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## Annex

- Beneficiaries' data
- Success Story

### Acronyms and Abbreviations

ASRHR	Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Right
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
AWP	Annual work plan
CSOs	Civil Societies Organizations
FBO	Faith Based Organization
FOMWAN	Federation Of Muslim Women's Association in Nigeria
FIDA	Federacion Internacional De Abogadas
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IDAC	International Day of the Girl Child
IWD	International Women Day
KRA	Key Reporting Area
LGA	Local Government Area
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MDAs	Ministries Department and Agencies
OA	Older Adolescents
PEP	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
PHC	Primary Health Care
PIP	Project implementation plan
SHARP	Strategic HIV and AIDs Response Program
SMACI	Save Mothers and Children Initiative
SAC	Sexual Assault Center
SMOH	State Ministry of Health
SGBV	Sexual Gender Based Violence
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VYA	Very young Adolescents
WBS	Work Breakdown Schedule

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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SHARP TO 01 is a two-year project funded by USAID and implemented by Chemonics International in partnership with Indigenous Organization Save Mothers and Children Initiative SMACI. The goal of the project is to reduce the rate of new HIV infection amongst General Population and improving linkage between community-based HIV and GBV prevention interventions and clinical post-GBV care services. Including Adhere to ART in 9 LGAs of Zamfara state to identify and support proven interventions through improvement of service delivery and strengthening health systems with an expanded effort with the Government of Nigeria (GON) in Kebbi, Kwara, Niger, Sokoto, and Zamfara States.

SHARP TO 01 Project is focus on increasing awareness and knowledge about Gender-Based Violence, GBV, promoting healthy behaviors including risk avoidance, HIV counseling, and testing services and improving referrals and linkages to care and treatment services as well as Provision of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis services thus contributing to the projects objective of providing high quality and effective high-impact, evidence-based GBV interventions to meet Nigeria's state/LGA-specific goals.

In view of the above objective the Save Mothers and Children SMACI implements it activities on SGBV with respect the agreed Target and milestone to reach **183 GEND\_GB V Sexual Violence. Allotted target** for the period of seven month (May 2021 to November 2021)

And during the lifespan of the project SMACI reached **230 GEND\_GB V Sexual Violence**, through the following milestones activities/indicators

- Identification and provision of targeted GBV services/counseling of 183 individuals affected by GBV
- Facilitate 90% linkage and referrals between organizations providing GBV
- Conducted Four (4) Awareness raising campaign in the Communities.
- Conducted Six (6) Forum for women affected with GBV
- Conducted Four (4) Health Education and skills development sessions for women affected by GBV

In other to achieved above milestones indicators SMACI conducted the following Key activities in project implementation: Advocacy visits, to relevant stakeholder, Recruitment and training of

6 Outreach officer, 12 health educators, 24 Change agent/focal person, Daily Outreach, Weekly safe space sessions for SGBV survivors and their family, Community awareness/session on SGBV, Forum for individual affected men and women, monthly coordination Meetings with organizations providing GBV services Including security agencies in the state , coaching and mentoring of health workers providing services to victims and outreach supervisions, feedback meeting with survivors and their family. However, the project implementation comes with many challenges due to insecurity in Zamfara state. The above mention activities were conducted for the progress of the project throughout the implementation period.

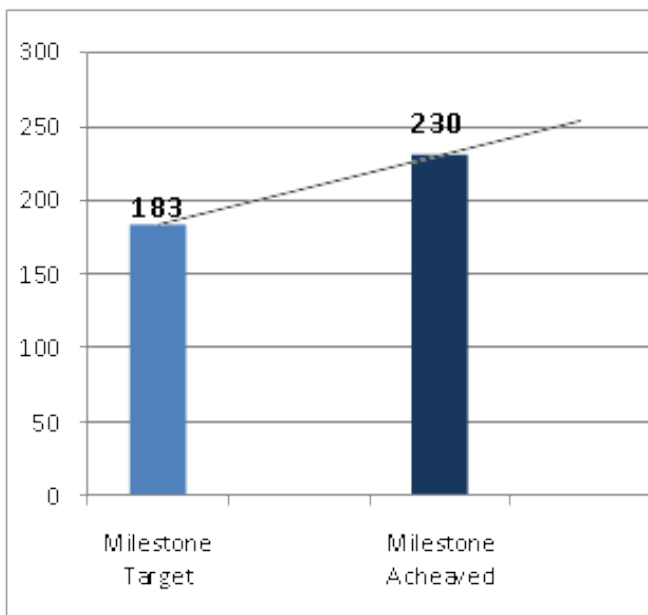
Despite the security challenges in some of the project communities the project has recorded a tremendous success with regards to number of SGBV cases recorded and number of survivors enrolled for health education and skill development. Cumulatively, from the project inception May, 2021 to end Date November, 2021. SMACI Supported 230 SGBV Survivor with different service in Zamfara and follow up with the 154 Survivors for advices on health condition, emotional support, Building the relationships of 12 families resolving their issues, Referred 4 survivors to the hospitals for Mental Health and psychological support and supported 45 survivors with Non Food Items cloths, soaps under wears, Vaseline and slippers in the implementation of the project.

## **2.0 NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOME ACHIEVEMENTS**

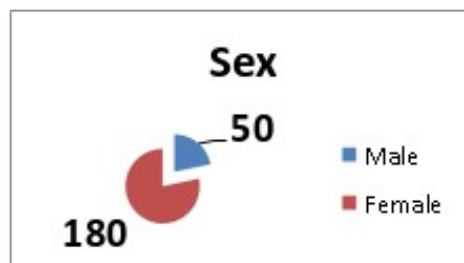
### **2.1 KRA 1Indicator/Milestone 1: Identification and provision of targeted SGBV services/counseling of 183 individuals affected by SGBV (183 GEND\_SGBV (Sexual Violence))**

In the Life of award this KRA Indicator is to Identify and provide GBV services/counseling to 183 individuals affected by GBV (Sexual Violence) and this target is been achieved with 230 SGBV Survivor and even surpassed the target with 19% this is due to the increase of insecurity issues in the state as 48% of the rape case is happen as a result of banditry activities in the state.

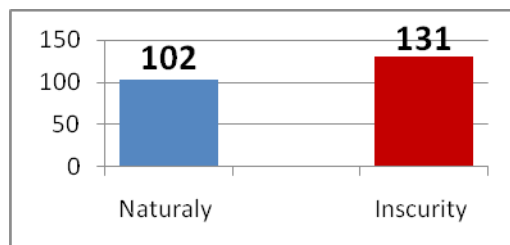
**Milestone Data**



**Target achieved by Sex**



**Data by courses**



To achieve this Milestone Indicator (KAR I) SMACI conducted the following activities: Advocacy visits, to relevant stakeholder, Recruitment and training of 6 Outreach officer, 12 health educators, 24 Change agent/focal person, Daily Outreach for SGBV Monitoring Identification and referrals. Through those the following result were accomplished:

- Engaged and trained 6 Outreach officers and 24 Change agent across the LGAs for Identification and referrals
- Identified 230 SGBV cases and all of them received accurate information about available services with up-to-date and accurate information about any services and support parson.

- SMACI has achieved its target or even surpassed its target
- Follow up with 154 Survivors for advices on Health condition, relationship, Family Issues  
School drop-out due to stigma

In addition the Outreach officers and Community Change Agent on daily basis conduct their work by identifying individuals affected with SGBV provide them and their Family with accurate information about available services with up-to-date and accurate information about any services and support parson. Cumulatively from the project inception to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 a total of 230 individual affected by SGBV were identified and referred to the Chemonics Targeted Hospital for clinical service and some of them were link to other services as well such as Legal and psychosocial support services, advice and counseling especially those that cannot or are unlikely to afford clinical, social, psychosocial and psychological services due to financial or insecurity issues. The outreach officers supported all the identified survivors and make sure they received all the services needed.

**2.2 KRA 2: Indicator/Milestone 2: Facilitate 90% linkage and referrals between organizations providing SGBV services for proper linkage of 165 (90%) affected SGBV individuals in facilities for clinical services**

In the Life of award this KRA 2 Indicator: is to Facilitate 90% linkage and referrals between organizations providing SGBV services for proper linkage of affected SGBV individuals in facilities for clinical services and this target is been achieved with 230 S SGBV Survivor and even surpassed the target with 29%.

To achieve this Milestone Indicator (KAR 2) SMACI conducted the following activities:, Daily Outreach for Identification and referrals, Escorting Survivors to the Facility and Other SGBV service unit Monthly coordination Meetings with organizations providing GBV services Including security agencies in the state, Coaching and mentoring of health workers providing services to victims and outreach supervisions, feedback meeting with survivors and their family

For effective Service mapping and referrals MoU were signed SMACI and a total of 16 Organization and Agencies providing SGBV service and support were engaged Namely Director Voluntary Aids Initiatives (VAI),D,O Nigerian Security and Civil Defense corps, FIDA, FOMWAN, Human Right Defenders, National Human right Commission, Chairman Sexual

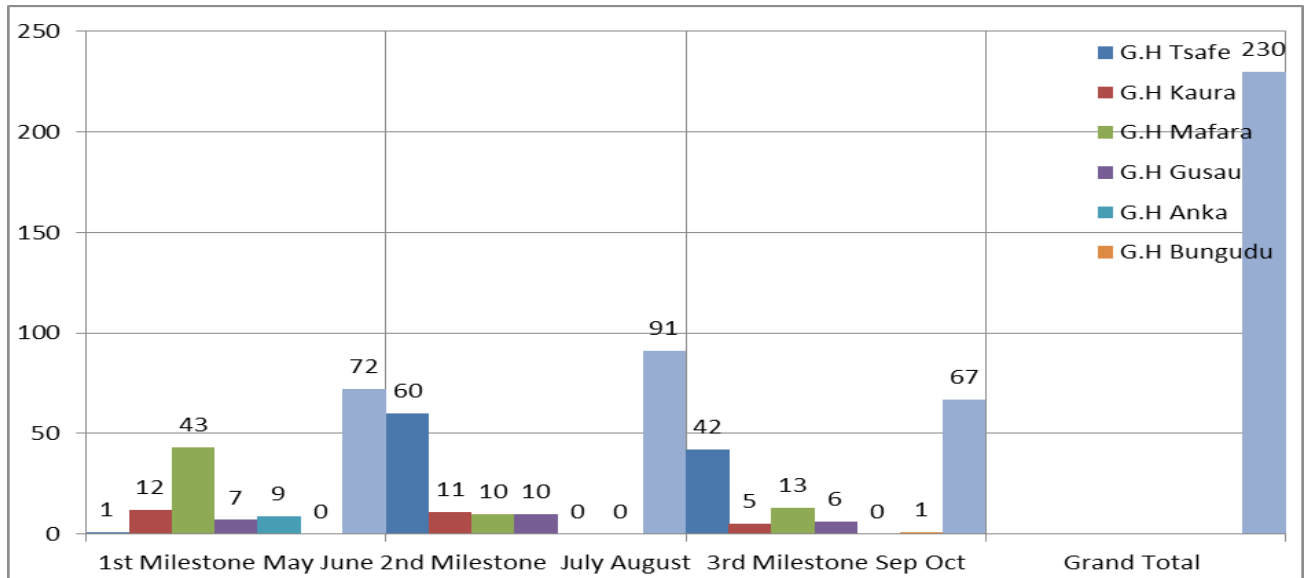
Assaults Centre (SAC), Ministry of Woman and Children Affaires, Media Team, D.O Tudun Wada Police station, representation from Ministry of justice (Legal), Ministry of Humanitarian Office of the First Lady, ZAMSACA and Chemonics to Create Referrals Pathway and strengthen the referral system and mechanisms between the Organization and Agencies providing SGBV service and support. Through those the following result were accomplished:

- All the 230 survivors received medical support including counseling
- To date 6 perpetrators are convicted and 8 are at the state CID office for legal action
- SMACI has achieve its target on Linkages or even surpassed its target
- Follow up with 154 Survivors for advices on Health condition, relationship, Family Issues
- Referred 4 survivor to the hospitals for Mental Health and psychological support
- Engage 16 Organization and Agencies providing SGBV service and support

Identification and referrals base on Milestone Date and Health Facilities

Health Facilities	G.H Tsafe	G.H Kaura	G.H Mafara	G.H Gusau	G.H Anka	G.H Bungudu	Milestone Total
1st Milestone	1	12	43	7	9	0	72
2nd Milestone	60	11	10	10	0	0	91
3rd Milestone	42	5	13	6	0	1	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>230</b>





Tsafe has the highest survivors due to frequent attacks by bandit which involve kidnapping and rape across the community in the LGA. The above referrals were accompanied to the facilities by SMACI communities' outreach officer and supported by program staffs. At this reporting period, survivors were linked to organizations providing related services i.e. facilities for clinical services, sexual assault center (SAC), ministry for women affairs (UNAEP Centre) and human right organizations supported and help the survivors overcome trauma and social stigma, psychological support and the survivors will tend to understand the legal option and necessary steps to pursue justice. SMACI follow up with 154 Survivors for advices on Health condition, relationship, Family Issues School drop-out due to stigma, Also a total of 230 survivors were link to different GBV survivor services and supported such as legal, psychological, empowerment and provided sufficient guidance, support supervision, mentoring and coaching to Outreach Officers, Change agent and community caregiver support groups. Educational classes are conducted for the survivors and their parent on SGBV, effective communication and referral pathways.

### 2.3 KRA 3 Indicator/Milestone 3: Four (4) Awareness raising campaign in the Communities

In the Life of award this KRA 3 Indicator: is to conduct Four (4) Awareness raising campaign in the Communities and this target is been achieved by conducting 6 Awareness raising campaign in 6 communities of 3 LGA with 300 people

To achieve this Milestone Indicator (KAR 3) SMACI conducted the following activities: Advocacy visit to the Targeted community, networking and identifying selection of strategic location and Targeted audience

SMACI targeted 5 LGAs for campaign/session which are heavily affected by SGBV and other types of violence based on outcome of our monthly coordination meeting 6 sound and effective community campaign. Awareness and sessions also conducted for Men and women Group in all the most affected LGAs in the state to create awareness on SGBV, its Types, causes and consequence of Sexually Transmitted Infections, including HIV, Unwanted pregnancy etc.

During the activities all the participants understand that GBV is a serious issue that is disturbing the life of all women in the rural area and it has negative impacts on the life of survivors. SGBV survivors now realize that been a victim of SGBV is not the end of life. Immediate sexual, Care physical and psychological health contributes to greater risk of future health problems. Mobilization, sensitization awareness rising to parent, survivors, as well as community members on the side effect of sexual gender base violence: Through those activities the following result were accomplished.

- Sensitization of 722 Men and Women to know their children right in terms of SGBV
- Sensitizes/ Identify 14 in charges at Tsafe LGA for accompanying of survivors to nearest facility
- Effective monthly coordination/ awareness meeting with stakeholders
- Supporting survivors for clinical services

#### **2.4 KRA 4 Indicator/Milestone 4: (6) Forum for women affected with GBV**

In the Life of award this Indicator KRA 4: is to Established 6 Forum for women affected by SGBV and this target is been achieved by conducting (6) Forum for women affected with GBV To achieve this Milestone Indicator (KAR 4) SMACI conducted the following activities: Advocacy visit to the Targeted community, networking and identifying selection of strategic location Enrolment of GBV survivors by peers in to group and Formations of 6 forums for GBV survivor and their Families so also a group for Men and Women is formed which consist the survivors families with an aim of advocating shift on policies, support, services and justices and agreed on action point such as advocacy to traditional leader political leaders and some

government official through those activities the following result were accomplished. Through those activities the following result were accomplished.

- Enrolment of 89 SGBV survivors by peers in to a group.
- Formations of 6 forums for GBV survivor and their Families
- Empowering GBV survivor and their Families to advocate shift on policies, support, services and justices
- Linking 154 SGBV survivor to Safe space of Min for women affairs and SAC center
- Creating 1 additional forum for the Men on protecting and supporting SGBV Survivor
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## **2.5 KRA 5 Indicator/Milestone 5: Four (4) Health Education and skills development sessions for women affected by SGBV**

In the Life of award this Indicator KRA 5: is to: conduct Four (4) Health Education and skills development sessions for women affected by SGBV and this target is being achieved by conducting 8 Health education session and 4 Skill development session in 8 communities of 5 LGA reaching 192 through the following strategies.

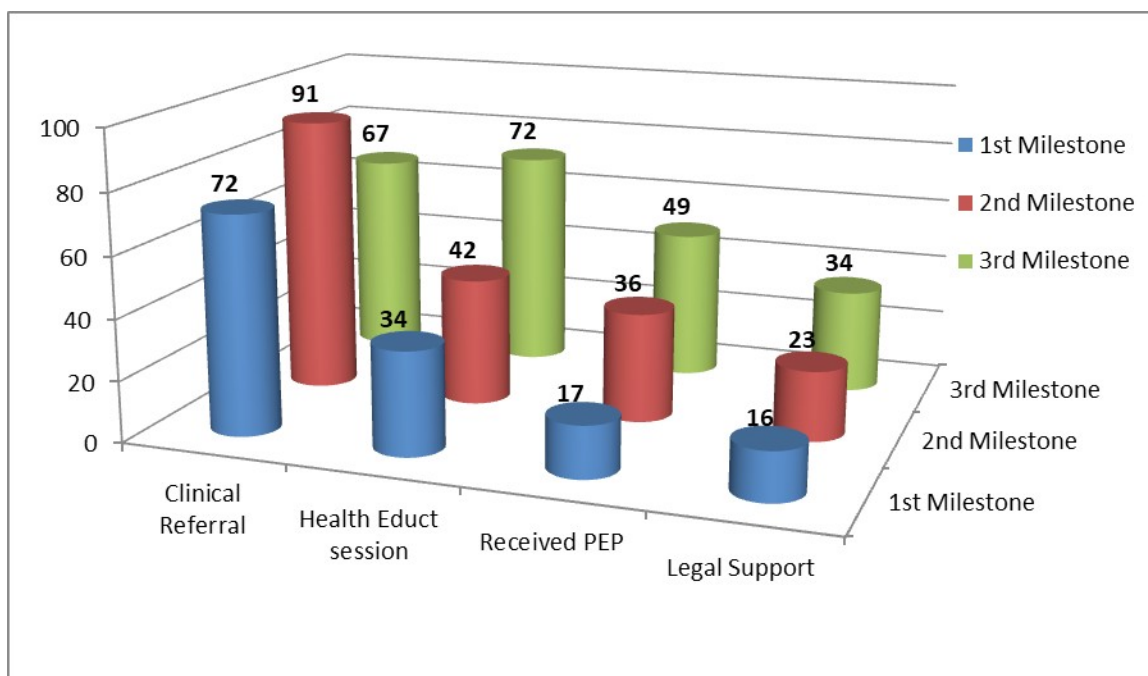
1) **Identifying and Enrolment of GBV survivors by peer.** 2) Follow up with the Survivors for health education and making referrals. 3) Skill Development session to the Survivors. 4) Linking the Survivors to GBV related Service and support in LGAs visited during the project implementation.

To deliver the above mentioned Key Result areas, SMACI give all GBV case management a structured method for providing help to a survivor whereby the survivor is informed of all the options available to them and the issues and problems facing a survivor are identified and followed up in a coordinated way, and emotional support is provided to the survivor throughout the process. The necessary Information to the Survivor during the Identification and referrals of survivors and also Facilitated the referrals and Linking Survivors to the Hospitals for Clinical services including Health education also Provide. Encourage the individual to share this information safely and confidentially with the survivor so that they may disclose as willing. And

after the clinical service SMACI conduct sessions on life skills to the 192 survivors in the project implementation. Through those activities the following result were accomplished.

- Successfully Follow up and refer 192 SGVB survivor for Health Education at SAC center, General Hospital Tsafe Kaura and King Fahad SAC center Gusau
- Successfully conducted 4 session on skill development to the Survivor and their Family reaching 154 people in Gusau Tsafe and Kaura Namoda LGA
- 31 Survivors are being Link to Ministry for women affairs UNAEP center and Sexual Assault Centre (SAC) Human Right for supported and Helping them overcome trauma and social stigma, Psychosocial support and Help survivor/victim to understand the legal options & necessary steps to pursue justice.
- Follow up with the 150 Survivor for health education and making referrals on any other Issues
- Successfully deliver the following modules to the SSGBV Survivor:
  - a) Managing Complicit and SGBV
  - b) Shame or not shame
  - c) Barrier
  - d) You are Not Alone
  - e) Dow way to our dream and Saving goals

#### **Services Data by Milestone**



### 3.0 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES MALE AND FEMALE DIRECT AND INDIRECT

Beneficiaries							
Beneficiaries	Direct Beneficiaries			Indirect Beneficiaries			Grand Total
	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	
SGBV Survivors	36	194	230				230
Parents	78	44	122				122
Traditional and Religious Leaders	5	6	11	18	32	50	61
Clinical Staff	13	24	37	3	26	29	66
Community Members				362	360	722	722
Organization providing GBV Service				5	11	16	16
Community Change Agent	12	12	24				24
Peer educators	7	3	10				10
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>1251</b>

### 4.0 BENEFICIARIES QUOTES

## STAEHOLDER

- *“We have nothing to say then to thanks chemonics and SMACI with this project they brought to us because it helps us in tackling SGBV cases. Before the implementation of this project, we do received cases but there is no organization that is following up with the cases and that can even be provide support for the survivors”*

**Said by: ASP. Abdulmalik Ibrahim Gusau Civil Defence Phone 07034779877**

- *“In Zamfara state there is no single organization that can give you accurate SGBV data but now in a few months that chemonics and SMACI worked in the state we have accurate SGBV data”.*

**Said by: Abdullahi Abubakar Human right state coordinator Phone 07064315164**

## BENEFICIARIES

- *“Henceforth I will keep a close eye on my children’s and who they mingle with”.*

**Said By Yasmin Mother Kotorkoshi Bungudu LGA**

- *“After this incident (rape) has occurred to me I thought my life is over but with the Drug and Couseling I get from you (SMACI and CHEMONICS) I felt at ease and become normal with my husband”*

**Said By: Jummai salisu Dakolo community Tsafe LGA**

- *“In deed I’m grateful to chemonics for saving my life as I tested Negative after taking my Drugs”*

**Said by: Balkisu Zubairu Dakolo Community Tsafe LGA Phone 08131260754**

- *“After I regain freedom, it is like a hell for me but with the support of the sessions I attended under SMACI/ CHEMONICS I thanked God. my husband and my family understand and supporting me”*

**Said by: Basira hulochi Phone 08166945639**

- *“Now I have a rest of mind that my wife is negative due to the tests and medicine she received from the facility”.*

**Said by: Yahaya husband of Aisha**

## 5.0 INNOVATION

- Engagement and leasing with OICs (PHCs In-charges) for monitoring and referrals of Survivor in their respective community \
- Creation of State SGBV Network which include FBO, CSOs, MDAs and security agencies

- Engaging and Leasing with NURTW as a channel of communication through Letter between Community Change Agent and Outreach Offices for any SGBV cases disclosed in the community and there is no network to call or communicate for referrals and Linkages.

## **6.0 LESSON LEAN**

For The last six month working with Chemonics USAID funded project on Sexual Gender Based Violence on survivors Referrals and linkages to services and support SMACI have presented with lessons to build from GBV Monitoring and referrals, to the provision of adequate SGBV service which are limited and scarce for the 230 survivors identify no any Clinical, psychosocial psychological or Legal support available for them anywhere in the state We have to think together to use these lessons learnt to prepare for future public health, Social support and emergency response. Some of the Lesson learned from the project includes:

- Most of the survivor cannot afford to go to facility on their own as they cannot afford to pay for test and medications
- Lack of adequate information about the available services and support with up-to-date and accurate information about any services, place and support parson make the and there families to not disclose the GBV case
- Most of the SGBV case occurs in Zamfara state is as a result of Insecurity as out of the 230 case disclose 142 is associated with the Banditry activities.
- All the survivors that received PEP they feel safe and protected from STI. And even their families have such confidence on them
- Keeping the confidentiality of the Survivor will lead to disclose more SGBV cases

## **7.0 CHALLENGES**

- Lack of drugs (PEP and PREP) at Sexual Assault Centre (SAC) in King Fahad Hospitals
- Insecurity due to the insecurity our outreach officer find it difficult to refer victim from some area they only relay on the Community Change agent which are not technical as outreach officers but with the support of Community PHC In charges we are able to refer 9 victims raped by Bandits to Hospital for clinical support.
- Most of the survivors are not willing to have join session the prefer individually and with much privacy and confidentiality

- Some survivors does not agreed to be tested in Unguwar Fulani @ Tsafe and Ruwan Bore community
- Communication shut down in the state, Network disconnection for one month in the state and 2 month in the entire state which led to make our work difficult as there is no communication when the case a SGBV Case is disclose our Change agent cannot call or contact Out Reach officer but we mitigate this with intensifying our community visit and use of NURTW for exchange of communications
- Some survivors cannot be reach for follow up and session due to insecurity

## 8.0 SUSTAINABILITY

Project closure is a normal part of most projects, and are, by their nature, largely temporary undertakings. Even if the projects is operating for many years, sooner or later there is an expectation that the project will end or be transitioned or transferred to a Local partner that can sustain it over time. Same as the **Integrated Response for HIV/AIDS and GBV Prevention and control** project so with this SMACI is willing to sustain the following

- Monthly partners Coordination Meeting with Organizations providing SGBV services for referrals and Linkages, for sustainability
- Continue Supporting and Escorting Survivors to the Facility and Other SSGBV service unit, for sustainability in 2 LGA Kaura and Gusau
- Continue Follow up with the Survivor for health education and making referrals for sustainability
- Conducting Individual counseling to Survivors and Their Parents or Family for sustainability
- Celebrations of International Days ie, (16 Days of activism)