



















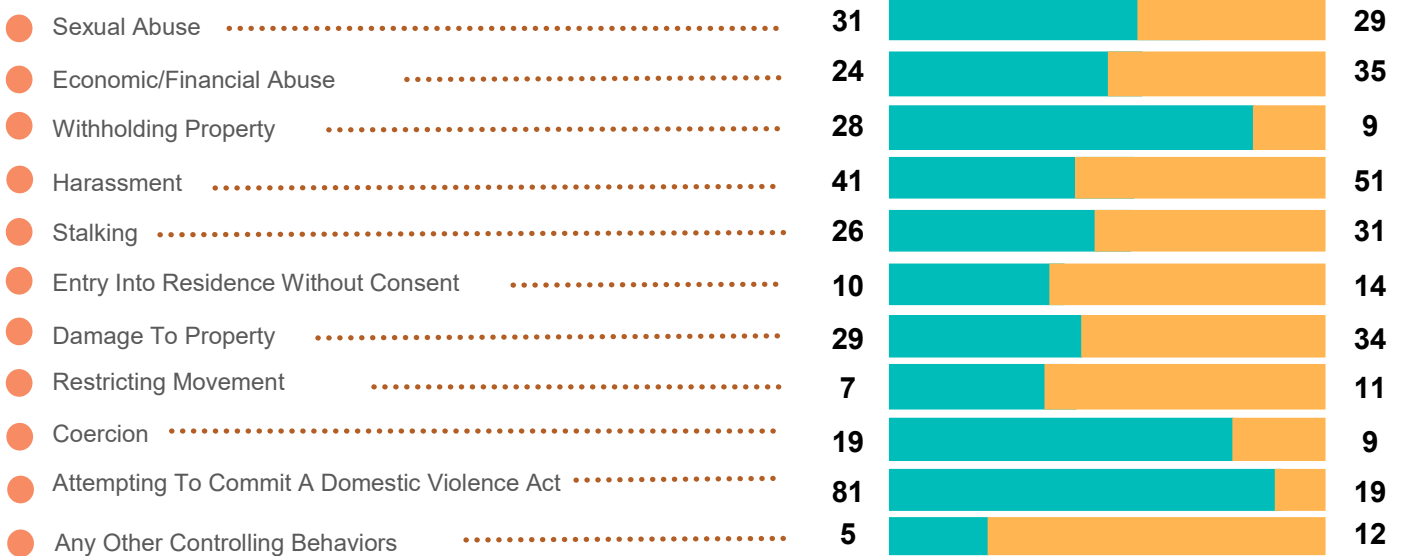
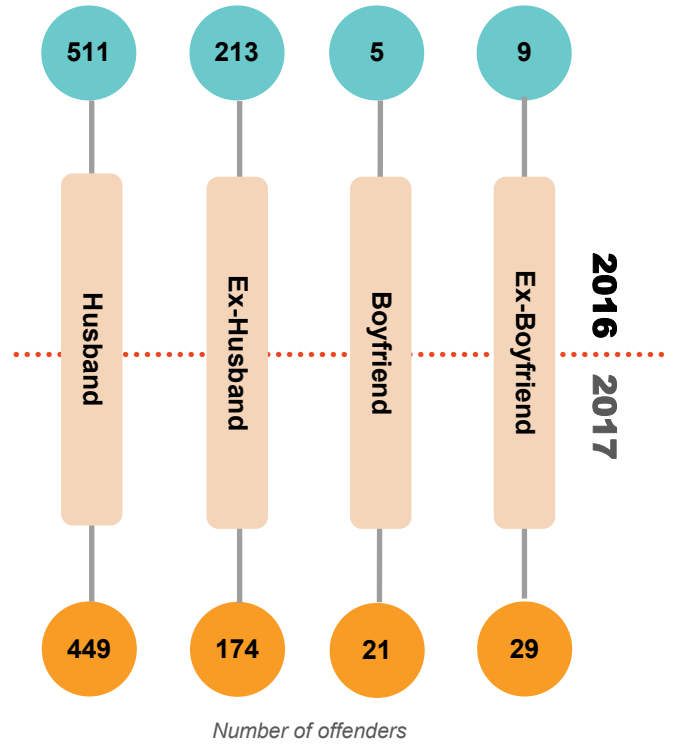
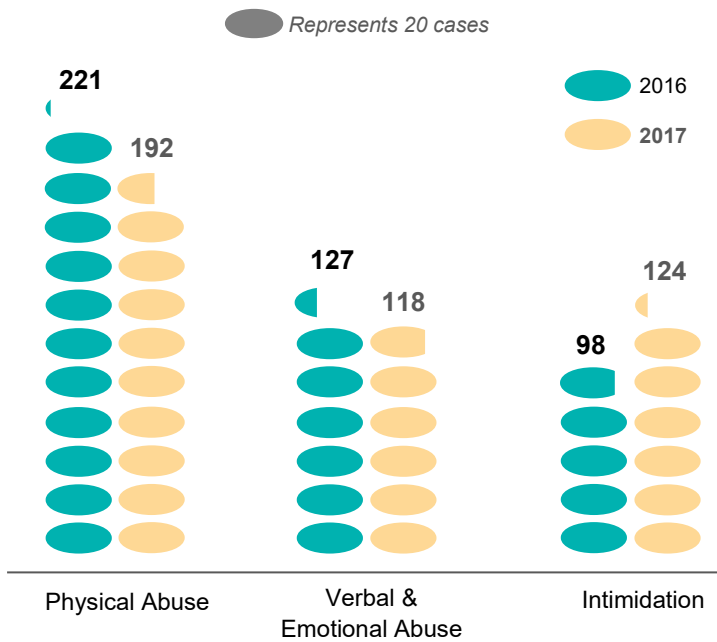


# Statistics on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)



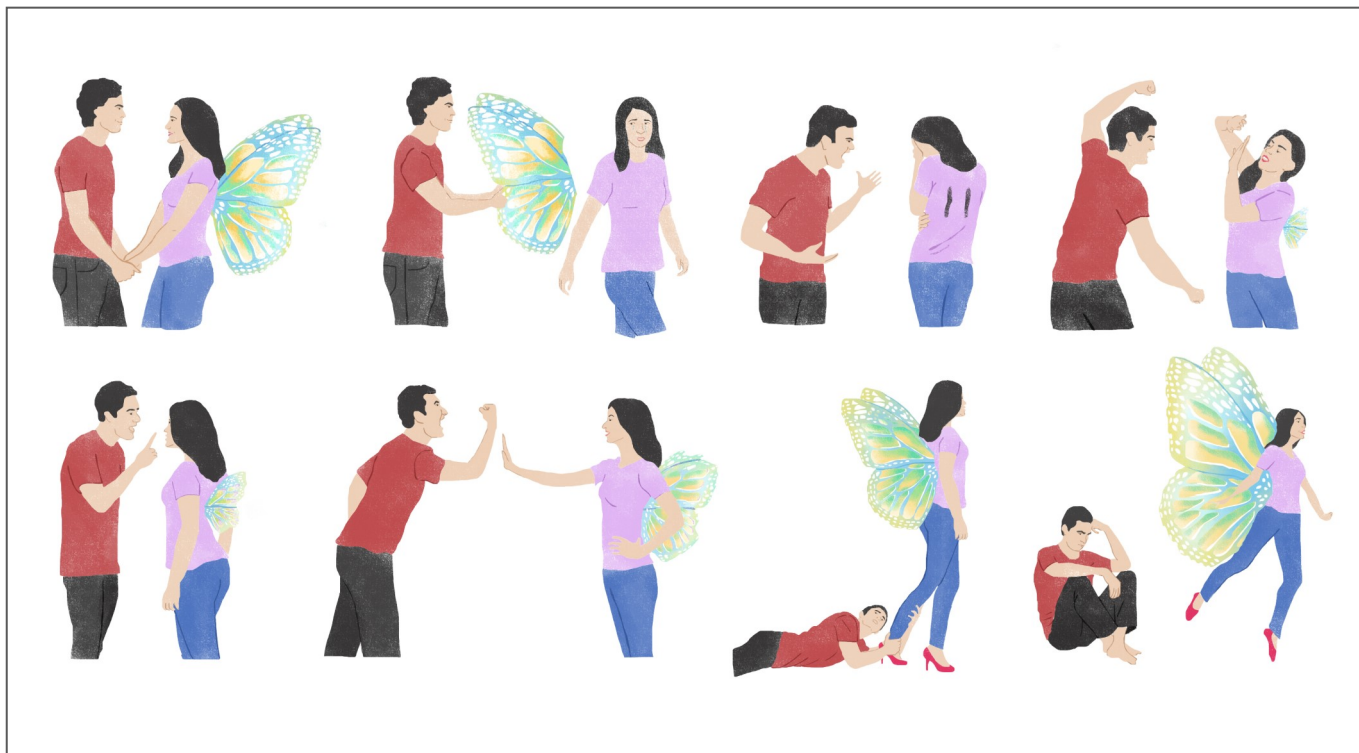
**1411** Female Victims of IPV

## THREE Most Common Types Of IPV Reported to Family Protection Authority in 2016-2017



Types Of IPV Reported to Family Protection Authority in 2016-2017

## What do you see in this picture?



Illustrations by: Haleema Abdul Gafoor (Ferlin)

Let's put our thinking caps on.

What does the wings represent?

How does the woman feel when her wings are ripped off?

Why does a new set of wings start to grow again?

Her wings keep on growing. What effect does this have on the man and the woman?

At the end, the woman flies away. What can you interpret from this?

What do you think of the picture?

# Featuring

# Hope for Women



*With this volume of 'Rivili', we are featuring leading civil society organisations (CSOs) in Maldives that work towards elimination of domestic violence and advocate for gender equality.*

**H**ope for Women (HFW) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in the Maldives, registered in 2010, working towards ending all forms of violence against women and domestic violence, while also promoting gender equality and women's participation in public life. At the moment HFW's activities are mostly project-based with funding from few well-wishing individuals and organizations. However, the organization is exploring other avenues for resource mobilization in order to sustain the functioning of the organization and expand the scope of its work, in particular impacting public policy and improving outreach.

## *Significant Projects and Activities Conducted*

1. Women's Consultation Forum held in L. Gan, in partnership with UN Women and participation from 18 Women's Development Committees across the Maldives, 2017.
2. Economic Empowerment Project, 2015–2017
3. Strengthening services of Family Legal Clinic, 2015–2017
4. Capacity Development of Women for promoting women's leadership and political participation, 2014–2016
5. Leadership Camps for women and girls, 2014
6. One Billion Rising Campaigns, 2013–2018
7. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaigns, 2013–2017
8. Advocacy, including lobbying members of the parliament to include gender equality components and quotas for women's participation in parliament.
9. Registered Hope Institute for Research and Training on June 2018 to conduct trainings to public on areas such as positive parenting, empowerment of women in different fields, technical skills trainings across different professions etc.

## *Constraints*

1. Being an NGO run on donations of well-wishers, it is a limitation to conduct projects or outreach programs.
2. General public, companies and other institutions are not interested in addressing the social cause as they do not accept that domestic violence and/or violence against women occurs and perceive that those issues do not concern them.
3. Despite so many laws passed to protect women's rights and violence, it is disappointing to observe not everyone implements or abides by them.
4. It is still difficult for victims of different forms of abuse to get relevant services according to the law due to personal biases or lack of implementation of the law. This discourages the victims to report and seek assistance.

## *Way Forward*

HFW has conducted awareness sessions in different areas of the country on different topics related to empowering women and eliminating gender based violence and domestic abuse. However, majority of participants are always women. From organizations to island and community level, HFW has reached a lot women and the response has been positive. Yet, it is observed that the informed women, change their mindset back once the session is over and they go back to their daily lives. HFW believes, without engaging men, and sharing our messages to them, it is very difficult for women to reach their full potential. The men need to acknowledge and support women as equal members of the society and treat them with respect.

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## REPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Maldives Police Service

Family and Child  
Protection Department

 3000600

 9790163

### Ministry of Gender and Family

 3328393

Child Help Line

 1412

### For Information; Family Protection Authority





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## Family Protection Authority Who Are We?

The Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA), ratified on 23rd April 2012, was a milestone step in recognizing and addressing the issue of domestic violence in the country. It defines acts of domestic violence, accords specific rights to victims, and most importantly, outlines responsibilities of all stakeholders, thereby setting a governance structure for addressing domestic violence.

The Family Protection Authority (FPA) was established under clause 52 of the DVPA, with a lead mandate to combat domestic violence through the overall coordination of domestic violence responses at a national level.

## Links to IPV video spots

-  [Abuse by husband to wife and child  
'Mikan Huttuvaanee Aharen' campaign video spot](#)
-  [Abuse by husband  
'Hanu Hurumakee Halleh Noon' campaign video spot](#)
-  [Abuse by boyfriend  
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