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DATA ANALYSIS - VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN CASES

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Fiji Police Locations



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Recommendations

1. The FPF consider collecting and publishing the following data:
 - number of violence against women cases involving referrals from or to support services that provide medical, counselling and legal services.
 - number of rape kits processed by the Forensic Pathology Unit of the FPF.
 - outcomes for violence against women cases tracking cases from the initial Police incident report to Police charges laid to Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) indictments.
2. The FPF to consider the following in relation to service delivery:
 - providing standard operating procedures to Police Officers so they provide clear and uniform information to women and girls reporting violence.
 - clear and uniform information to the public regarding Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVRO) application and processes.
 - providing disability inclusive service information.
3. Provide adequate resourcing to frontline officers to ensure efficient service of DVROs.
4. The FPF provide training to Police Officers on DVRO, including the requirements and process for making a DVRO application.
5. The FPF and other formal justice sector agencies consider trends in the reporting of domestic violence offences to the Police across Fiji and the number of DVROs as well as domestic violence Criminal cases brought to the courts. This is to be done with the view to improve the delivery of services that protect women and children from domestic violence.
6. The FPF consider publishing annual reports that contain sex disaggregated data and information.
7. The FPF consider providing the following for all staff:
 - Disability awareness training focussed on attitudes, myths and stereotypes. This training should highlight the cases in which the agency provides outstanding support services to women and girls with a disability.
 - Gender sensitivity training to ensure that all staff have an understanding of the key principles and how these underpin their work. The training should highlight cases in which the agency provides outstanding support services to women and girls victims/survivors of domestic violence.

- Violence Against Women training emphasising the 'No Drop Policy' and the inappropriate use of reconciliation when dealing with domestic violence complaints.
 - Training on DVROs, including the requirements and process for making a DVRO application.
8. The FPF consider reporting and publishing the number of staff who have undertaken this training.
 9. The FPF consider providing disability inclusive service information to the public.
 10. The FPF consider collaborating with Fiji Courts, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Ministry of Health to strengthen the procedures that apply to the collection and use of forensic evidence in violence against women and children cases.

The research report with the full list of recommendations can be accessed at the following link:
[Balancing the Scales: Improving Fijian Women's Access to Justice](#)

Fiji Police Force: Findings

Victims and Perpetrators



sexual offence cases (rape and attempted rape, indecent assault, child sexual abuse) reported to the Fiji Police, **women and girls are the victims/ survivors**

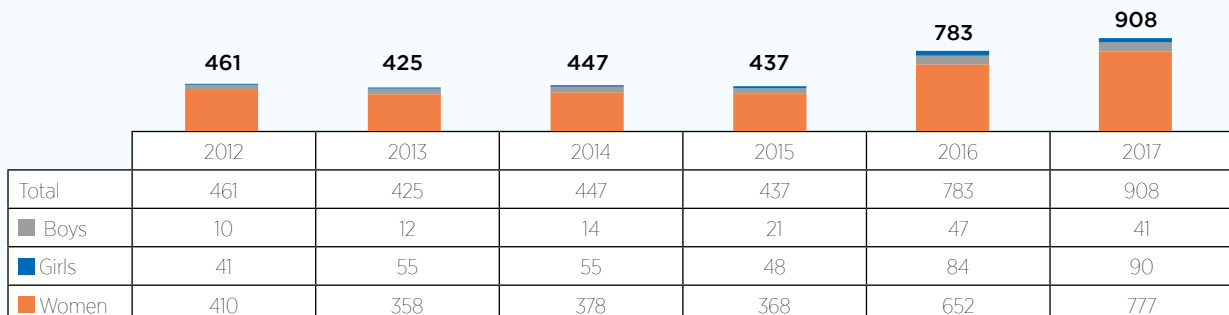
cases of Offences Against the Person and Offences Against Morality reported to the Fiji Police **men are the perpetrators**

Budget Allocation

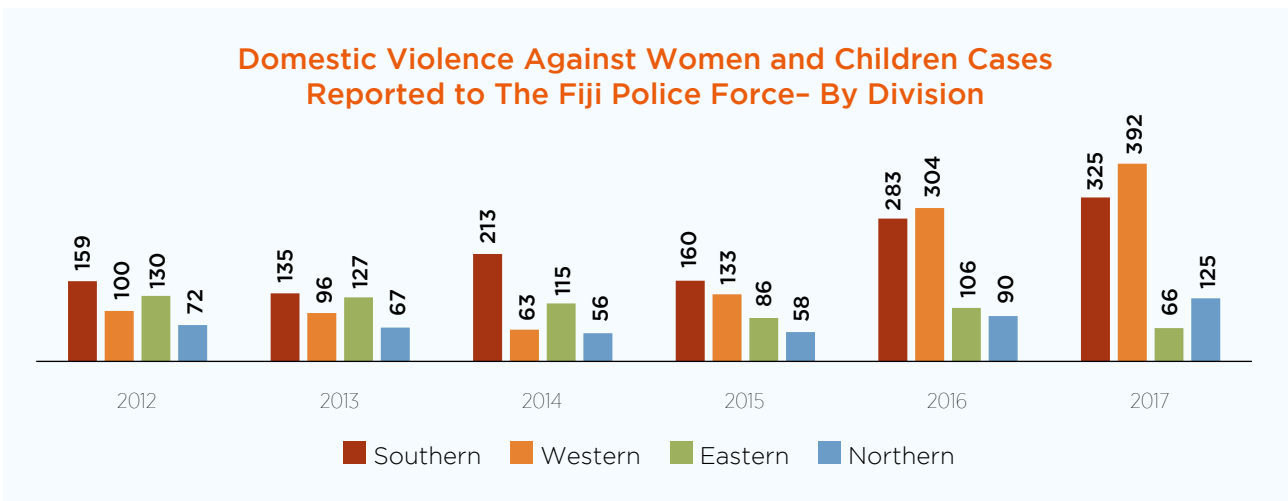
Estimate Year	Payroll (Seg 1 & 2)	Other Operations (Seg 3 to 7)	Capital (Seg 8 to 10)	VAT (Seg 13)	Total Budget (millions) FJD
2015 ¹	96.7119	14.0007	6.7000	3.0873	120.4999
2016 ²	99.9491	15.8911	8.2978	2.1673	126.3053
2016/2017 ³	103.1640	15.8999	10.3315	2.3503	131.7457
2017/2018 ⁴	118.6922	17.3401	10.2901	2.4765	148.7989

The budget allocation for the FPF has increased from \$120.4999m in 2015⁵ to \$148.7989m in the 2017/2018 budget⁶

Domestic Violence Against Women and Children (Under the Age Of 18) Reported to the Fiji Police Force

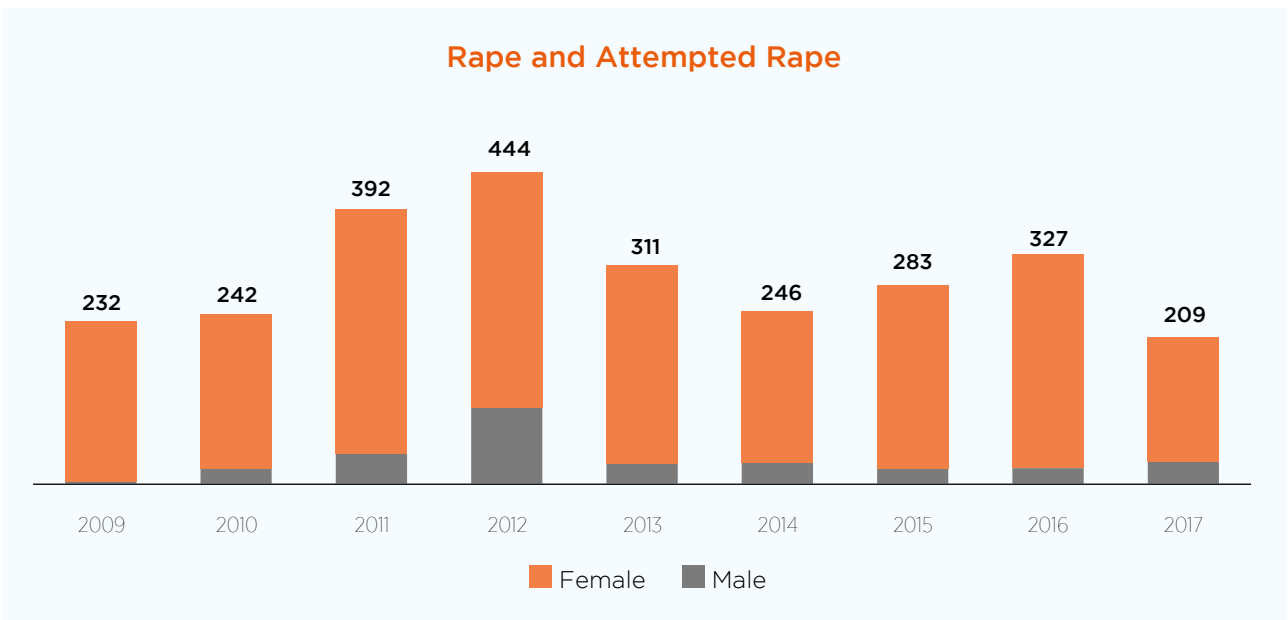


The number of domestic violence cases against women and children (under the age of 18) reported to the Fiji Police has doubled over the last six years from 461 cases reported in 2012 to 908 cases reported in 2017.⁷



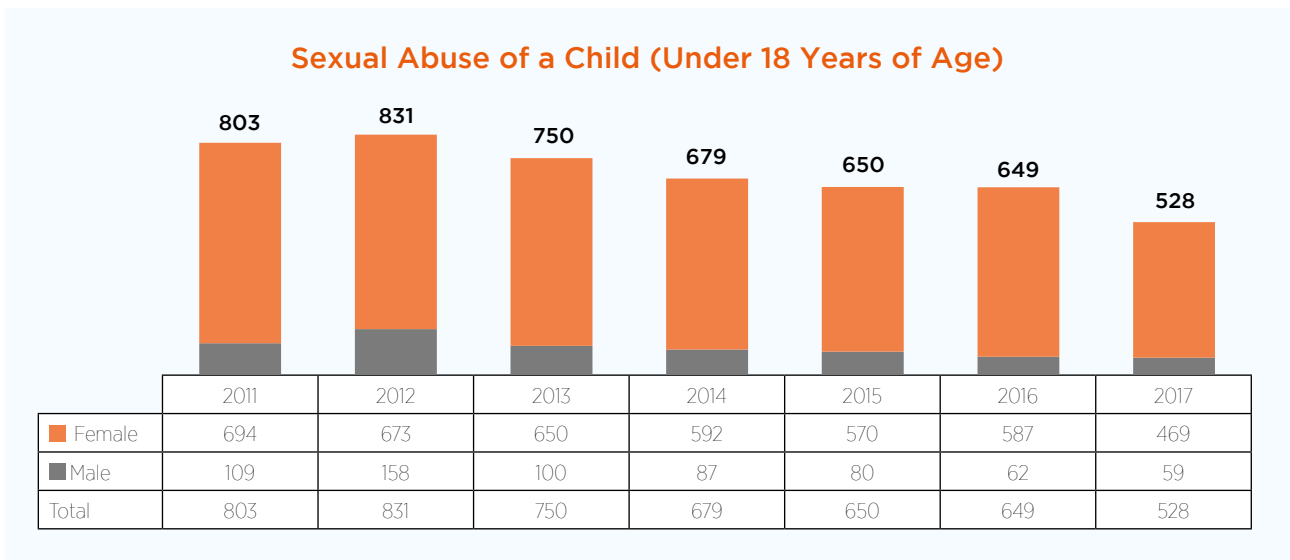
The highest number of domestic violence cases reported over the last three years are from the Western and Southern divisions of Fiji. Whereas the number of domestic violence cases reported in the Eastern Division has almost halved in the last five years.⁸

Sexual Offences



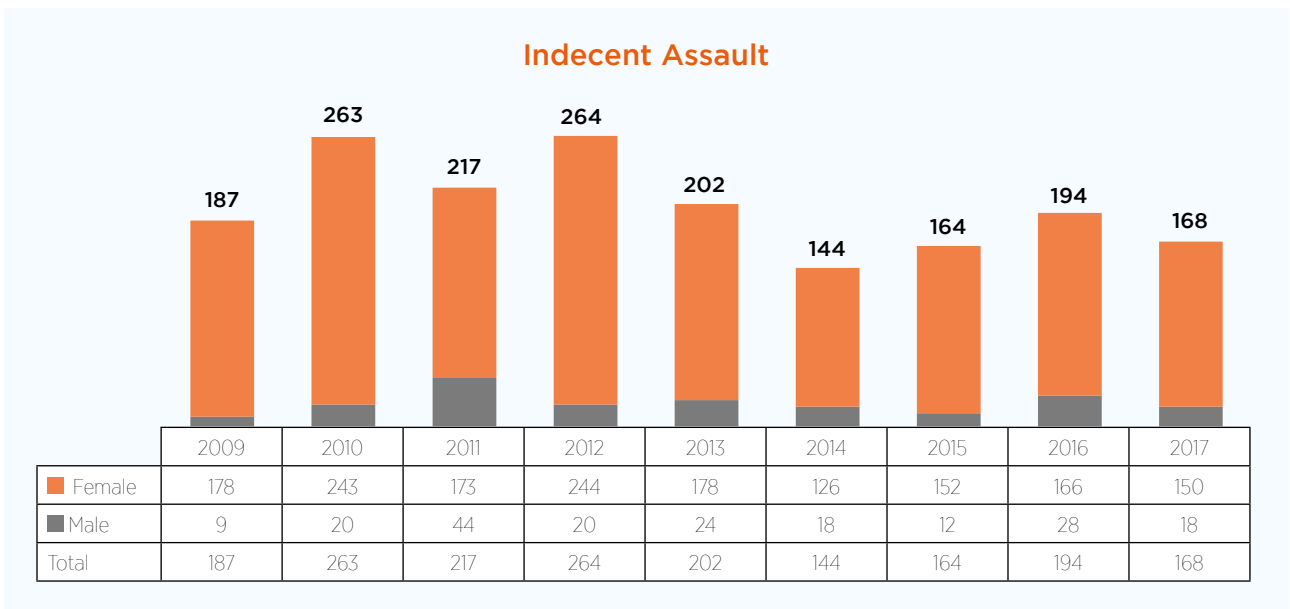
The number of rape and attempted rape cases reported to the FPF doubled from 232 in 2009 to 444 in 2012, before falling to 209 rape cases reported in 2017.⁹

Females make up 88% of victim/ survivors in rape and attempted rape cases reported to the FPF.¹¹



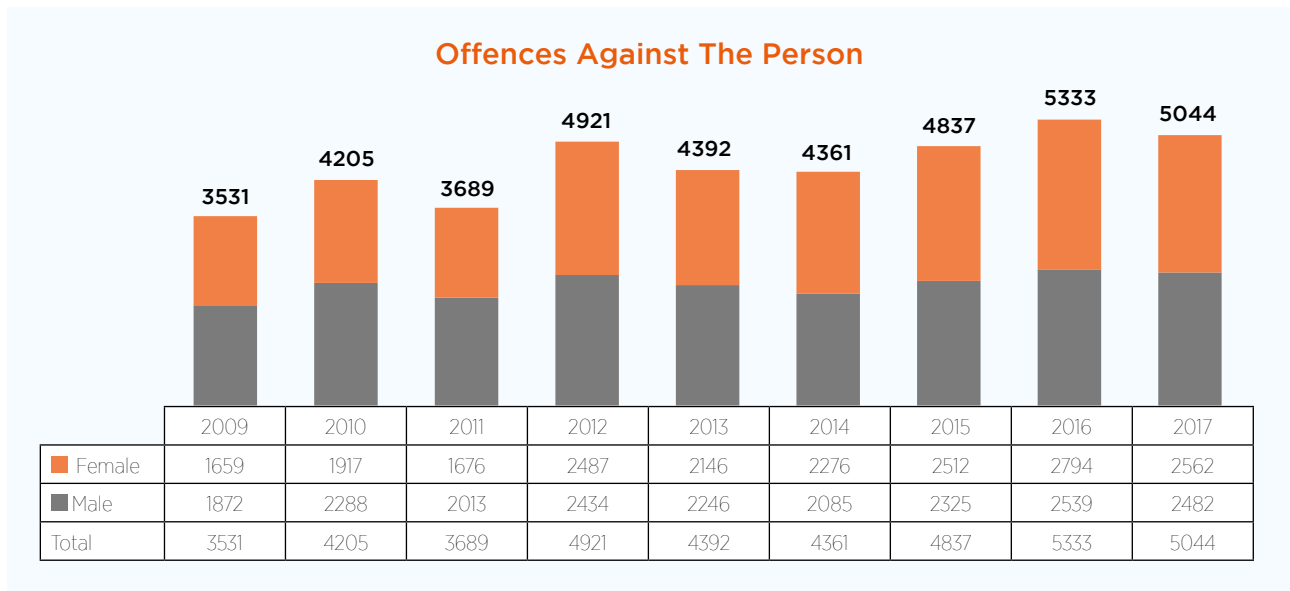
The number of child sexual abuse cases reported to the FPF has fallen from 803 cases in 2011 to 528 cases in 2017.¹¹

Girls make up 87% of victim/survivors in child sexual abuse cases reported to the FPF.¹²



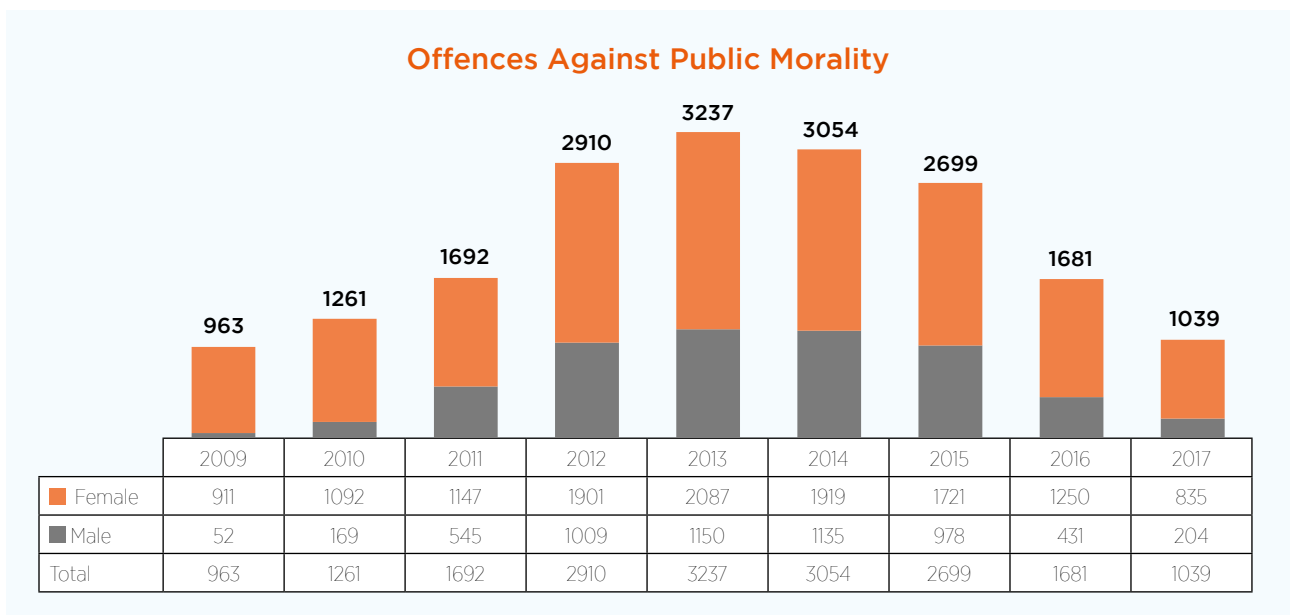
Overall, the number of indecent assault cases reported to the FPF has fallen from 187 cases in 2009 to 168 cases in 2017. However, there was an increase in cases reported to the Police during 2010-2012.¹³

Females make up 89% of victim/ survivors in indecent assault cases reported to the FPF.¹⁴



Overall, the number of cases regarding offences against the person reported to the FPF increased from 3,531 cases in 2009 to 5,044 cases in 2017.¹⁵

Females make up 44% of victim/survivors in offences against the person cases reported to the FPF.¹⁶



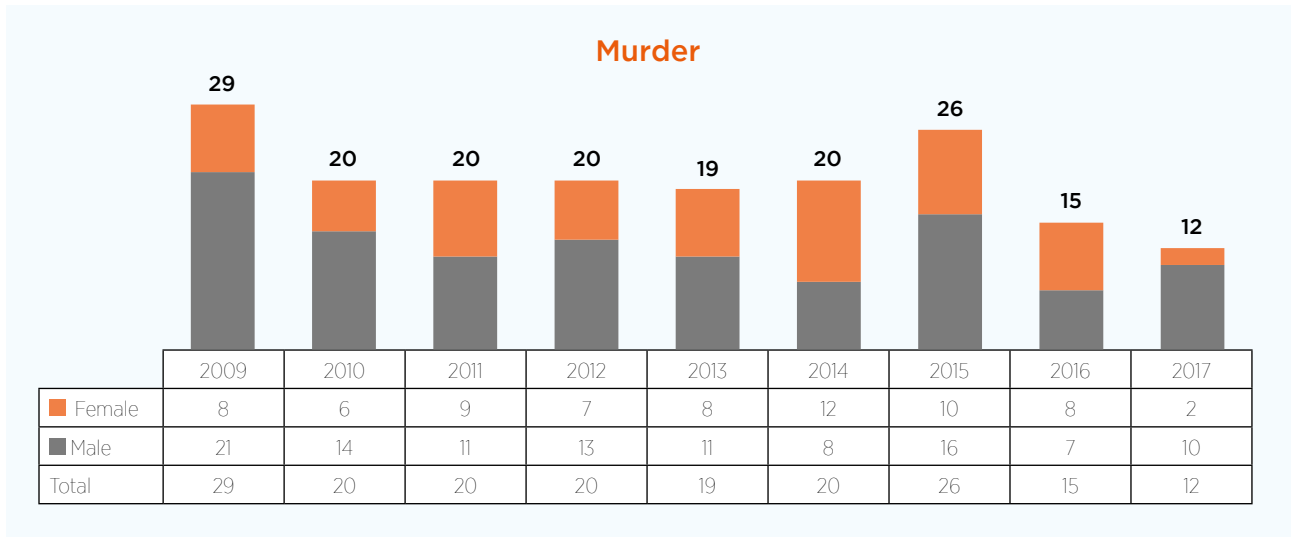
The number of cases regarding offences against public morality reported to the FPF increased from 963 cases in 2009 to 3,237 cases in 2013 and then decreased to 1,039 cases in 2017.¹⁷

In 2015, the Director of Public Prosecutions issued a directive¹⁸ in relation to the charge of indecently insulting or annoying a person, which directs that no charges are to be filed in the following instances:

- Words sent to a complainant via a text message;
- Words uttered, sounds or gestures made or objects exhibited in a fit of pique between parties; or
- Words uttered, sounds or gestures made, or objects exhibited between parties, which would be considered socially acceptable by persons involved on any other occasion.

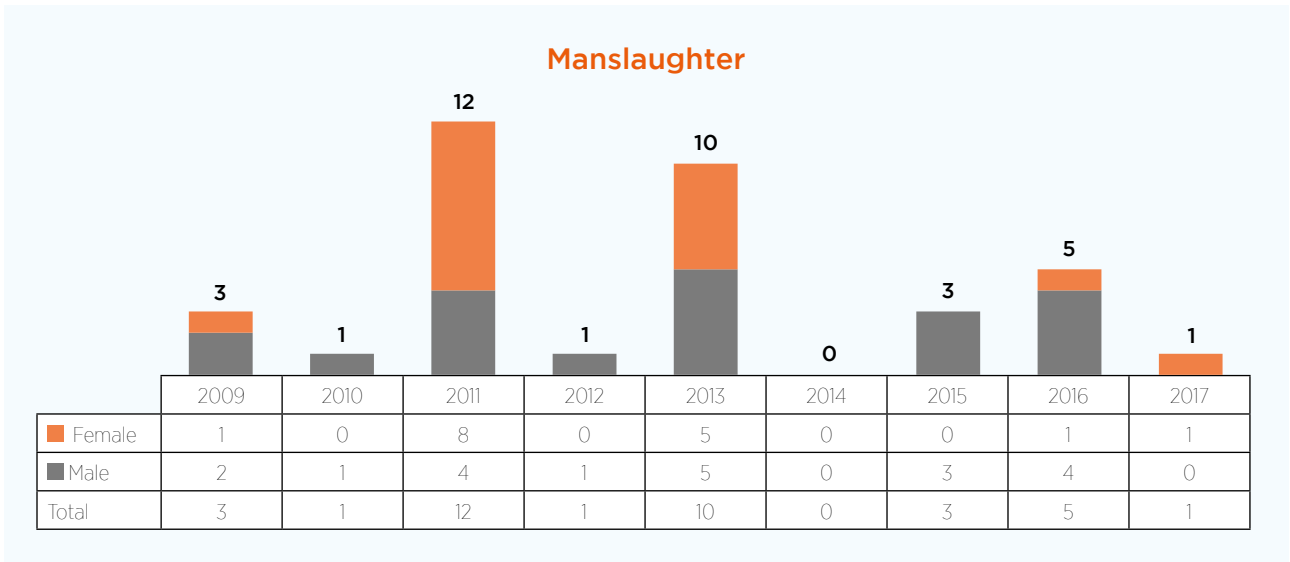
Due to this directive, the charges filed for indecently insulting or annoying a person has decreased by more than half in 2016.¹⁹

In 2017, 80% of victim/survivors in offences against morality cases reported to the FPF were female.²⁰



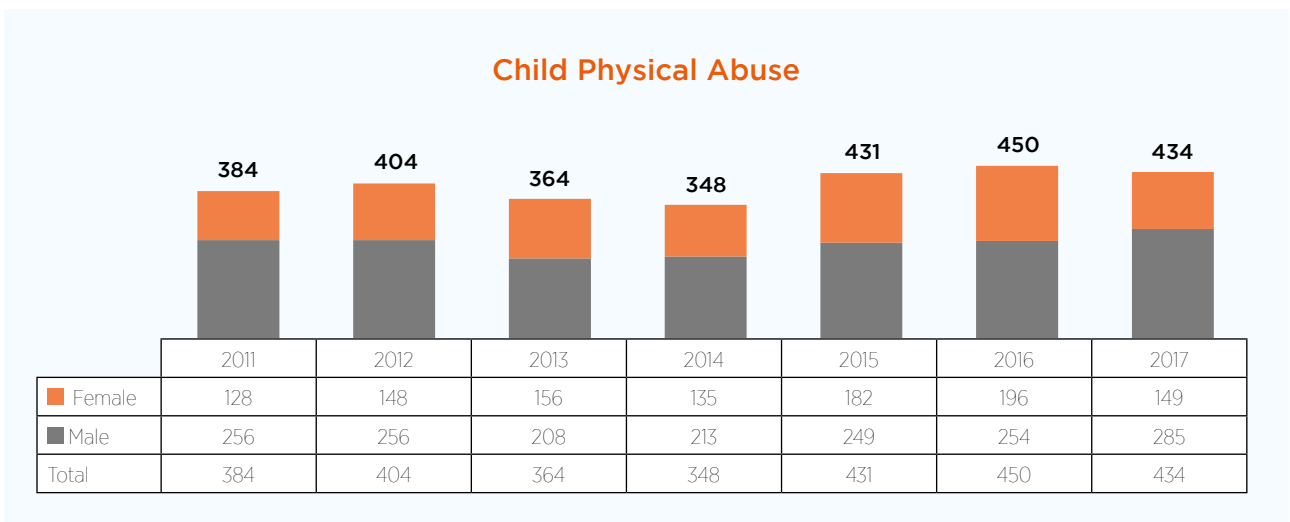
The number of murder cases reported to the FPF decreased from 29 cases in 2009 to 12 cases in 2017.²¹

Females make up 39% of victims in murder cases reported to the FPF.²²



The number of manslaughter cases reported to the Fiji Police has remained at a similar level from 2009 to 2017 with increases in 2011 and 2013.²³

Females make up 44% of victims in manslaughter cases reported to the FPF.²⁴



The number of child physical abuse cases reported to the FPF has increased from 384 cases in 2011 to 434 cases in 2017.²⁵

Girls make up 39% of victim/survivors in child physical abuse cases reported to the FPF.²⁶

Transparency - Sex Disaggregated Data and Annual Reports

1. The FPF collects and publishes sex-disaggregated data on the victim and alleged perpetrator of crimes reported.
2. The FPF has published one annual report from 2011-2017 that is publicly available.
3. The FPF does not present data on the number of violence against women cases involving referrals from or to support services providing medical, counselling or legal services.

End Notes

- 1 Source: Fiji Budget Estimates 2015
- 2 Source: Fiji Budget Estimates 2016
- 3 Source: Fiji Budget Estimates 2016/2017
- 4 Source: Supplement to the 2017-2018 Budget Estimates
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