

Risk Reduction Intervention (RRI)



Background



- RRI is a proactive measure, geared towards perpetrators
- Victim protection unit are responsible for the case
- Negotiators perform the intervention and report to victim protection unit
- Collaboration between the victim protection unit and the negotiating team. Both components necessary.
- RRI is based on both teams professional knowledge and specialization
- Project in region South 2019-2021
- National method 2021
- National implementation 2022

The method

- A structured and systematic conversation performed by specialists
- Based on voluntariness and trust.
- To reduce the risk of further crimes. It's not about not prosecuting perpetrators for crimes already committed.
- It is about helping the perpetrator break a destructive pattern and find other ways to handle the situation. Communication based on the person's trigger points which can allow the individual to understand that ending the violence is in their best interest. "What's in it for me?"
- *Active listening* is used to build trust and information gathering, which can help maintain an open dialogue. "Talk to me-message".

Types of cases

- Vulnerable victims
- Domestic violence
- Stalking
- Violations of restraining orders
- Victims exposed because of profession (*government staff, social workers, prosecutors, police officers etc*)

Benefits

- Positive action for the affected person - avoid long-term suffering
- Crime prevention
- Resource savings. Less investigative burden as fewer crimes are committed
- Is in some cases also positive for the perpetrator, especially in cases where the perpetrator felt violated or misunderstood - gets help to deal with the perceived problem in a different way than before. New approaches and strategies.

Risks

- That we are triggering something we had not thought of
- That the victim becomes even more threatened or that someone else is affected. The risk of violence instead increases (especially in domestic violence)
- That the ongoing/upcoming legal process is affected
- Other legal aspects

The relationship to the ongoing crime investigation

Crime investigation

- Performed by investigators
- Gathering information
- Committed crimes

Witness protection

- Focus on victims
- Information, support and protection
- Performed by the victim protection unit

RRI

- Focus on perpetrators
- Performed by the negotiation team
- Convey information
- Prevent future crimes



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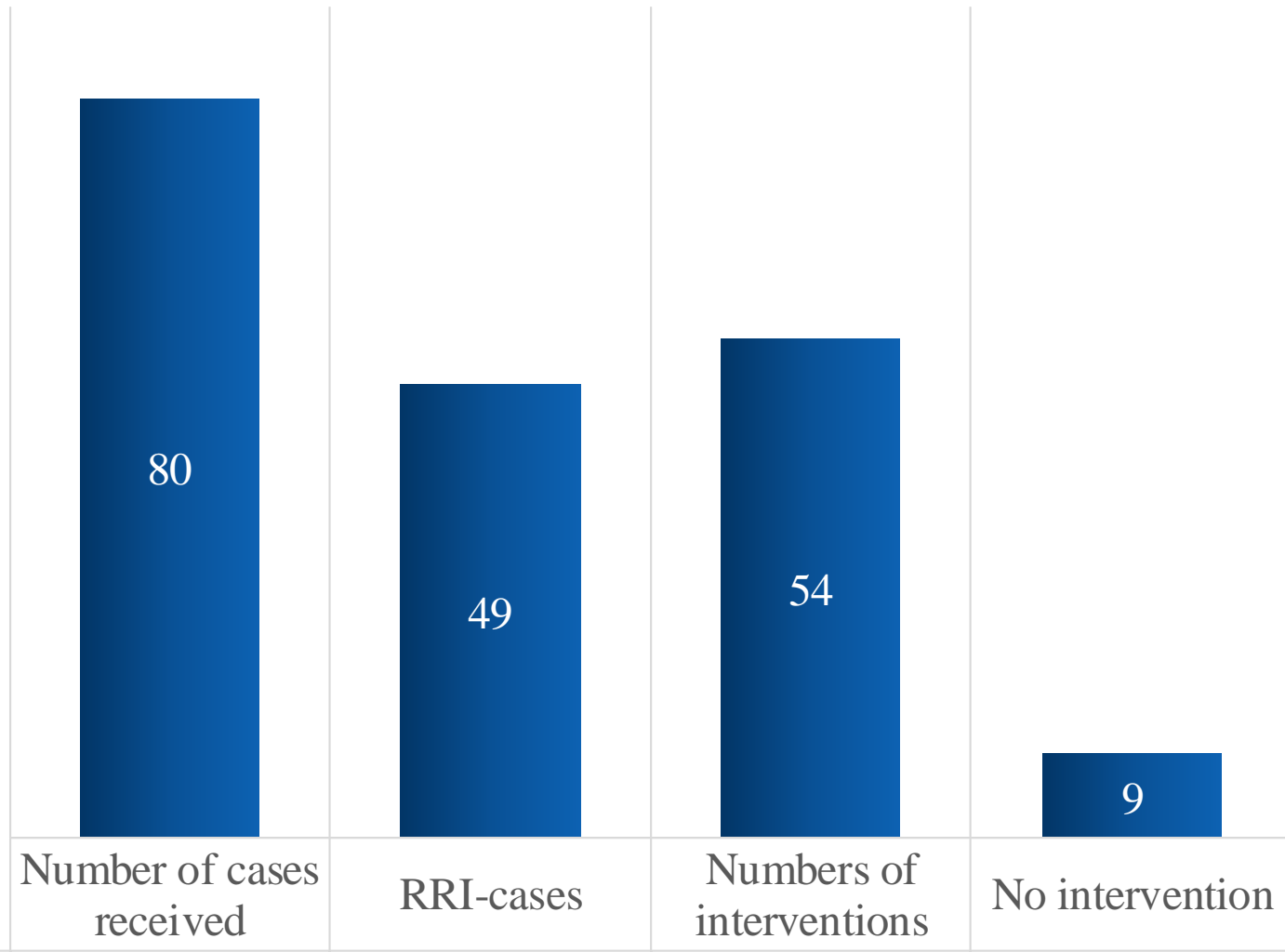
Experiences from the Region Syd

(Region South) 2019



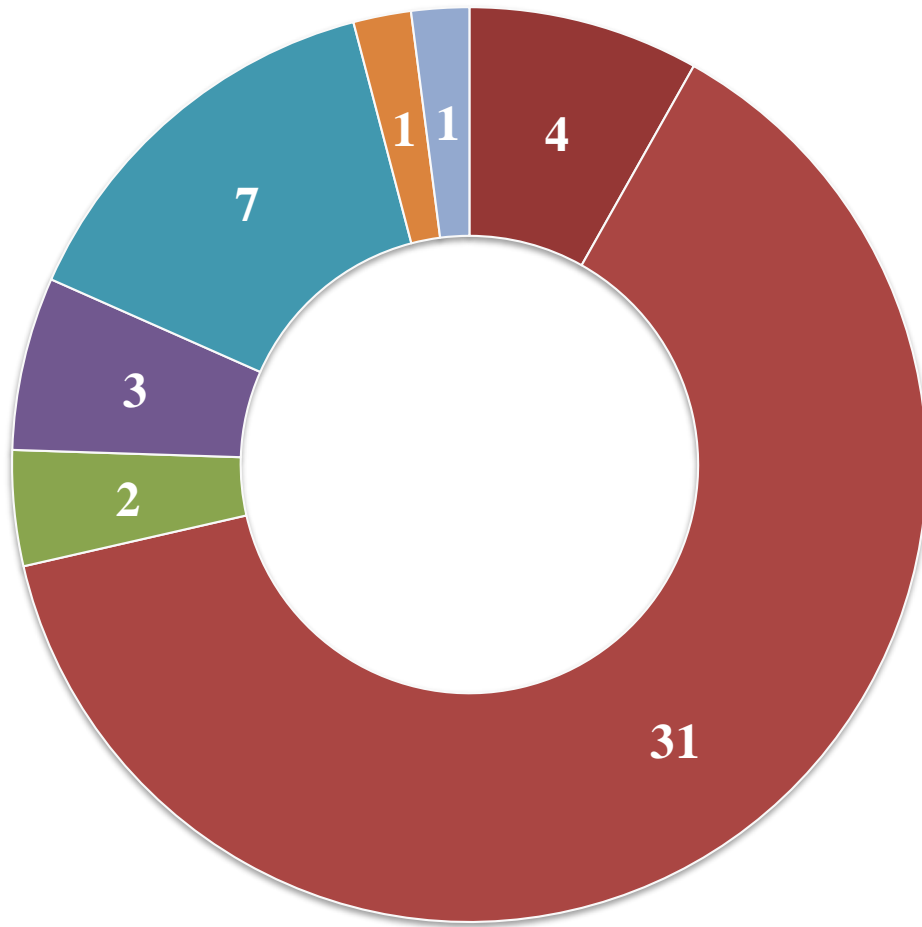
Number of cases and interventions

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Result of the interventions

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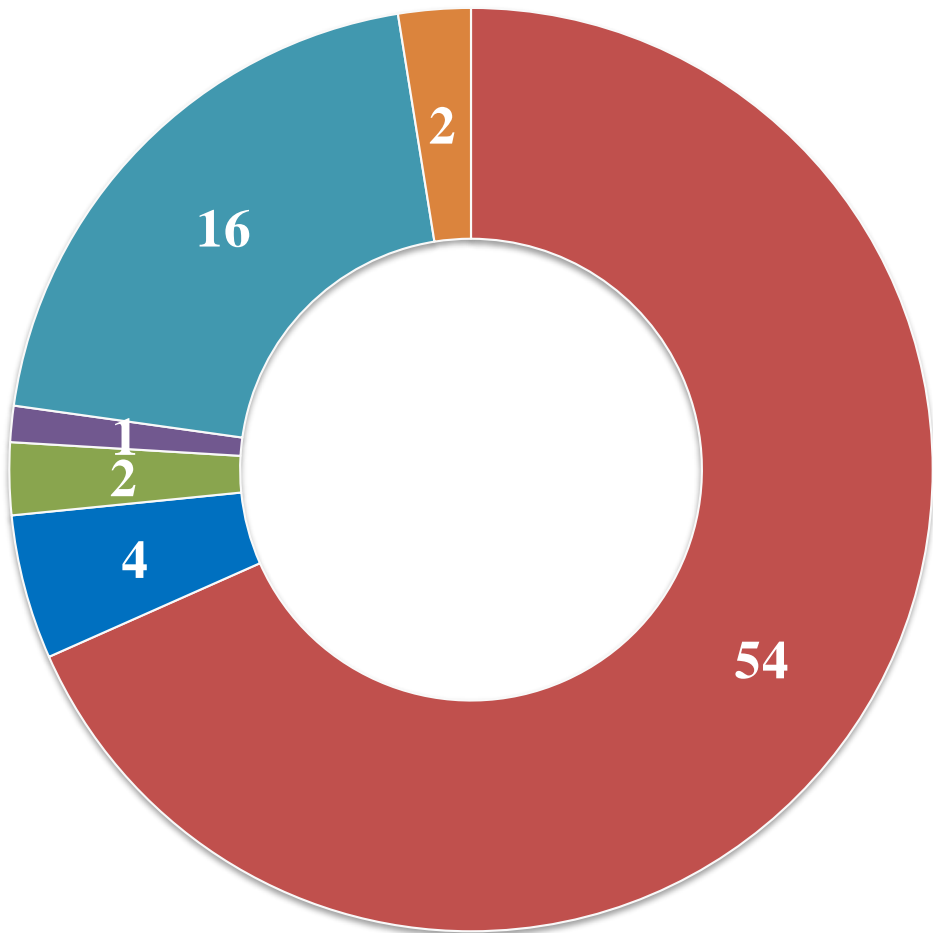


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| ■ Crime has decreased | 4,8 % |
| ■ The crime has stopped | 31,63 % |
| ■ The situation is unchanged | 2,4 % |
| ■ Continued interest | 3,6 % |
| ■ Crime ceased initially, but then continued | 7,15 % |
| ■ The perpetrator has been arrested in the current case | 1,2 % |
| ■ Other effect | 1,2 % |

Total: 49 cases

Relationship between perpetrator and victim

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Partner or former partner

68 %

Relative/family

5 %

Friend, acquaintance, known

3 %

Not known, stranger

1 %

Victim exposed because of profession

20 %

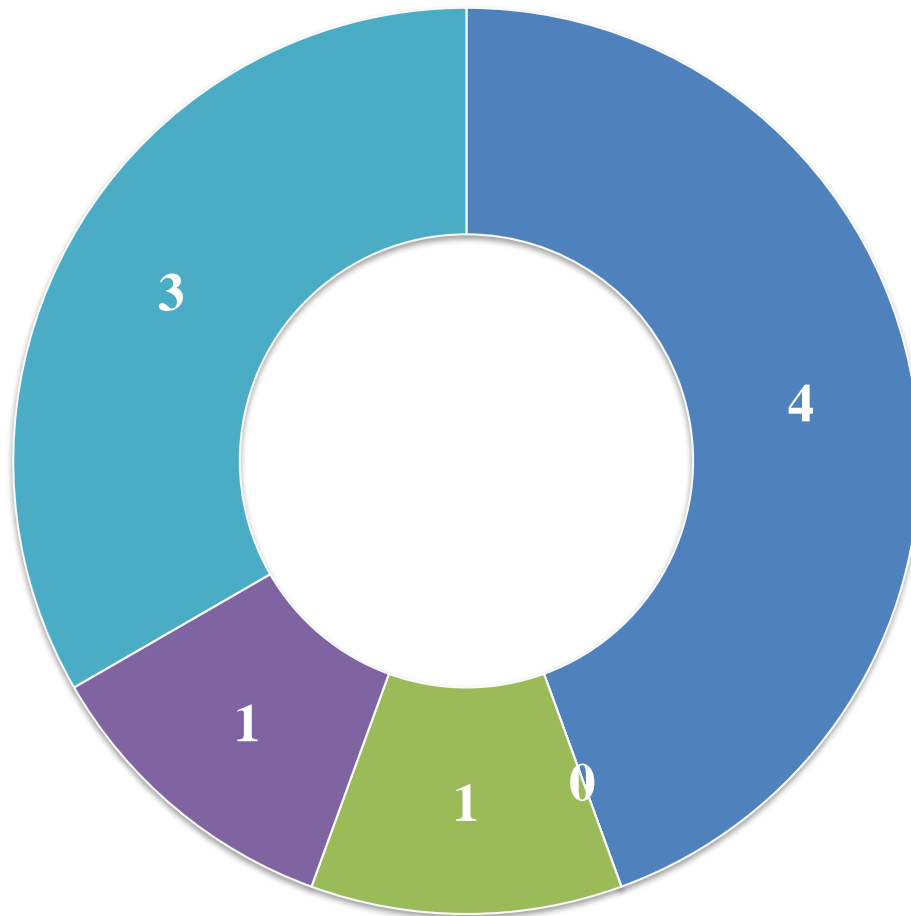
Other/unknown

3 %

Total: 49 cases

Reason for not doing a intervention

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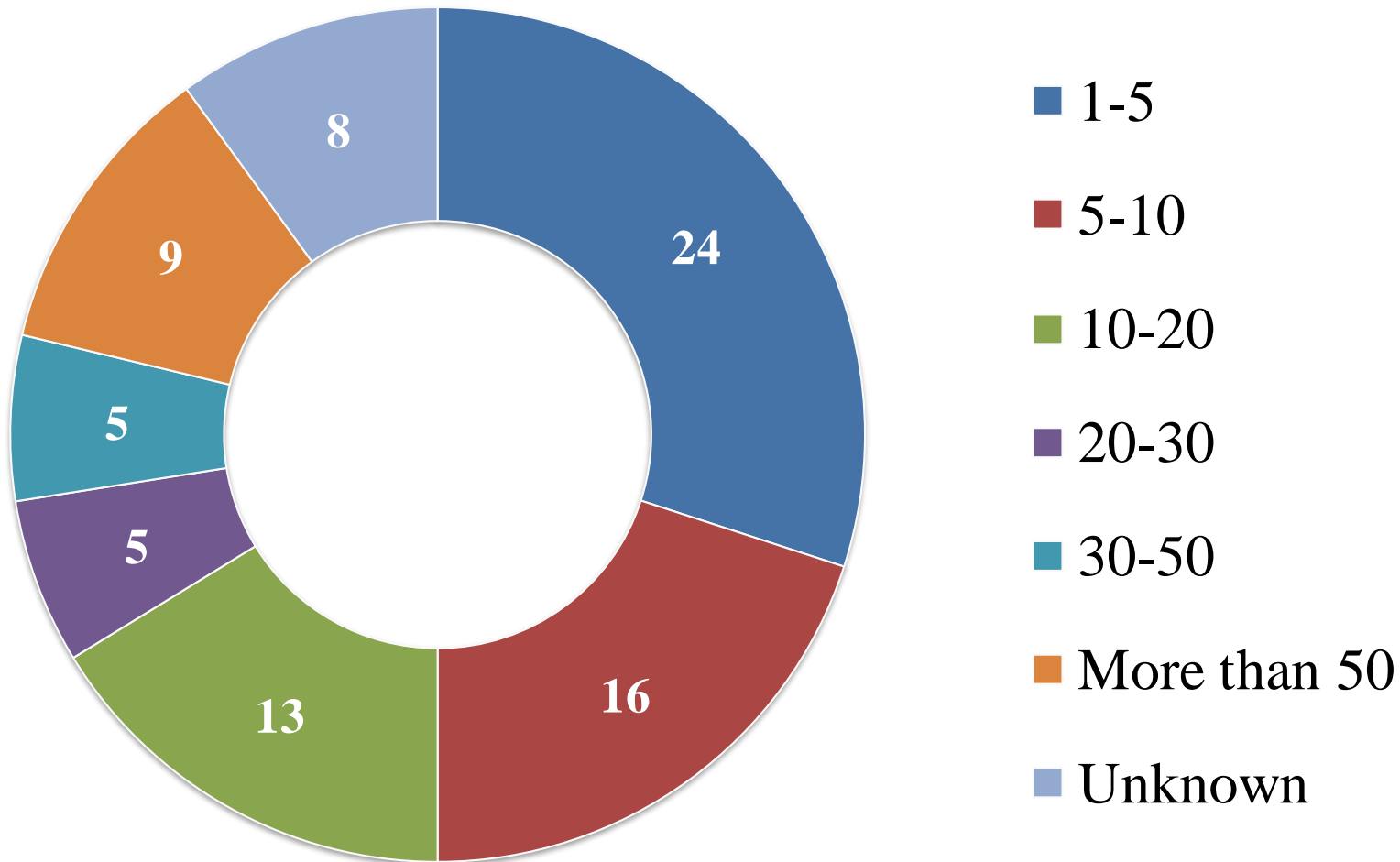


- Mental instability
- Risk that the threat increases
- The perpetrator does not want to participate
- Insufficient information about the perpetrator
- Another reason; ongoing legal process, language difficulties, too complicated case, too high risk

Total: 9 cases

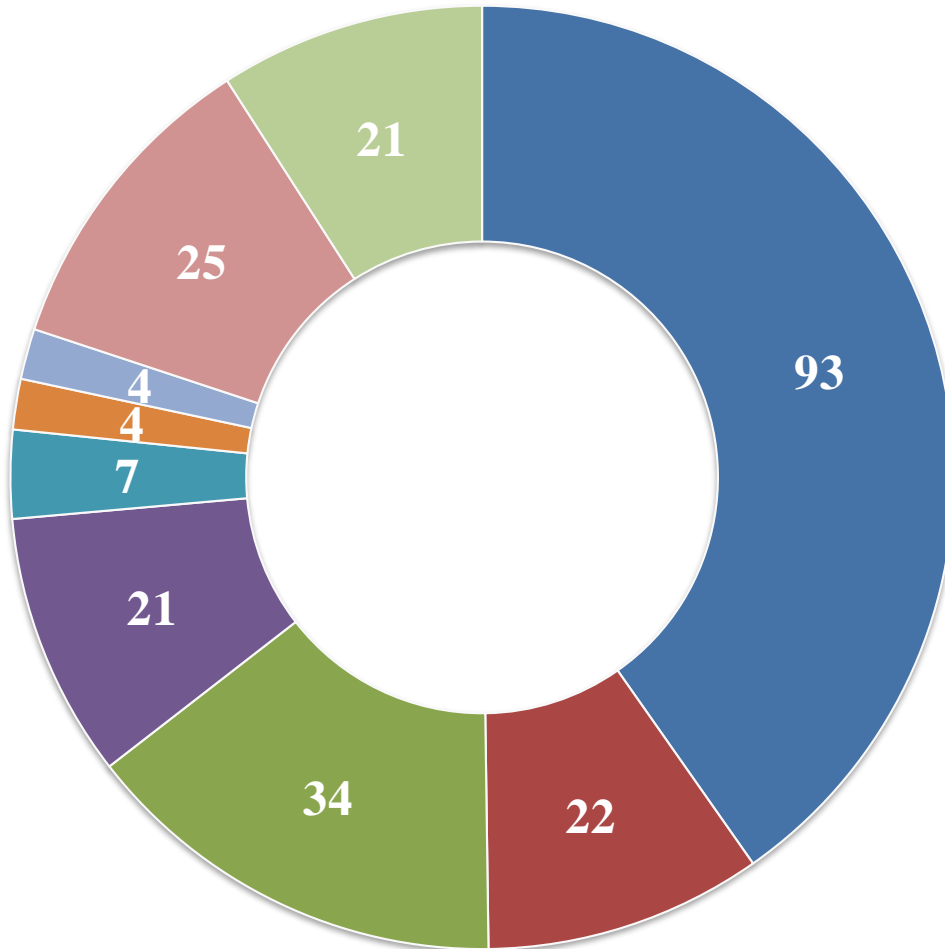
Numbers of reported crimes against the victim

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Type of crimes

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- Molestation/harrassment/threats
- Stalking
- Violation of restrain order
- Abuse and aggravated assault
- Rape and sexual offenses
- Kidnapping
- Attempted murder
- Damage, breach of domiciliary peace, defamation, threat to a public servant etc
- Other

Thank you for your attention



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