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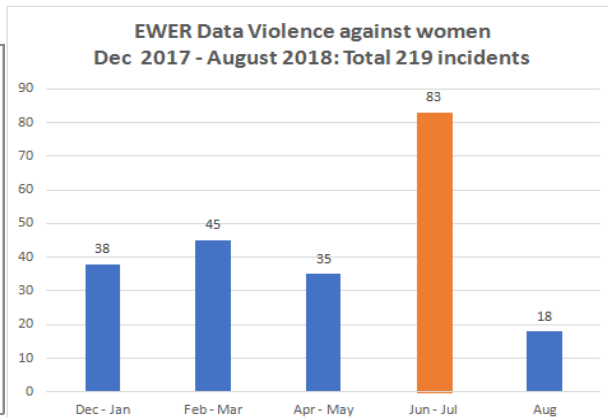
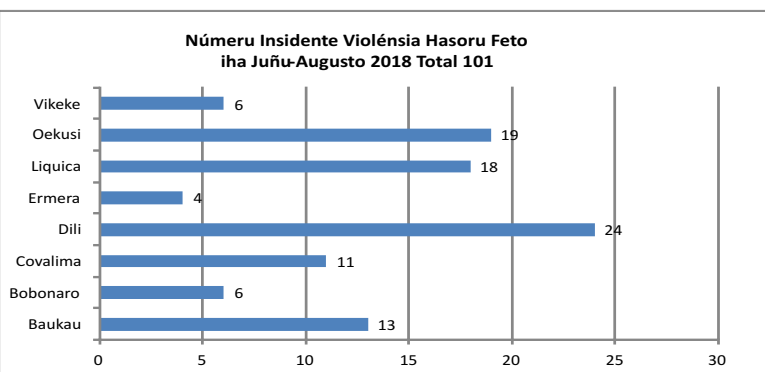
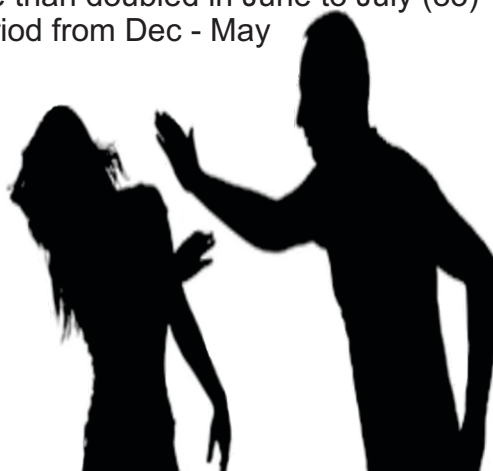
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ACTS of VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN and GIRLS in TIMOR-LESTE (Dili, 10 September 2018)

Women remain susceptible to violence by various means in the community

Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) system recorded 342 violent incidents between June and August 2018. 101 of these incidents (29.53%) were of violence against women. The number of incidents of violence against women has more than doubled in June to July (83) compared to compared to an average of 37.7 per 2 month period from Dec - May

There were a total of 219 incidents of violence against women from December 2017 until August 2018. The majority of the incidents (36%) were perpetrated by a men. The types of violence against women recorded by the EWER system are:

- 1) Domestic violence
- 2) Public violence
- 3) Sexual abuse violence attempts
- 4) Abandoned wives and children
- 5) Sexual violence
- 6) Still Birth baby from violence
- 7) Women who are threatened by their husned



Key recommendations and Immediate Action

According to Belun's EWER monitoring data, women remain susceptible to violence by various means in the community. Because of this Belun recommends that:

The community of Timor-Leste, especially young men:

- Respect women as our own, equal and without discrimination;
- Support and encourage people who were collaborating with organizations that support women who have been the subject of violence:
 - o The Ministry of Social Solidarity
 - o Police Service to vulnerable persons Unit (VPU)
 - o Fundasaun Alola
 - o FOKUPERS
 - o Casa Vida
 - o Rede Feto
 - o JSMP
 - o Pradet
 - o ALFeLa

SEII (Secretary of State for Equality the Inclusion) to:

- ● Advocate for the prevention of violence against women in Timor-Leste, through the Alert, coordinate with the relevant Institutions and the create discussion between partners and organizations in the area of gender-based violence.
- ● Socialization of the national action plan (NAP) on gender-based violence in all municipalities and village structures to strengthen the implementation of the action plan of prevention;
- ● In collaboration with the Ministry of education, to provide training on gender equality and involved students, young men and women in training activities on relationships with respect to raise awareness of young people about gender-based violence (GBV) and its root causes;
- ● Encourage the Ministry of Justice to allocate sufficient resources to implement the NAP-GBV and to implement the law against domestic violence

The courts and the national police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) to:

- ● Quickly act on cases of domestic violence and sexual harassment, especially serious cases of violence against women
- ● Facilitate training on gender sensitivity to the VPU and to Community Policing;
- ● Strengthen the Community Policing Board member training (CPCs) on gender-based violence.
- ● The Court to establish a system to monitor and review suspended cases of domestic violence against women.
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STATE Minister:

- ● Facilitate training on the law and GBV village structure in all municipalities (especially about conflict prevention)
- ● To address traditional cultural practices which are disadvantageous for women and against human rights

Plocal and international development partners Work to support women in Timor-Leste to support the activities mentioned above

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