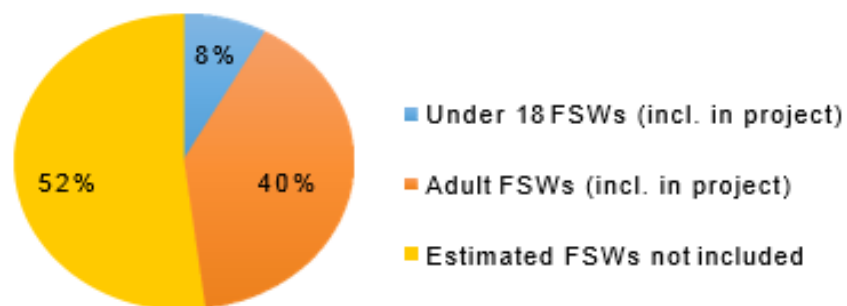


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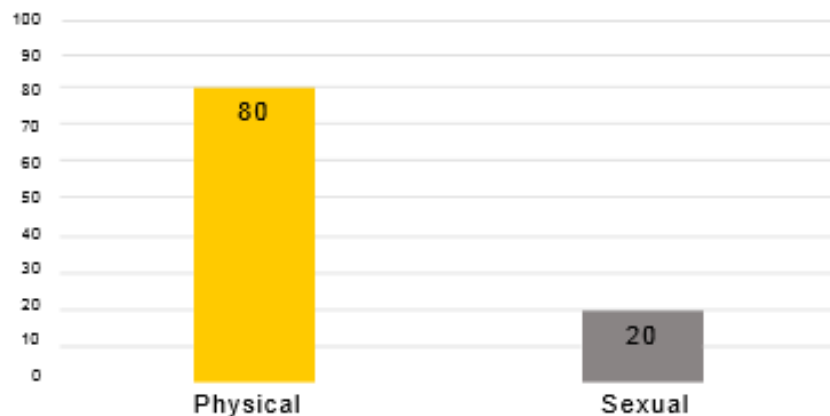
Meeting sex-worker needs in humanitarian and low-resource settings

A mixed method project evaluation with the aim of exploring the drivers of sex work among female sex workers (FSWs) in Turkana County, Kenya and how to best meet their needs and improve health outcomes in low-resource settings

Distribution of FSWs by age



Types of violence reported (%)



Research findings

- The FSWs see the peer-led groups as a safe space for health education, sharing experiences and as an entry point for quality RH/GBV services
- Having clinical staff and case managers with special training increases the level of trust and comfort with seeking services
- 35% of the women enrolled (120/348) are HIV positive (Kenya national level: 5,7%)
- During the 3 years of the project, only two girls enrolled in the project have HIV sero-converted
- The retention rate for girls entering the project is 72%
- Adolescent sex workers report experiencing violence and harassment on a daily basis. The main types of violence are physical, sexual, economic and emotional abuse, though typically only physical and sexual violence is reported.



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