



Blossom Inc.

# Voices Protected. Systems Strengthened. Every Child Heard. Every Region Reached.

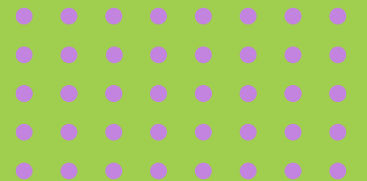
2025 ANNUAL Impact REPORT



Blossom Incorporated Child Advocacy Centres and  
Extended Services.



# Section 1 - Introduction





# Who we are

## Mission Statement

Blossom Inc.'s mission is to respond, deliver and promote effective interventions and education services to children and families affected by sexual violence and exploitation.

## Vision Statement

Creating Safe and Supportive Communities for every child.

## Core Values

- **Integrity** - Acting with honesty and accountability.
- **Excellence** - Delivering high-quality, trauma-informed services.
- **Collaboration** - Working together to strengthen child protection systems.
- **Empowerment** - Helping children and families build resilience.

These values guide our daily work and shape how we protect, support, and advocate for children.

# From our Managing Director

As we reflect on 2025, I do so with a deep sense of purpose, responsibility, and hope.



This year's theme, **"Voices Protected. Systems Strengthened. Every Child Heard. Every Region Reached."**, represents a statement of intent and reflects Blossom Inc.'s continued commitment to ensuring that children and families affected by trauma are met with dignity, protection, and professional care.

Across Guyana, the voices of children who experience violence or exploitation often begin in silence, shaped by fear, stigma, and uncertainty. Blossom exists to change that reality. Through our Child Advocacy Centres and extended services, every child who enters our care is heard with compassion, supported through trauma-informed services, and connected to pathways of justice and healing.

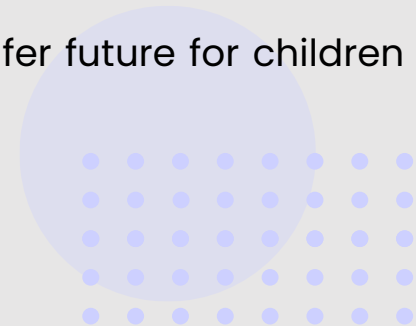
In 2025, Blossom continued to strengthen its role as both a service provider and a national system partner. Working alongside the Childcare and Protection Agency, law enforcement, the judiciary, health services, and community stakeholders, we helped ensure that responses to sexual and gender-based violence are coordinated, survivor-centred, and effective.

Our national footprint remains central to our mission. From hinterland communities to coastal regions, Blossom continues to bring services closer to those who need them most, ensuring that access to protection and care is not determined by geography.

This work is made possible by the dedication of Team Blossom, whose professionalism, compassion, and resilience sustain our mission every day.

To our partners, supporters, and communities - thank you for standing with us as we continue to build a safer future for children and families across Guyana.

Every voice protected. Every system strengthened. Every child heard. Every region reached.



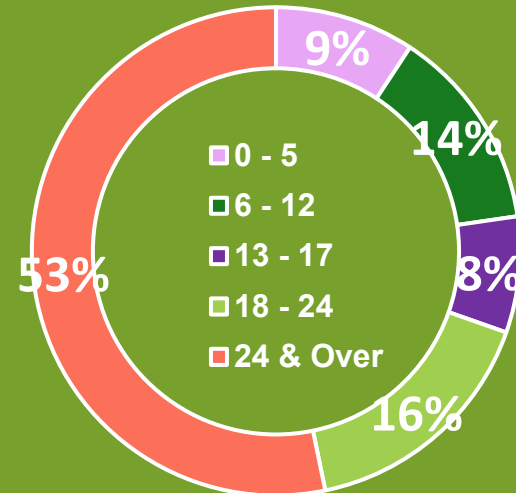
## 2025 At a Glance

Behind every number in this report is a child whose voice was heard, a family supported on the path to healing, and a system strengthened to better protect others.

**In fiscal year 2025:**

**732 FORENSIC INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY OUR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTRES**

**5868 MIGRANTS SERVED BY AGE**



**92.5% female**

**7.5% male**

### TYPES OF ABUSE

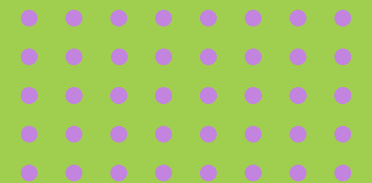
**75%** Sexual Abuse  
**5%** Physical Abuse  
**2.5%** Child Witness  
**17.5%** Non-Sexual

**17%** of the child victims experienced incest – perpetrator related to the victim.

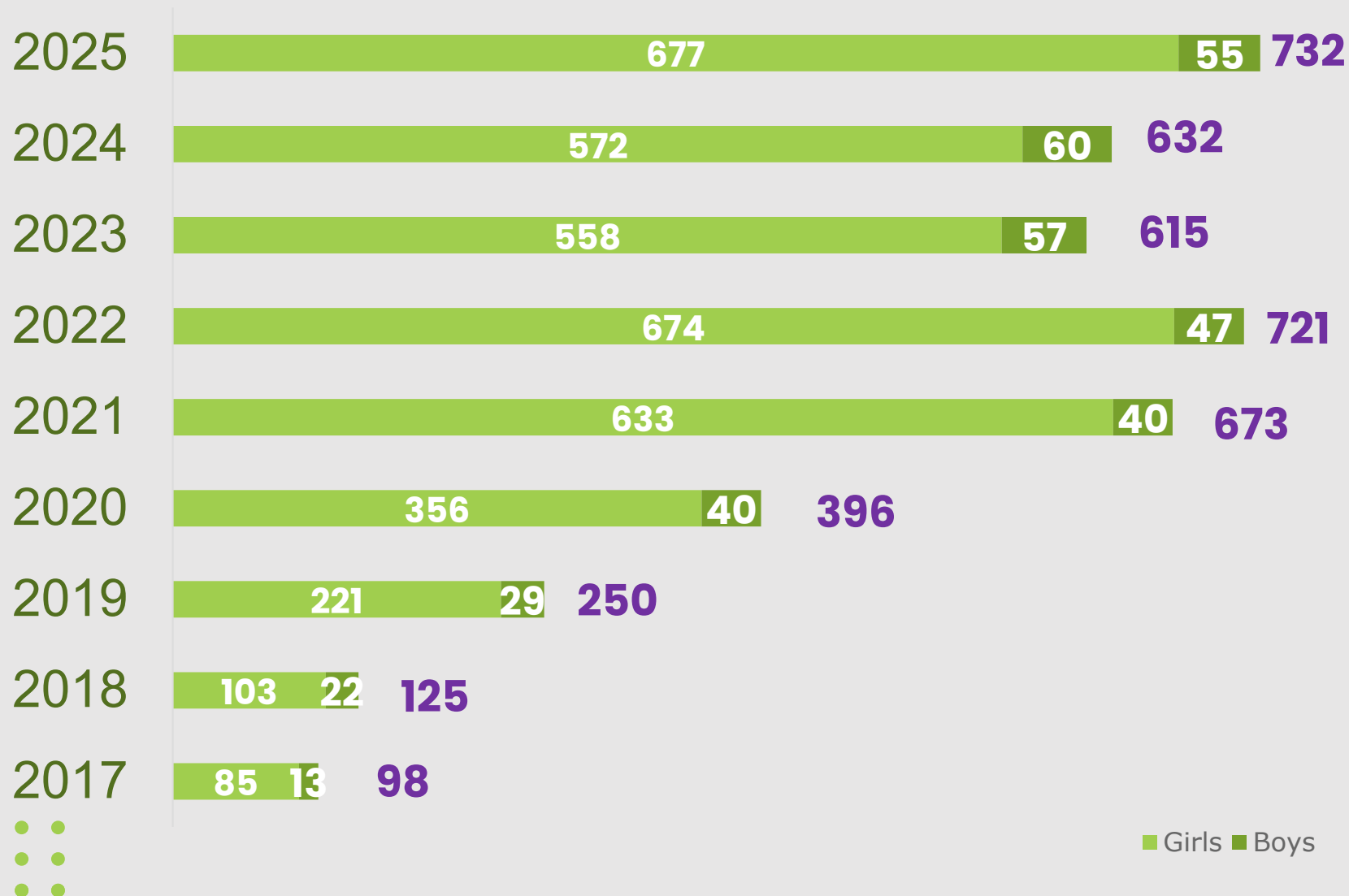
**1.1%** of all alleged perpetrators were under 18 years old.



# Section 2 - VOICES PROTECTED



# Forensic Interviews Conducted Between 2017-2025



# The Scale of Abuse in 2025: Forensic Interviews

**Forensic interviews are conducted on victims who have experienced or witnessed acts of sexual violence and exploitation.**

**732** Total  
Forensic  
Interviews

**672**

Forensic interviews were conducted with children who are victims of child abuse.

**42**

Extended/further forensic interviews were conducted.

**17**

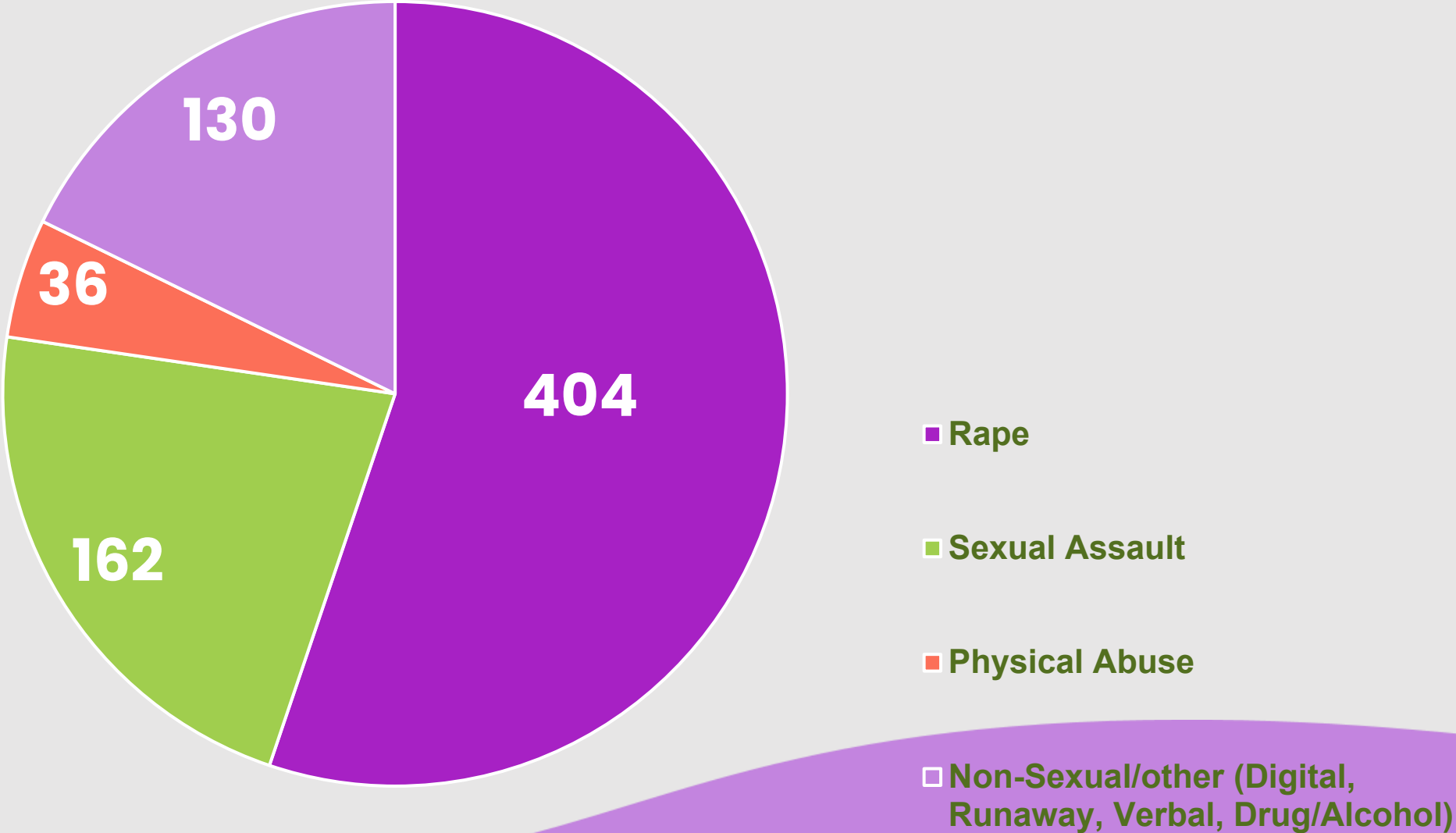
Witness interviews were conducted with children who have witnessed some form of violence.

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Forensic interview was conducted with 'special victim' who suffered from sexual violence and exploitation.

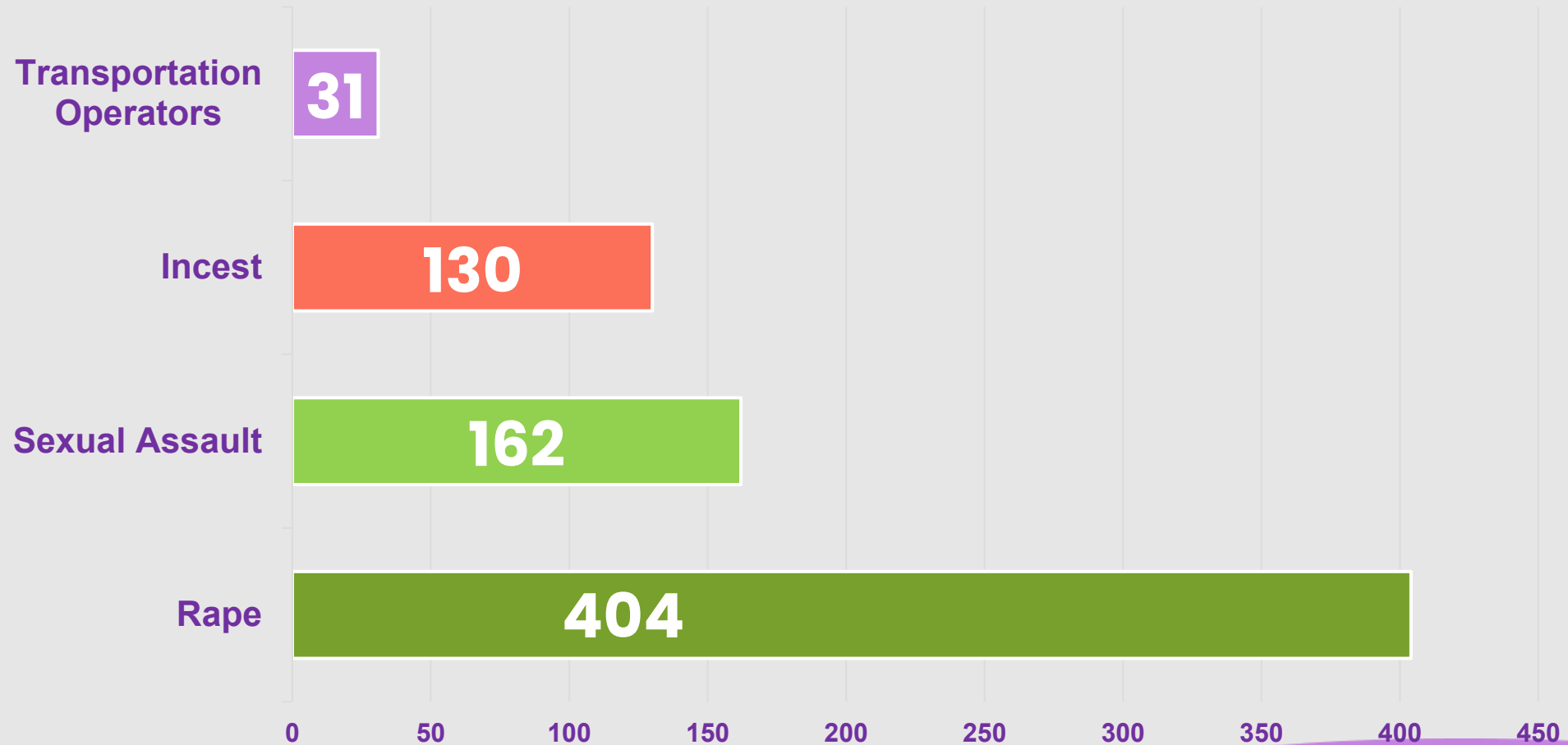
# Nature of cases Reported in 2025

Sexual Violence remains the Dominant Form of Abuse Reported in 2025



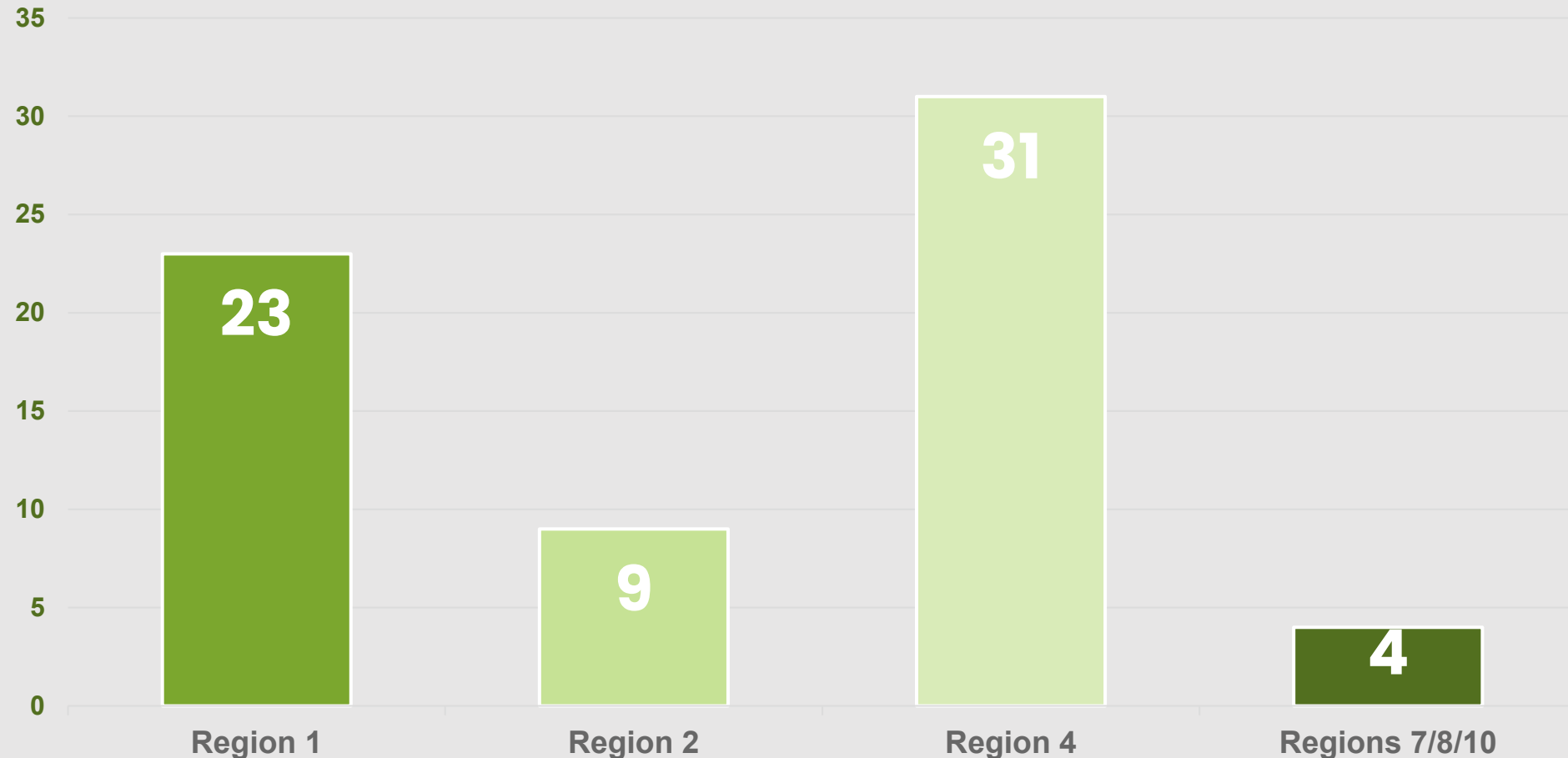
# Sexual Abuse Breakdown

Incest cases remain particularly concerning, reflecting abuse within trusted relationships.



# TEENAGE PREGNANCY & SEXUAL ABUSE






Teenage pregnancy continues to intersect with sexual abuse cases.



The data shows that teenage pregnancy continues to intersect with sexual abuse investigations. In many cases, pregnancy becomes the point at which abuse is identified. This highlights the need for early detection, coordinated child protection response, and comprehensive support services.

# BEYOND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## Beyond Sexual Violence: The Broader Child Protection Landscape – 2025

Icon	Category	Number
	Physical Abuse	36
	Drug & Alcohol Exposure	11
	Digital Risk	12
	Runaway Cases	14
	Verbal Abuse	4

While sexual violence represents the majority of cases, children also face other forms of harm, including physical abuse, digital risks, substance exposure, and runaway vulnerability. These concerns require coordinated prevention and response systems beyond forensic interviewing alone.

# Barriers to Disclosure

Not every child is ready to fully tell their story. Trauma-informed interviewing ensures children are supported at their own pace.

## **Partial Disclosures**

Children may share pieces of their experience gradually over time.

## **Non-Disclosure**

Some children are not yet ready or able to talk about what happened.

## **Recanted Statements**

Children may withdraw disclosures due to fear, pressure, or family influence.

## **Delayed Disclosure**

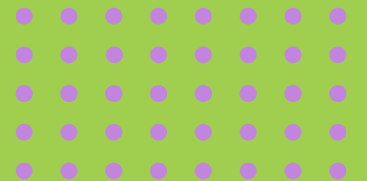
Many children disclose abuse months or years after it occurs.

Many children share their experiences gradually, sometimes only revealing small pieces at a time. Others may withdraw statements due to fear or family pressure. This is why trauma-informed interviewing is essential; it allows children to share their story safely and at their own pace





# Section 3 – SYSTEMS STRENGTHENED



# The Child Advocacy Centre Model: A Coordinated Response

Reducing trauma by bringing services together for children and families.



The CAC model reduces the need for children to repeat their story and ensures agencies work together to protect and support them.

# Justice Outcomes for Children

**40** children & their families were provided with court support at the Magistrate & Sexual Offences (High) Court.

**11** convictions handed down at the Sexual Offences Court for Blossom's clients.

**10** not guilty verdicts handed down at Magistrate & the Sexual Offences Court.

**1** hung verdicts arrived at the Sexual Offences Court.

**11** cases were dismissed at the Court.

**18** cases are ongoing at the Magistrate & High Court.

**559** cases remain unaccounted for within police case tracking systems. This highlights the need for strengthened inter-agency case management and data coordination.

# Strengthening the Multidisciplinary Response

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The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) model brings together child protection, law enforcement, the judiciary, medical professionals, and social services to coordinate child-centered responses to abuse.



2 National MDTs



9 Regional MDTs

The MDT model ensures children are supported through coordinated investigations, services, and justice processes.

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# Workforce Development

## Investing in Professional Capacity

Staff strengthened expertise across child protection, trauma recovery, justice response, and programme management.

### **Trauma-Informed Care**

- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Psychosocial Support Services: Capacity Training
- Igniting Impact: A Communication Workshop

### **Child Protection & Investigations**

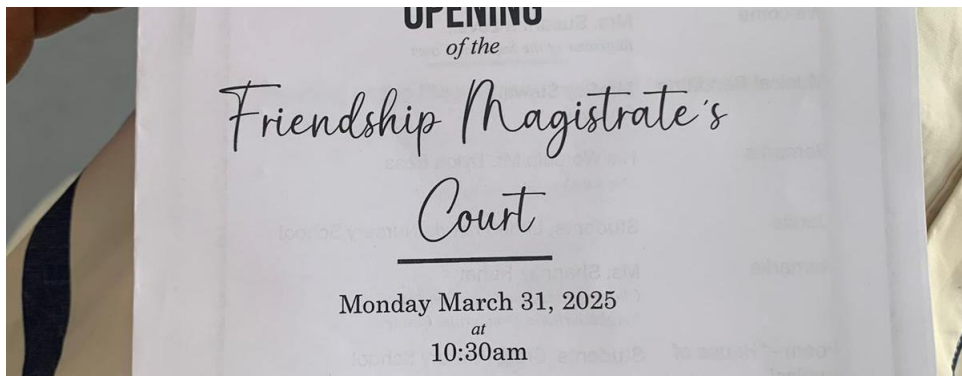
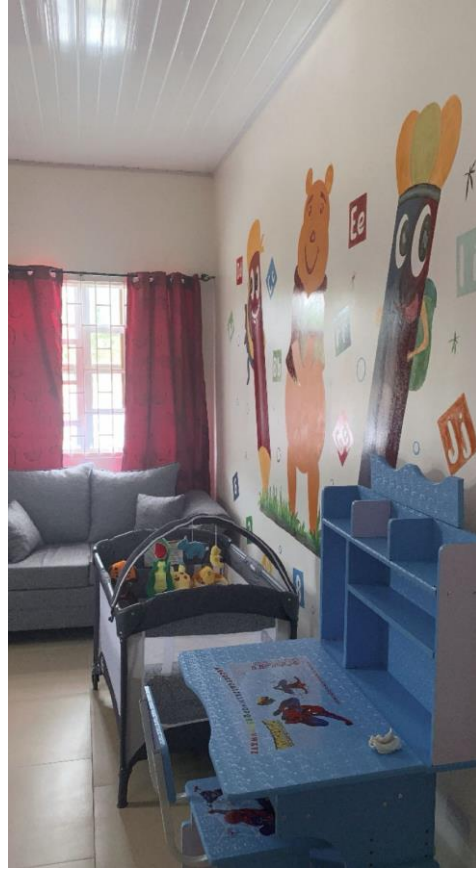
- Forensic Interviewing of Children
- Child Protection
- Case Management for Front liners
- Restorative Justice
- Child Safeguarding

### **Safeguarding & Gender-Based Violence Response**

- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Online Course-Level 1
- Managing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies.
- GBV Case Management

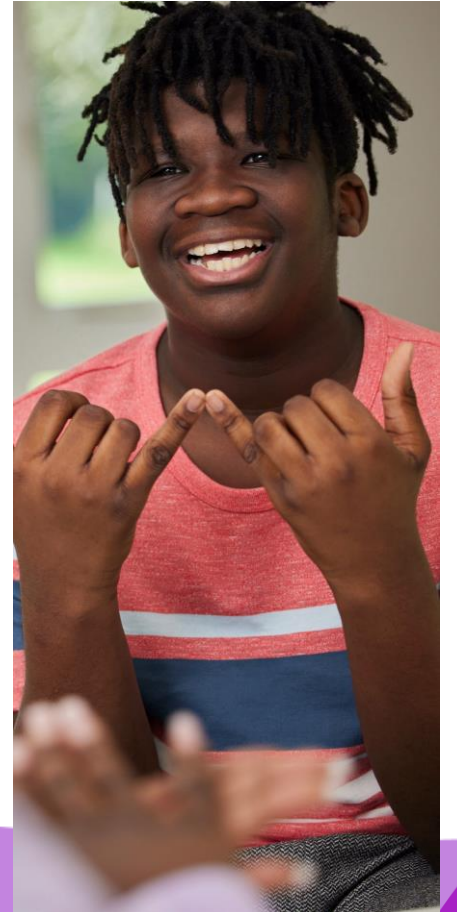
### **Systems, Data & Communication**

- ActivityInfo Database
- Results-Based Management
- Understanding Caribbean Model for Behavioural and Cultural Change
- Irregular Migration & Effective Integration of Migrants in Host Communities

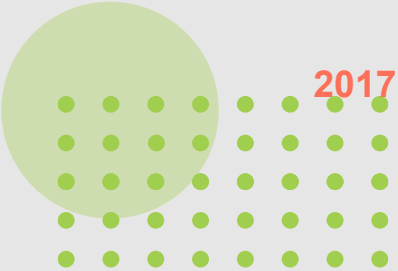
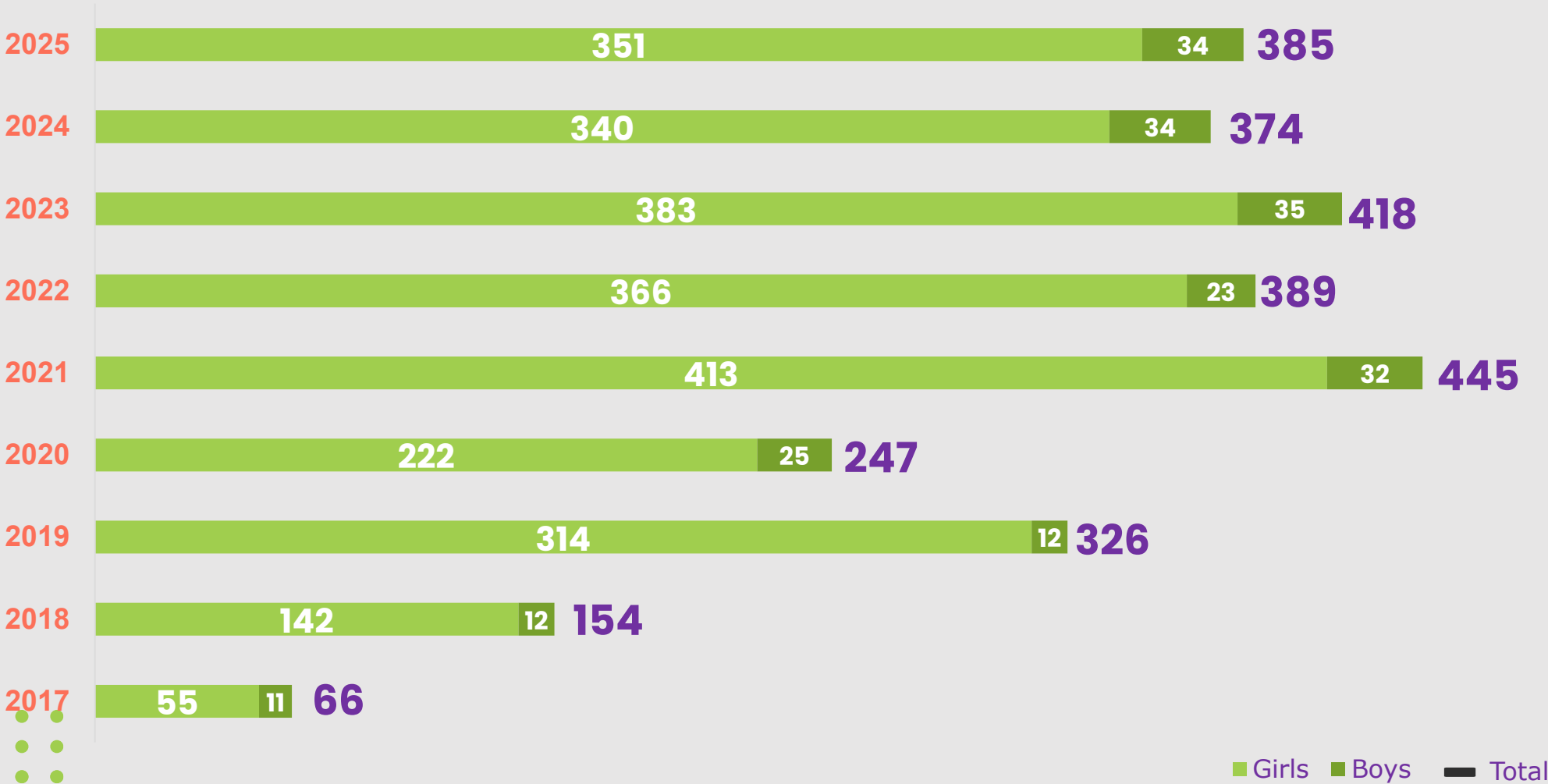




# Section 4 – Every Child Heard



# Therapy Referrals Received Between 2017-2025



■ Girls ■ Boys ■ Total

# Therapy Services

**Supporting Healing and Recovery** - Children and families who are affected by trauma are referred to Blossom Inc. for therapy services. Blossom Inc. provides Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy & Psychosocial Support.

**152** Cases were closed for clients that have completed, are not compatible, or declined Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

**15** Tele-Therapy sessions were provided to children and families.

**422** In-Person sessions were provided to children and families.

**385** Referrals were received from the Childcare & Protection Agency.

**128** Children began Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (TF-CBT)

**9** Children and families refused therapeutic interventions

**18** Children and families completed Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

**217** Weekly Tele-psychosocial support sessions were done with children and their families.



# Specialised therapy for youth in conflict with the law

Trauma-informed support is critical to breaking cycles of violence among vulnerable youth.







**19**

Justice-involved youths Supported in 2025

## Services Provided

-  **173** Specialised Therapy Sessions
-  **7** Group Therapy Sessions
-  **8** Crisis Interventions

## Case Outcomes

-  **5** juveniles released on bail into family care
-  **1** transferred into Child Protection Agency care
-  **1** transferred to the adult correctional system
-  **12** juveniles continuing therapy





# Section 5 – Migrant & Host Community Services



# Migrant & Host Community Services

5,868 migrants were reached and benefited from migrant services through psychosocial support

Over 2,400 migrants benefited from collaborations – UNICEF, PADF, Immigration, GWI, Catholic Diocese, Red Cross, GRPA, GRA, CPA, GPF, TIP, Ministry of Education, HIAS, Judiciary, Ministry of Health, Amerindian Hostels, Food for the Poor, The Bag Ladies, & Toshao Council.

2 Mobile Hygiene Corners

511 individuals received Hygiene Supplies.

597 Women & girls benefitted Sanitary pads/Period Underwear.

1,879 migrants benefited

1,087 adults

792 children

618 females

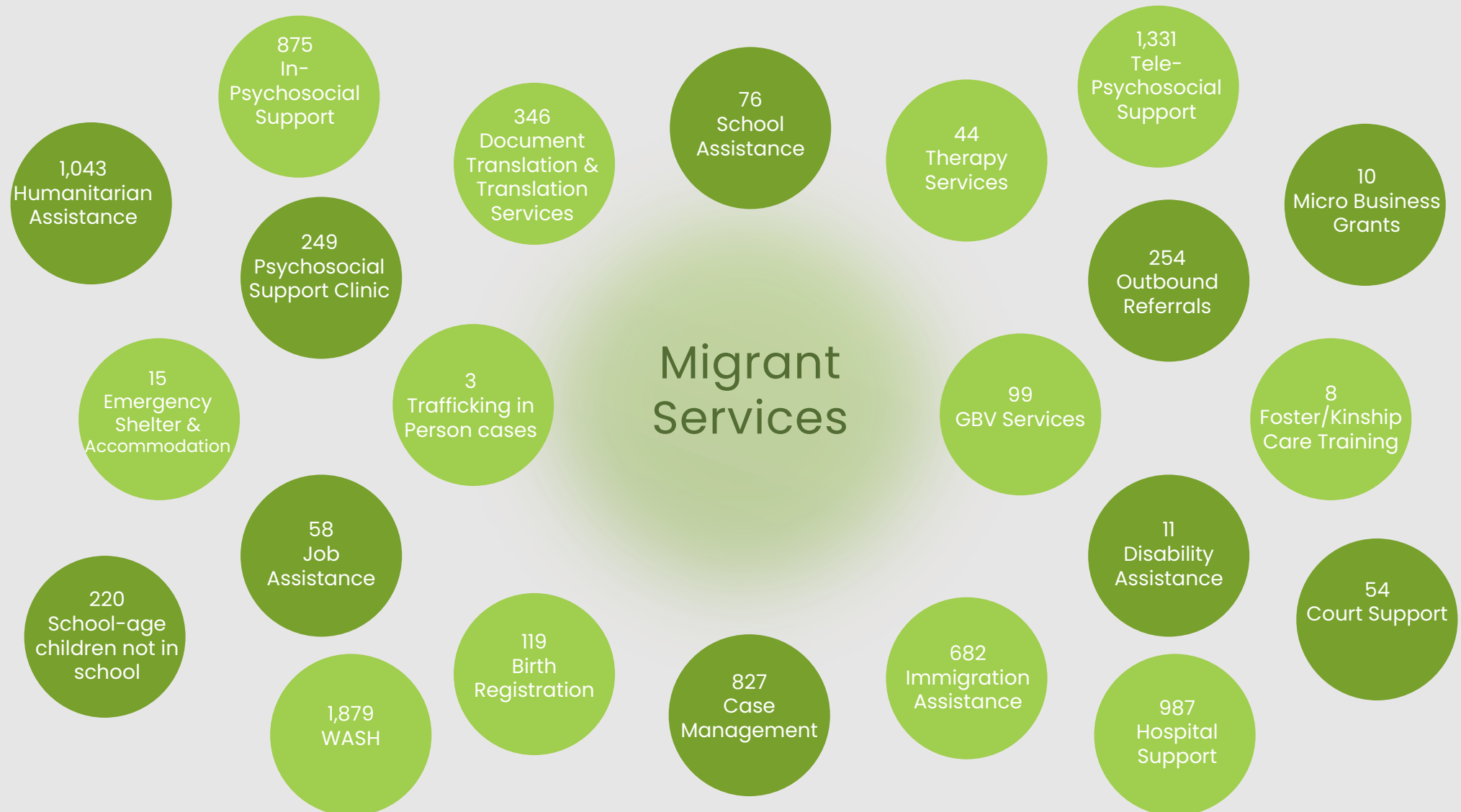
469 males

447 girls

345 boys



# Migrant Services - Highlights



# Migrant & Host Community Services

2,141 Migrants reached through community visits/outreaches

151 Community visits/outreaches were conducted in Regions 1,2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 10 to take psychosocial services to migrants and education awareness sessions with host community members.

119 Host community members participated in the education awareness sessions









# Section 6 – Every Region Reached



# Community Education & Prevention

Prevention Through Community Education: Education empowers communities to recognize abuse, support survivors, and prevent harm.



**6**  
Communities Reached



**215**  
Community Members participated in awareness outreaches



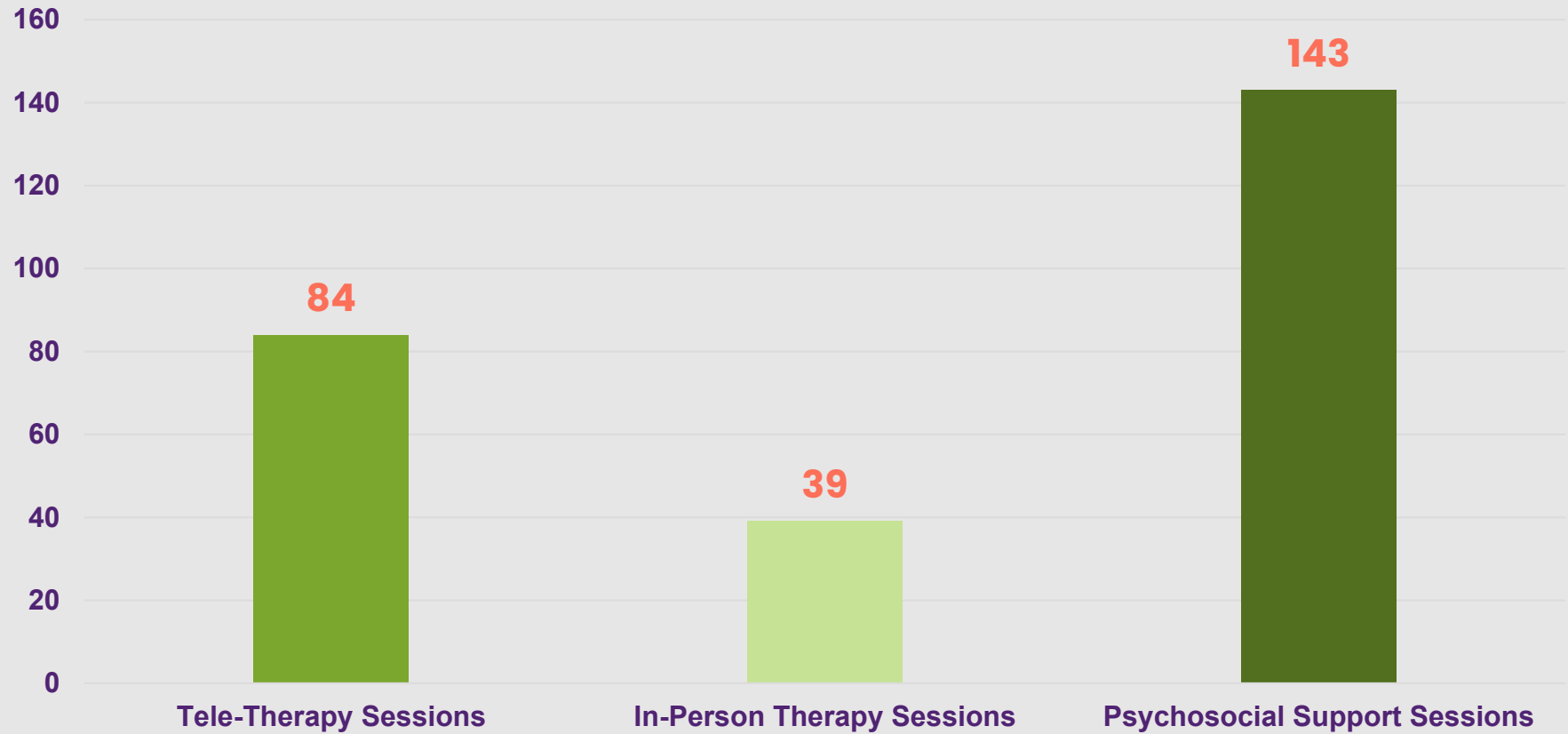
**258**  
Community Members Trained (including migrants from Regions 1, 7, 9 & 10)



**141** Gender-Based Violence & Child Sexual Abuse  
**70** Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights  
**46** Good Enough Parenting & Life Skills  
**71** Sexual Offences Act & Forensic Medical Awareness  
**19** Financial Literacy

# Community Support & Mental Health Access

44 Community Members Received Case Management



# Engaging Men in Prevention

Male-led conversations are essential to preventing gender-based violence and promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

## Capacity Building

6 Men Trained  
Participated in a two-day  
“Podcasting for Impact” workshop  
and established the podcast format  
and production plan.

## Content Produced

4 Podcast Episodes Recorded  
Topics included:  
Masculinity and mental health  
Fatherhood and family life  
Respect, consent, and healthy  
relationships  
Who Influences a Man

## Men’s Podcast Established: “The Truth Behind the Smile”

## Digital Reach

3,300+ Total Views  
Key engagement highlights:  
Episode 3: 2,140 views  
362 engagements (shares,  
comments, reactions)  
22 new followers

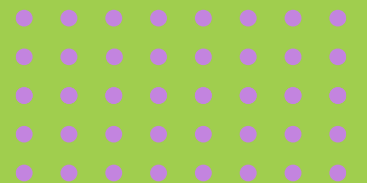
## Audience demographics:

Primary age group: 25–44  
26–34% male viewers  
80–96% Guyana-based audience



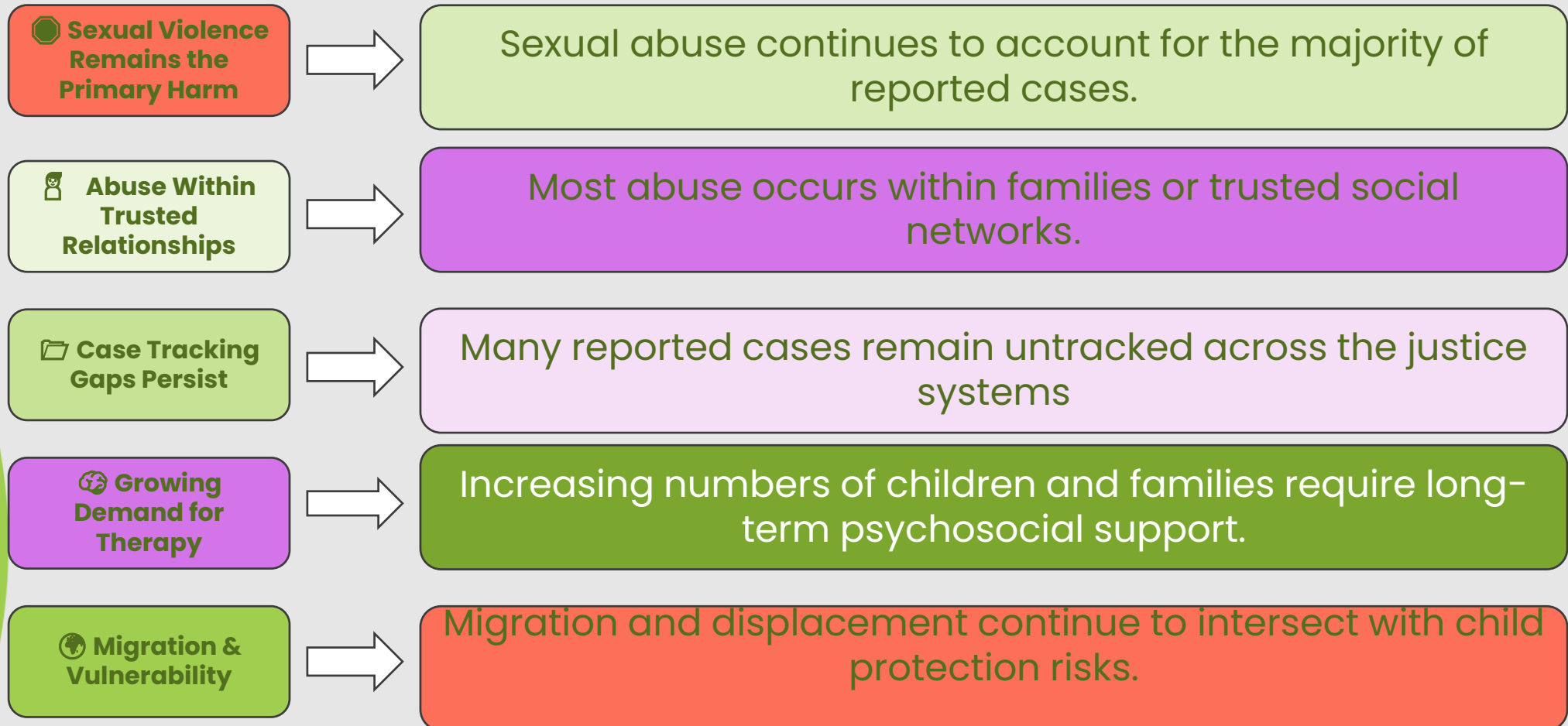


# Section 7 – Emerging Trends & 2026 Priorities



# What the Data Tells Us

Child protection requires coordinated systems, sustained prevention, and accessible therapeutic services.



# New Initiative: Voices for Life – Suicide Prevention

Voices for Life aims to bridge the gap between community realities and national suicide prevention policy.



# Voices for Life: Empowering Communities for Suicide Prevention Policy

Community voices shaping the future of suicide prevention in Guyana.

## What the Initiative Is

Voices for Life is a national initiative led by Blossom Inc. to strengthen community participation in suicide prevention policy and mental health advocacy in Guyana.

## What the Project Does

- **Community Consultations:** Engaging community leaders, youth advocates, survivors, educators, and civil society actors across all ten regions.
- **Evidence & Research:** Using ethnographic research and lived experiences to better understand the cultural drivers of suicide in Guyana.
- **Advocacy & Capacity Building:** Training community members to engage policymakers and advocate for stronger mental health systems.

## Expected Outcomes

- Community-informed suicide prevention policy recommendations
- Stronger national prioritisation of mental health and suicide prevention
- Greater inclusion of lived experience in policy design

# Strategic Priorities for 2026

Protecting children requires sustained collaboration, resources, and community engagement.



# Protecting Every Child, Strengthening Every System

In 2025, Blossom Inc. continued to strengthen Guyana's child protection response through forensic interviewing, therapeutic services, prevention education, psychosocial support, and system coordination.

As we look toward 2026, our commitment remains clear:

To ensure every child is heard, protected, and supported to heal.



# To Our Funders

**Ministry of Human Services & Social Security (MHSSS)**

**United Nations International Children's Emergency Funds (UNICEF)**

**BB Energy Foundation**

**The Greater Guyana Initiative (GGI)**

**Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)**

**Global Affairs Canada (Leaf)**

**Commonwealth Foundation**

**Procter and Gamble International Operations**

**Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)**

**The Bag Ladies**

**Private Sector**

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