

## **Statistics from Preliminary Findings of Domestic Violence Survey**

At the end of 2006 the Gender Secretariat in the Social Development Division launched a nationwide survey on domestic violence, to investigate its extent, causes and consequences in the Seychelles context.

Out of the total number of questionnaires sent out to a random sample of the population above the age of 15 years, 846 people completed and returned their questionnaires. Of the total sample, a majority of 555 respondents were female, with only 291 men choosing to participate in the study.

Preliminary analysis of a portion of the survey data has been conducted to reveal the information presented below. Deeper analysis is currently being completed to give more in-depth and complex statistical analysis of all variables, including running model regression analysis and diagnostic tests. Findings from the deeper analysis will be used to develop a Risk Indicator Framework for Domestic Violence. This will be an important tool to be used as part of the National Strategy for Domestic Violence, which is being developed by the Ministry of Health and Social Development.

### **General Population**

From the sample of people surveyed:

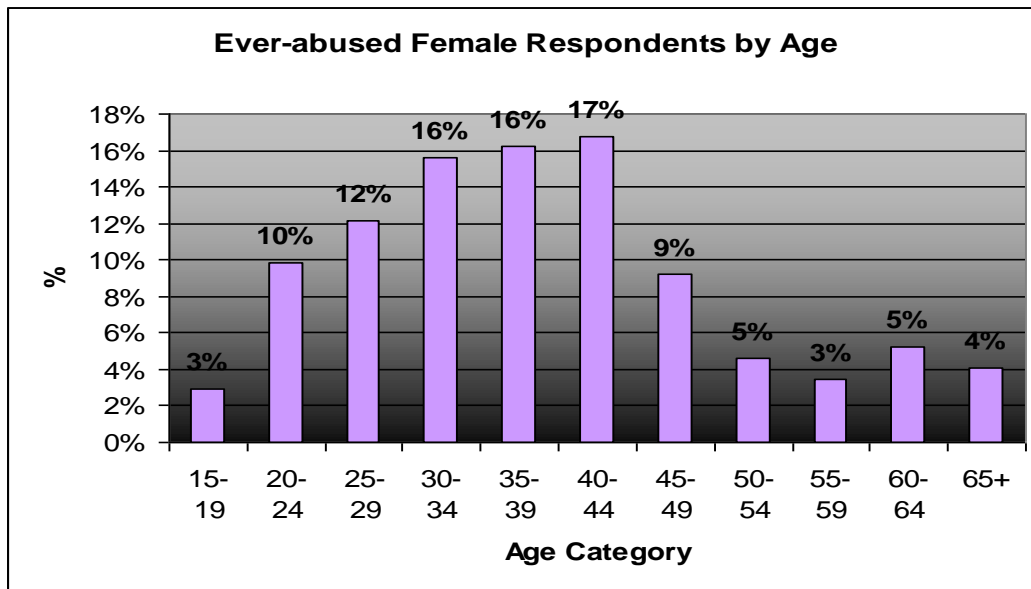
- 62% of women and 64% of men have witnessed an incidence of domestic violence.
- 46% of women and 38% of men have ever personally experienced an incident of domestic violence (victim to emotional/physical/economic/sexual violence by an intimate partner).
- 31% of women and 24% of men admitted to ever being abused by an intimate partner (victim to physical/sexual/economic violence).
- 42% of women and 36% of men have been emotionally abused by an intimate partner.
- 27% of women and 23% of men admitted to experiencing moderate physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner (ever been: pushed/shook/threw object/slapped by an intimate partner).
- 28% of women and 26% of men admitted to being a victim of severe physical violence (ever been: punched/threatened with a weapon/actually abused with a weapon/kicked/choked/burnt/threatened or actually abused pets/destroyed property by an intimate partner).
- 4% the female respondents and 2% of the male respondents admitted to having been economically coerced by an intimate partner.
- 11% women admitted to having been raped by an intimate partner.

### **Victims of Domestic Violence**

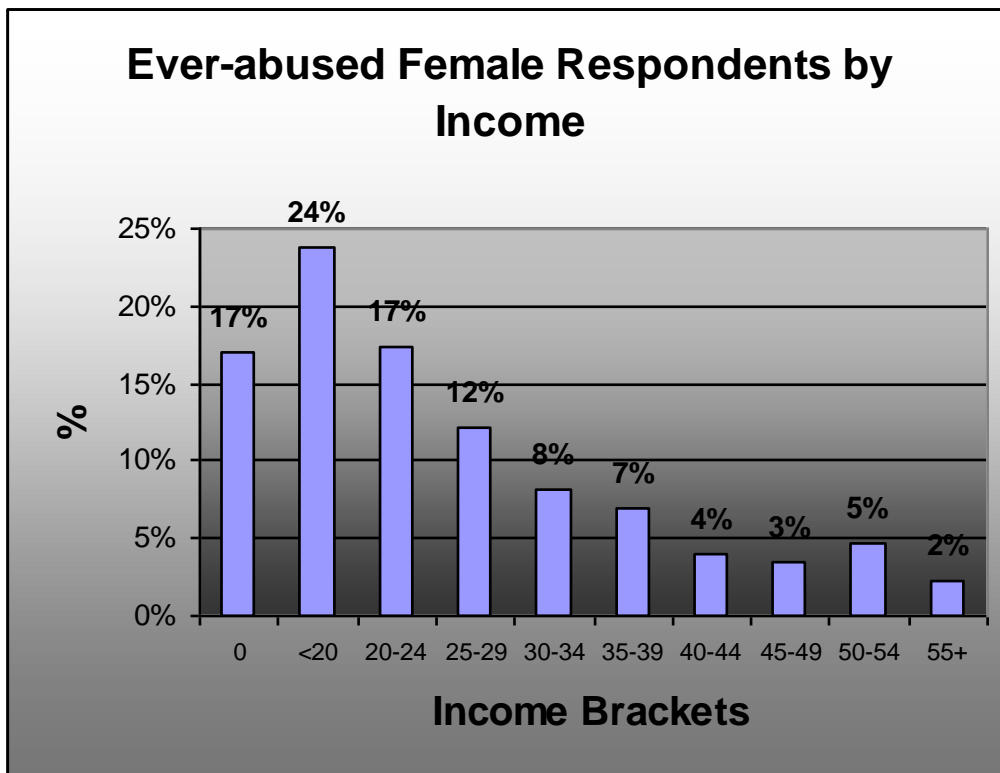
For analysis purposes respondents were ranked into groups and sub-groups according to their lifetime exposure to domestic violence. From the sample of female respondents

categorized as “ever-abused”, i.e. experienced physical, sexual and economic violence by an intimate partner at some point in their life:

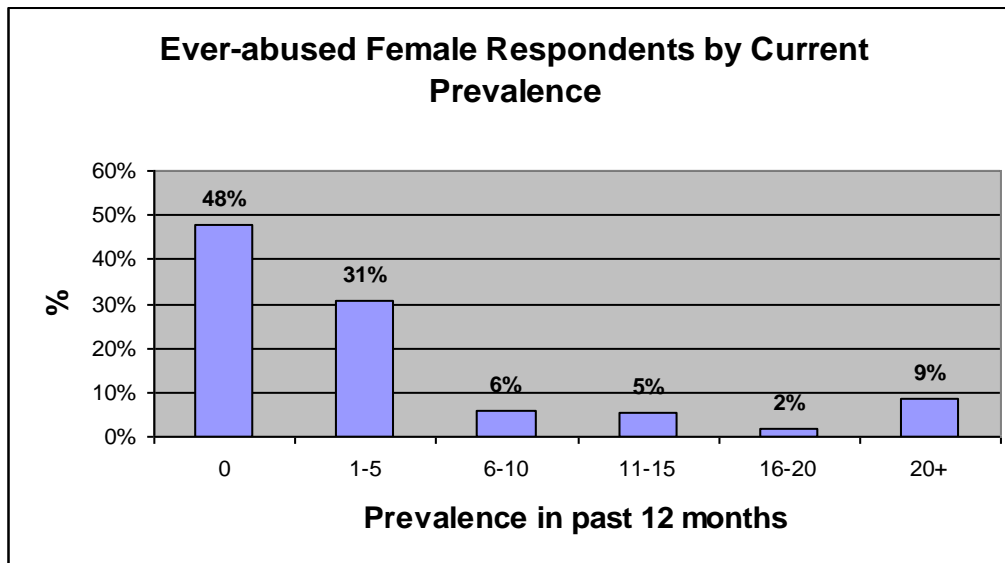
- 80% are aged between 20 to 49 years old.



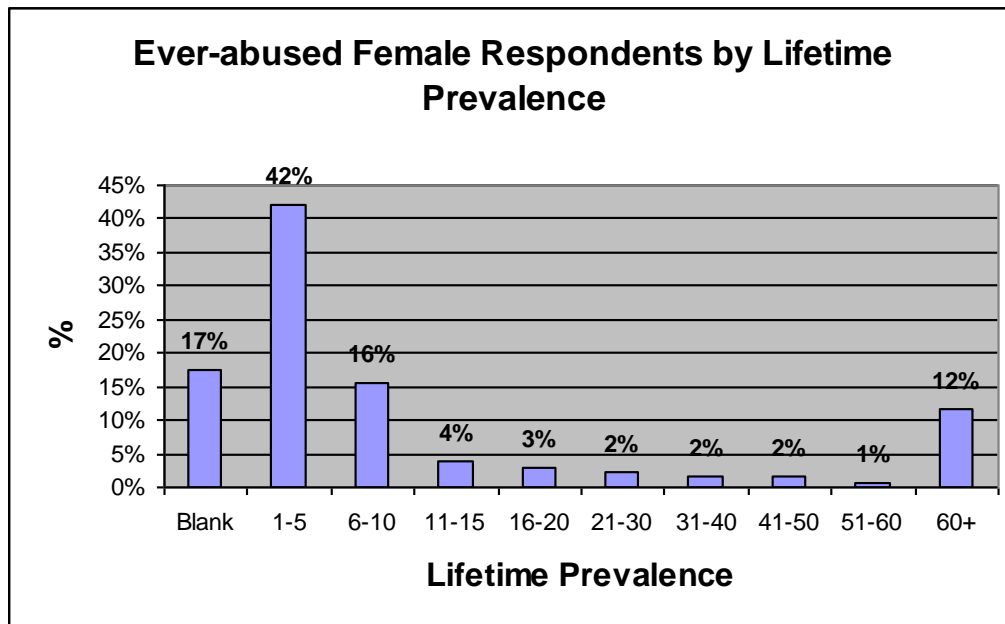
- 36% are co-habiting, 28% are single, 18% are married, 11% are divorced or separated and 6% are widowed.
- 53% earn below Rs2, 900 per month and 14% earn more than Rs4, 000 per month.



- 31% have experienced 1 to 5 incidents of domestic violence in the past 12 months and 9% have experienced 20 plus incidents of domestic violence in the past year.



- 42% have experienced 1-5 incidents of domestic violence, 16% 6-10 incidents and 12% more than 60 incidents of domestic violence during their lifetime.



- 49% had been abused by their ex-partners, 40% by their current partner and 8% by both current and ex-partners.
- 19% of respondents who had personally experienced domestic violence at the hands of an intimate partner, specifically specified that domestic violence affects their children, either emotionally, psychologically, academically or physically while attempting to protect the victimized parent.