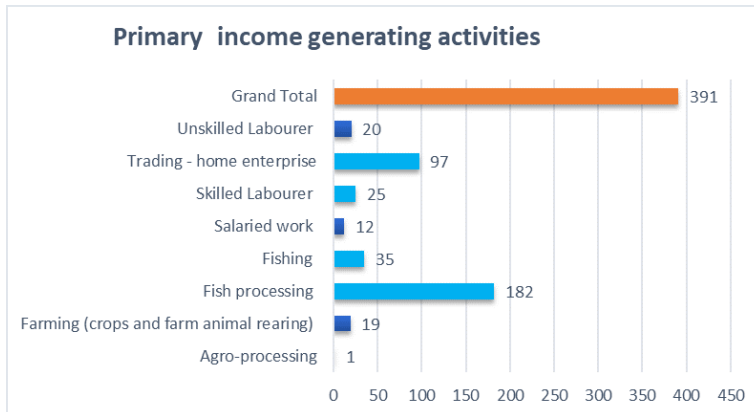


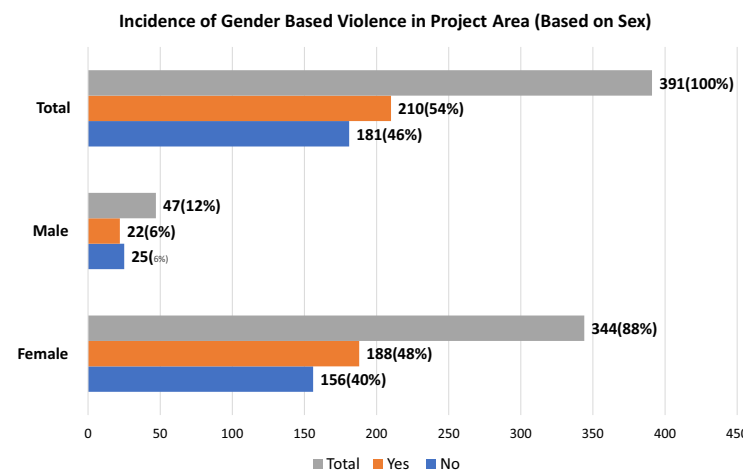
Fact Sheet: Key Findings of Gender-Based Violence Baseline Study in the Western and Central Region

Income-generating activities



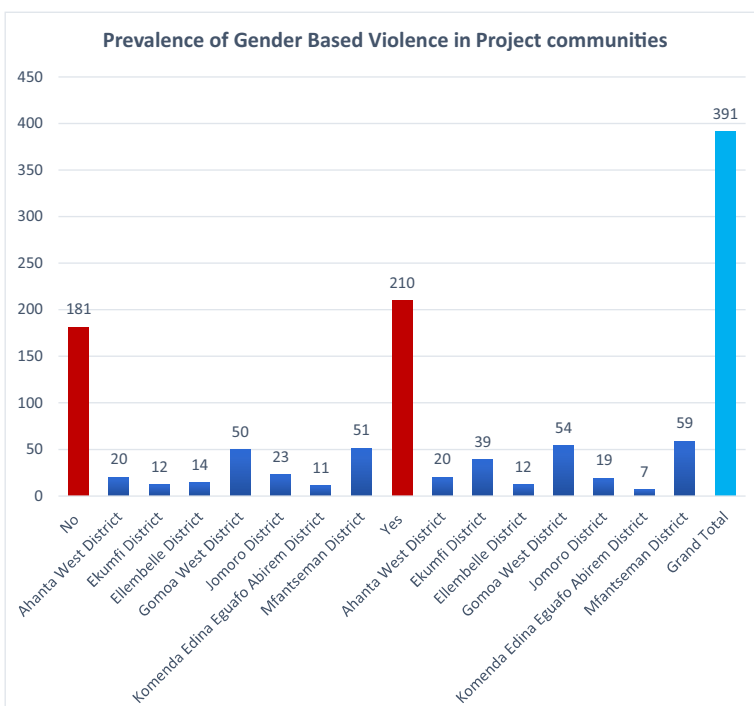
About 55% of respondents are involved in the fishing related value chain. Also, 25% of the community members involved in home enterprises (petty trading) usually set up one's residence. Women constitute 47% of the 55% of persons involved in the fish value chain. Also, 24% of the 25% community members involved in home enterprises are women.

Perception on the Incidence of GBV within the Project Implementation Area



54% of project community members have experienced or witnessed GBV act. Ninety(90%) of the 54% who have experienced GBV acts are women. This shows that women are mostly the victims of domestic violence.

The overall perception on the prevalence gender-based violence in the project area is 54%, comprising 90% females and 10% males of the 54% reported by community members



About 54% of the perceived occurrences of GBV in the communities happen within Mfantseman, Gomoa West and Ekumfi Districts accounting for 28%,26% and 19% respectively.

Further engagements with prosecutorial agencies revealed that there were limited resources and personnel available for state institutions within the prosecutorial chain to efficiently perform their duties.

Key Highlights/Findings of the Study

- The high level of illiteracy within the project area has attracted men in fishing (canoe) and women into primary processing, petty trading and home businesses as means of livelihood.
- Fifty Seven percent (57%) of respondents were fully aware of Gender Based Violence consistent with general reaction across Ghana, 27% of respondents have low or no knowledge of GBV.
- The overall prevalence gender- based violence in the project area is 54%, comprising 90% Females and 10% males of the 54% reported by community members.
- Most of the violent incidences have been attributed to irresponsibility of men, gossip among women, dwindling fish stock which affects the incomes of fishermen however, multiple marriages among men have been found to mainly cause domestic violence
- The livelihood situation of households is that 24 (6%) community members out of the 391 have received support from other projects to establish businesses.
- Additionally, very few respondents have received training in non-traditional vocations and business management within the recall period. KEEA and Gomoa West Districts constitute majority of Districts with 8 training beneficiaries.
- The study reveals that, prosecutorial agencies have limited personnel and infrastructure in some districts such as Gomoa West, to accommodate resources and personnel for state institutions within the prosecutorial chain to perform their duty.
- The key access point to the various communities and addressing the issues of SGBV are the Leadership- chief fishermen.
- There seemed to be a lot of mistrust between the fishing communities and the police in addressing the SGBV. The project will, through its advocacy and sensitisation activities, introduce regular stakeholder meetings to build trust.

The Women in Fisheries Against Violence (WIFVEs) Project is a three-year (2022 – 2024) project funded by the European Union (EU) which has an overall objective of achieving gender equality in Ghana by advocating against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), abuse and discrimination in Ghana's marine fisheries sector. It is implemented by Hen Mpoano and CEWEFIA.

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