013. The trend shows consistent decrease in the age of Survivors. The average age of a **rape Survivor is now 9 years**. The age group **most vulnerable** to sexual assault is **6-13 years (59%)**, followed by 14-20 years (23%).



Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

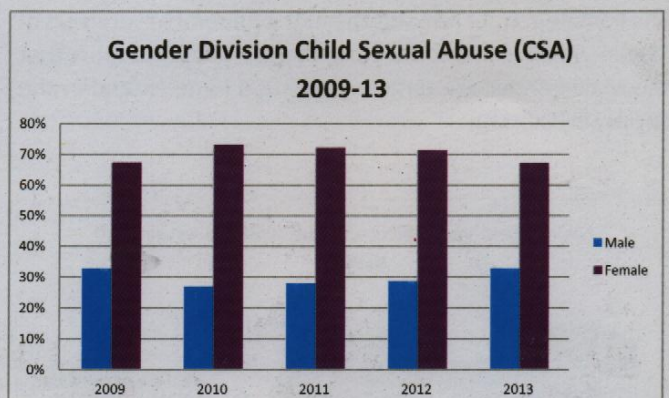
WAR's Survivor Support Officers investigated 84 child sexual abuse cases of 5-10 year-olds during 2008-2013. The Mubina Town Police Station of Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town, Karachi has been the red alarming zone in terms of child sexual abuse cases with murder during 2010-2012.

WAR has been tracking an **alarming rise in the number of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) cases** throughout the country; in the year 2009 the total number of reported cases of Child Sexual Abuse in Pakistan was 2000, whereas in the year 2010 the number rose to 2252 and this figure further rose to 3002 in the year 2013.



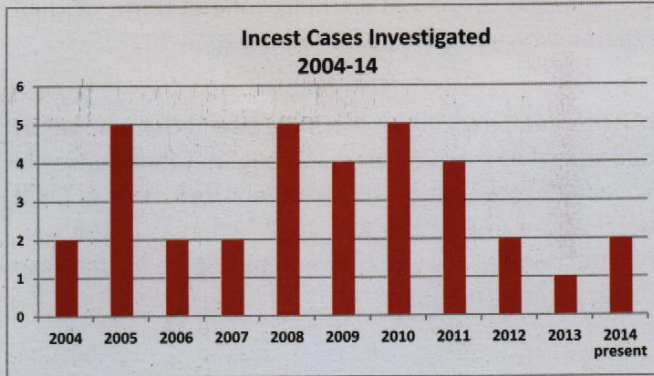
Gender Division of Child Sexual Abuse Cases

In the year 2012 sexually assaulted boys were 799 (28.65%), compared to 1989 (71.34%) girls, whereas in the year 2013 the figure of boys and girls rose to 985 (32.81%) and 1717 (67.18%) respectively. Although figures show the female gender in higher percentage of Child Sexual Abuse Cases, but the shocking trend is the **alarming rise in the percentage of the male gender in CSA**.



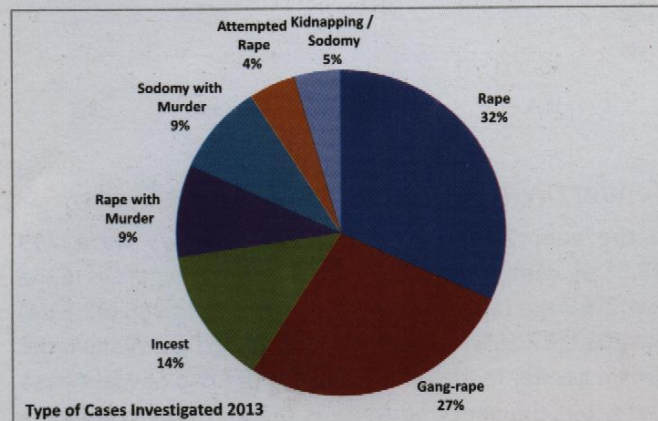
Incest Cases

Culturally incest is not only a taboo subject, but vastly considered 'not plausible' in a traditional Muslim family in Pakistan. Nonetheless WAR records show consistent cases of Incest over the years. However, due to the fact that Incest is shrouded in shame and secrecy, WAR believes these figures are totally deceptive and just a tip of an iceberg.



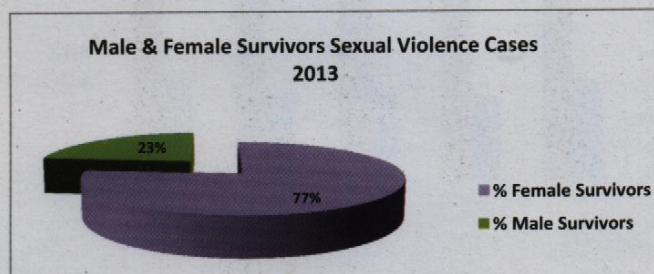
Types of Cases investigated by WAR

WAR's Survivor Support Officers (SSO's) investigation of sexual assault cases in 2013 included incest, gang-rape, rape, sodomy, attempt to rape, attempt to sodomy and murder in some cases.



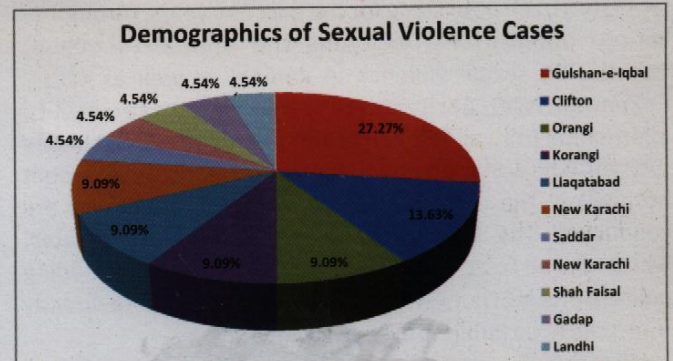
Comparison Male & Female Survivors

The Female gender remains the more vulnerable survivors of Sexual Violence in society. Nonetheless, statistics show that the Male gender are targeted also to a large extent in the society in Pakistan.



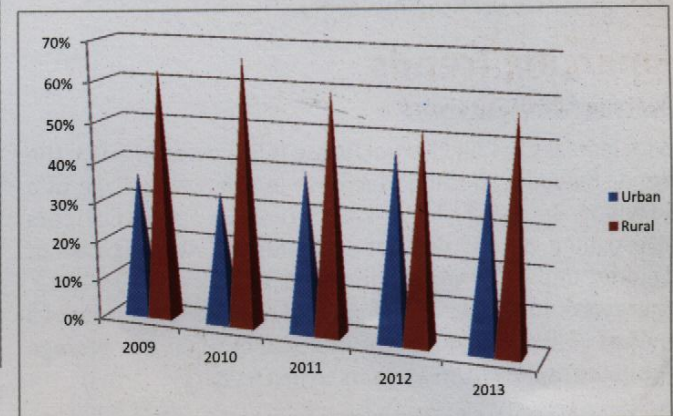
Demographics

The demographics of Sexual Violence Cases investigated by WAR in Karachi expose Gulshan-e-Iqbal area to be the most vulnerable, showing highest number of Sexual Violence Cases.



Rural & Urban Division Child Sexual Abuse Cases (CSA)

The Urban-Rural divide shows that 57.46% Child Sexual Abuse cases were reported in the year 2013 from the rural areas where as 42.54% cases were reported from the urban areas, compared to 52% cases reported in rural areas and 47% of cases were reported from the urban areas in the year 2012. Again, an alarming trend of increase in cases of Child Sexual Abuse in the Rural areas in Pakistan.



- i.As obtained from the Inspector General of Police, (Crime Branch), Karachi.
- ii.Madadgar National Helpline Violence Against Women Report 2013.
- iii.Cruel Numbers Report, Sahil 2009-13.
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