

Feminist Eye- Observation for Action

Feminist Eye- Observation for Action is a feminist initiative that helps monitoring violence against women and girls in Syria, by highlighting legislations that tolerate violence, providing statistical data on this phenomenon, and proposing legal tools to combat it.

Feminist Eye- Observation for Action is a tool for knowledge, mobilization and advocacy for everyone striving for a society free of violence against women and girls.

Inductive Statistics

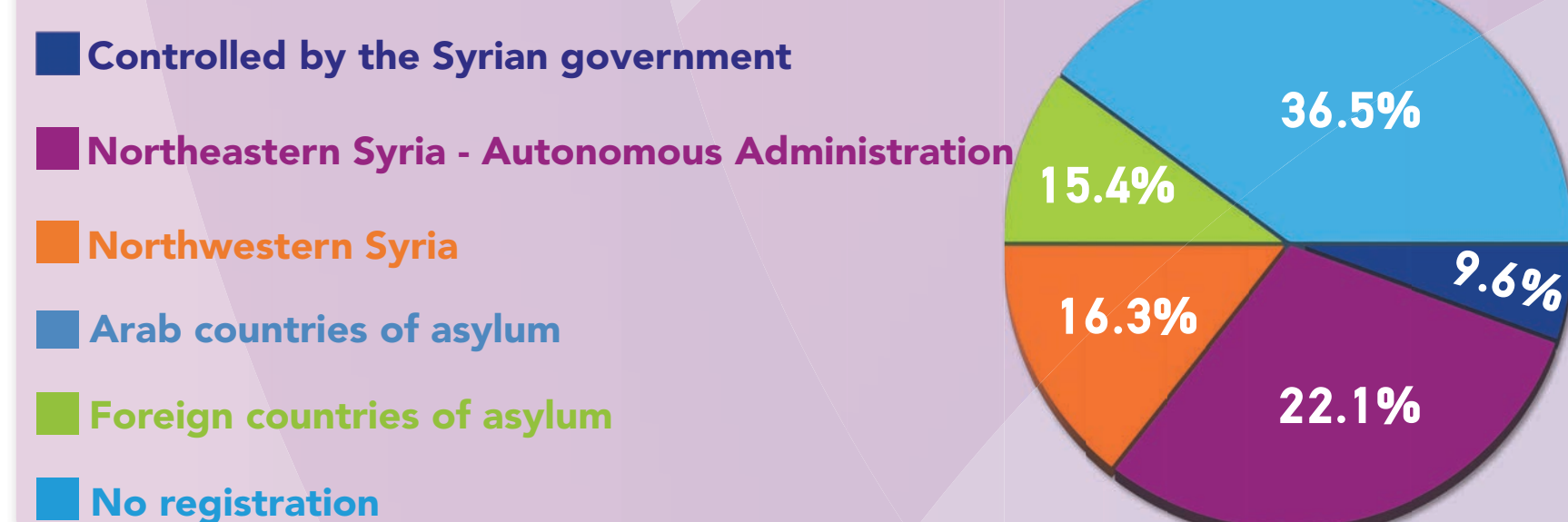
"Feminist Eye... Observation for Action" carried out a study aimed at analyzing the role of Syrian CSOs in combating VAWG.

Study Population and Sample

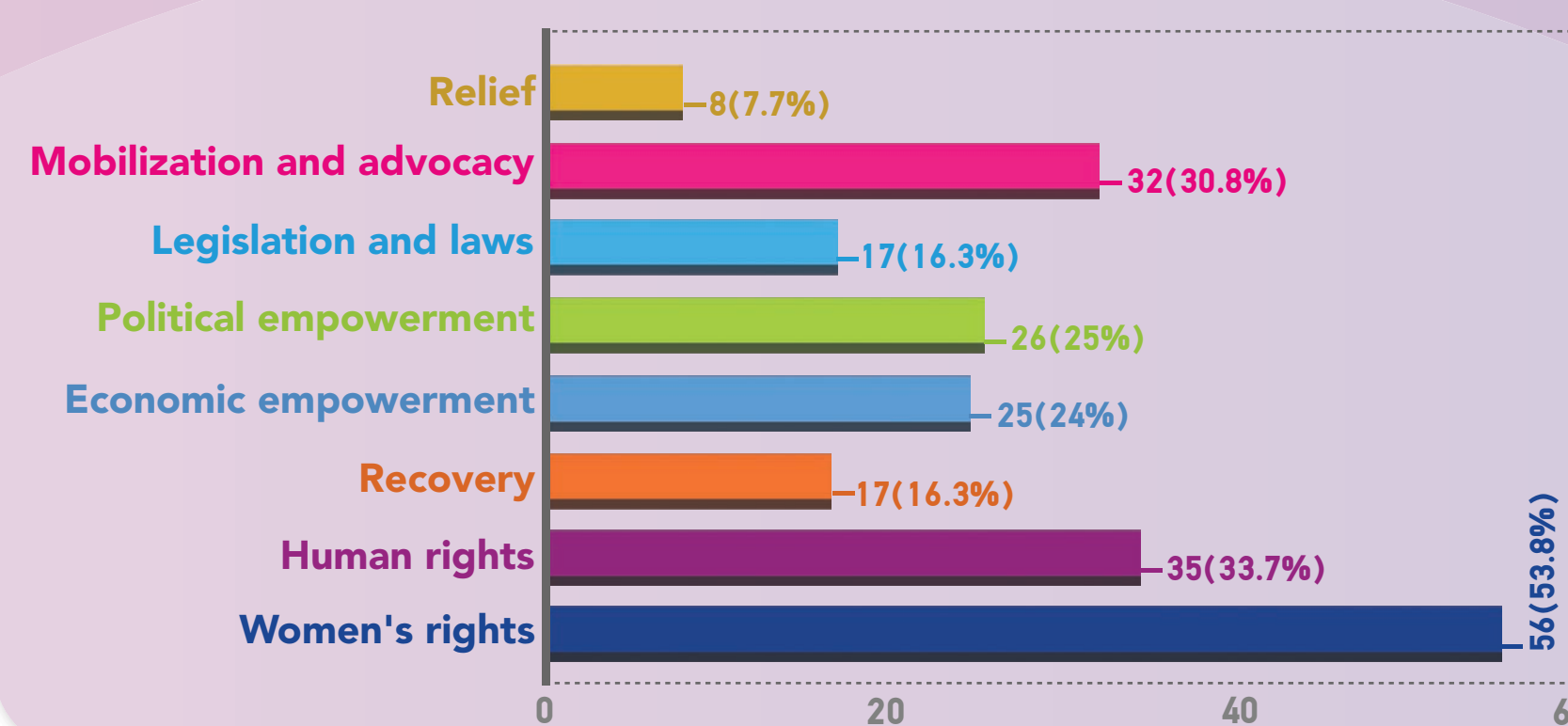
Sample Community: Syrian civil society activists.

Study Sample: A non-probability sample (accidental or opportunity sampling) of 125 Syrian activists in Syrian CSOs. An online questionnaire was sent out; we received 104, so the sample encompassed 104 male and female activists from 104 Syrian CSOs.

The majority of the target population are activists in registered organizations
The highest percentage of registered organizations is in Northeastern Syria

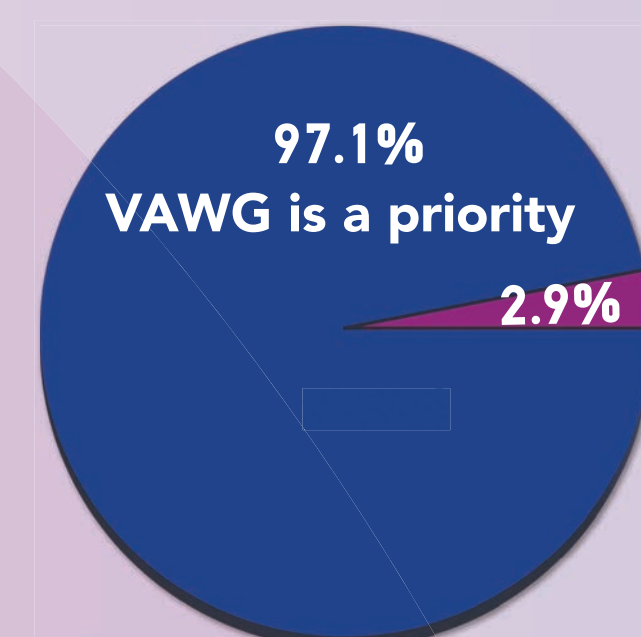


Women's rights are the main work field of about half of the target organizations



The Issue of Combating VAWG is a Priority for all Target Organizations Concerned with Women's Rights

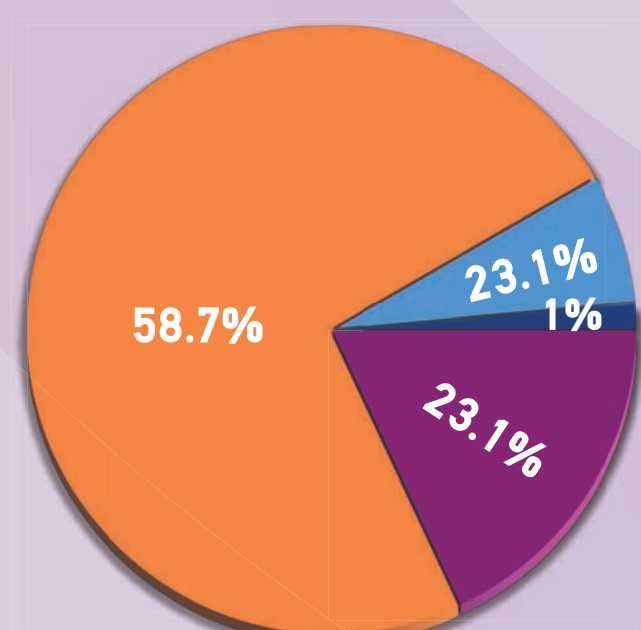
■ YES VAWG is a priority
■ NO VAWG is not a priority



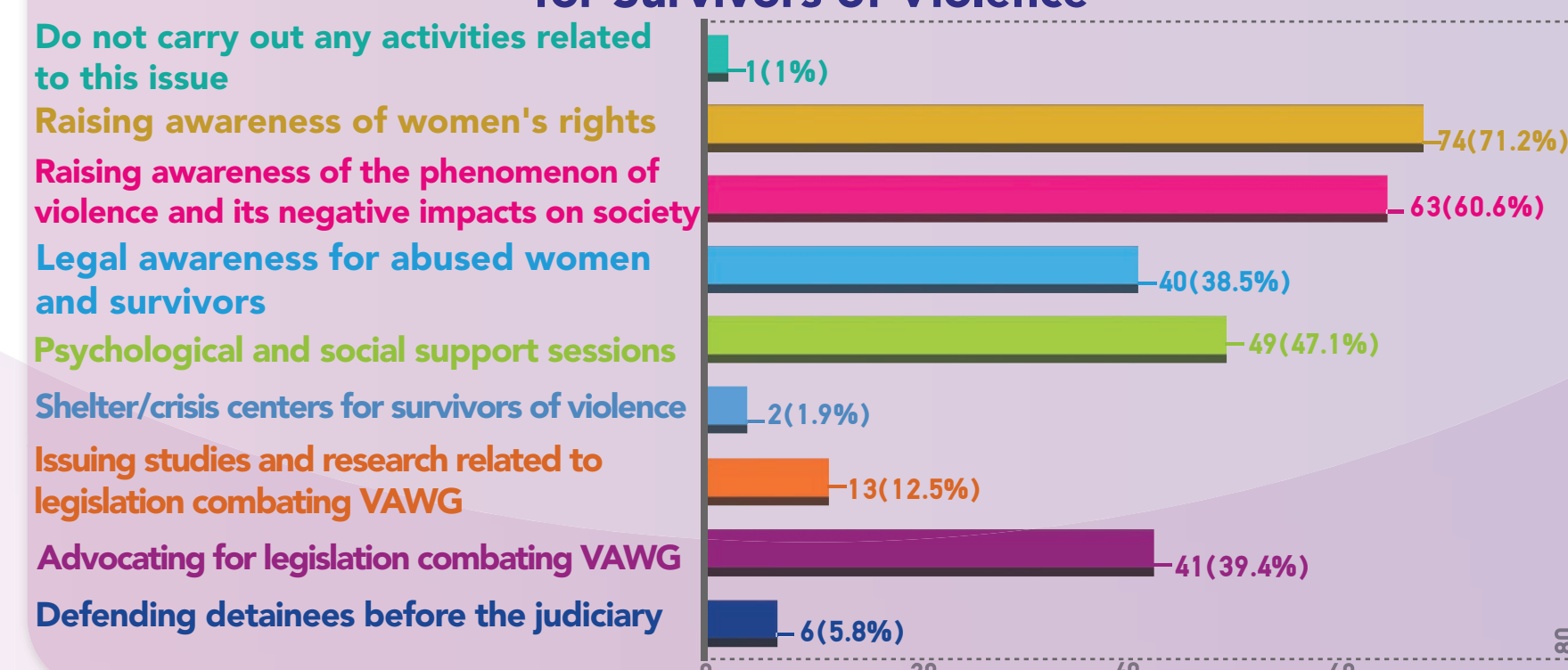
The Majority of Organizations Working on Violence-Related Issues Have an Impact on Combating VAWG

Only 1% of the target population find that the work of said organizations has no impact

■ No impact
■ Limited impact
■ Positive impact
■ Negative impact
■ Excellent impact

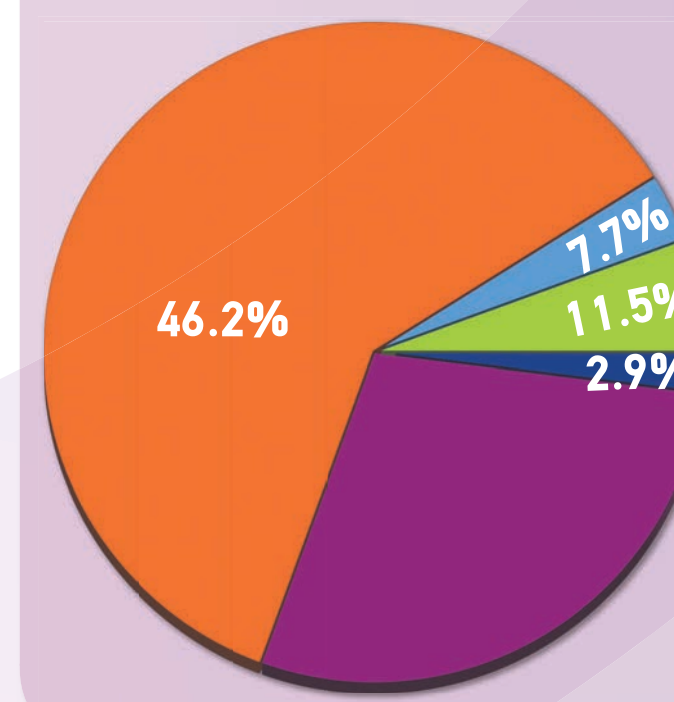


Raising Awareness of Women's Rights
The Most Common Activity among the Organizations is
The Least Common Activity is Related to Shelters and Crisis Centers for Survivors of Violence



The Lack of Protective Legal Environment for Women and Girls is One of the Main Reasons for the Spread of Violence against Them

■ The organizations' lack of interest in this issue
■ Customs and traditions (patriarchal) prevailing in society
■ Lack of legal environment protecting women and girls from violence
■ Organizations lack the expertise required to address this issue
■ Inability to legally register organizations



Suggested Recommendations for Syrian CSOs to Combat VAWG:

- Issuing standards of conduct in each organization aimed at rejecting all forms of violence (verbal, psychological, physical, sexual and economic) against women working or volunteering in the organization and the beneficiaries of its activities.
- Familiarizing Syrian women with their political and socioeconomic rights stipulated in the International Human Rights Law, and enabling them to exercise said rights by demanding the provision of the legal, socioeconomic infrastructure that helps them to do so.
- Promoting the dissemination of gender culture in the Syrian society, and in all state institutions at all levels, in order to ensure socioeconomic policies that guarantee the mitigation of the VAWG phenomenon.
- Developing a clear and specific strategy to advance the situation of Syrian women, promote a culture of equality between men and women, reject discrimination, and reduce cases of VAWG.
- Mobilizing and advocating in order to make the laws, policies and government practices compatible with a gender perspective as well as the international legal provisions on women's rights. Further, abolishing all discriminatory legislation against women.
- Mobilizing and advocating for the issuance of a comprehensive law to combat VAWG.
- Developing schemes and programs in cooperation with government institutions to combat VAWG in society.
- Establishing specialized centers for immediate respond to any request for protection submitted by abused women and girls, providing them with the required assistance, whether legal, psychological or health.
- Establishing special centers to care for survivors of violence in order to provide them with psychological, legal, health and material support.
- Establishing special observatories to monitor and document cases of VAWG, specialized in collecting and analyzing information and data, as well periodic reports on thereof that include the progress made in combating this phenomenon as well as the encountered difficulties and obstacles.
- Establishing national centers specialized in studies related to VAWG, monitoring the latter's negative repercussions on women and society, and searching for adequate solutions to combat it.