

The Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children

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About AWAVA

- One of the six National Women's Alliances
- AWAVA's role is to ensure that women's voices and particularly marginalised women's voices are heard by Government, and to amplify the work of its member organisations and Friends and Supporters.
- 23 organisations in the Advisory group
- 365 individual and organisational members



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Survey on the development of the Fourth Action Plan (2018)

Survey background

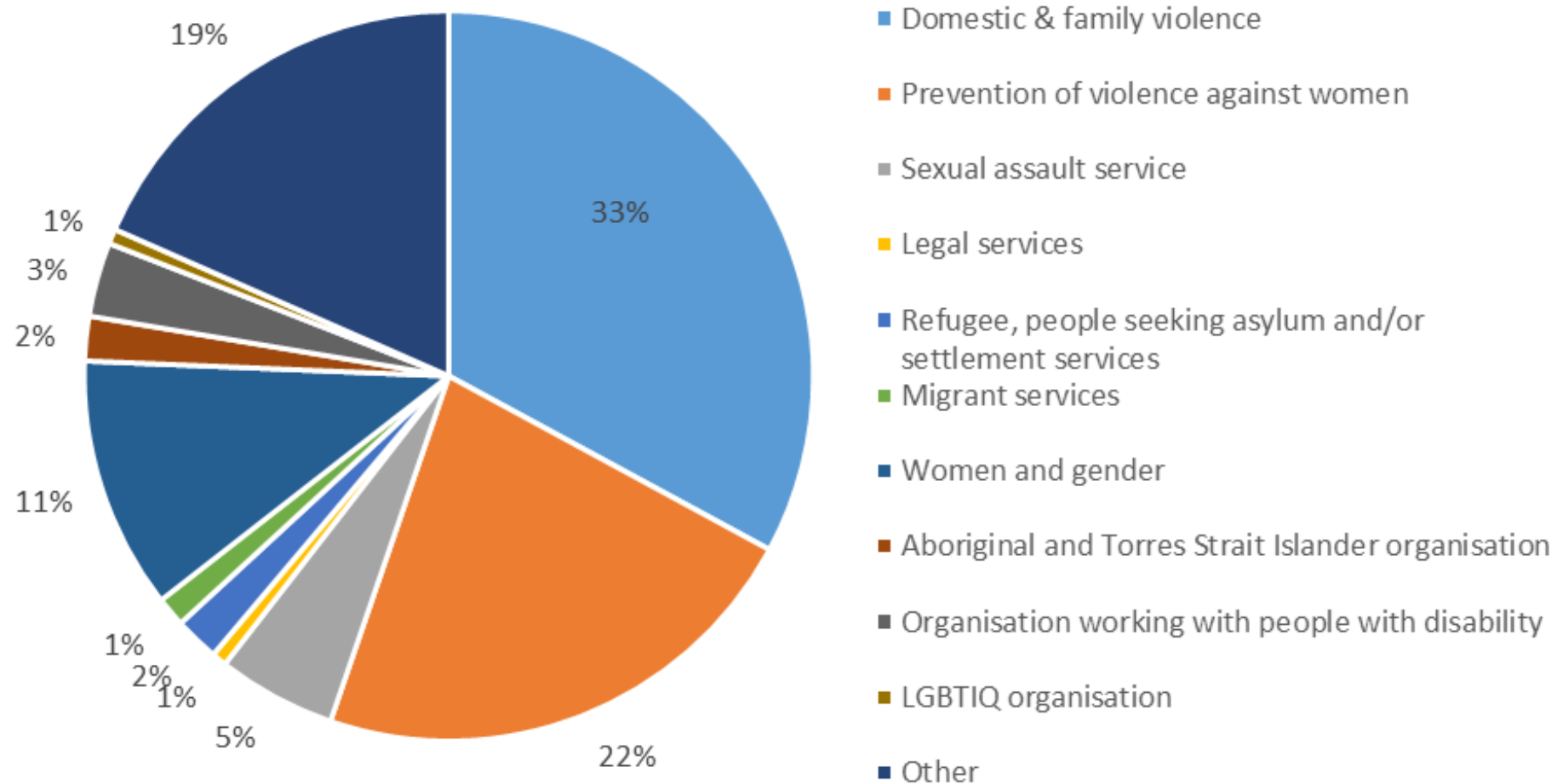
May to June 2018

243 people responded

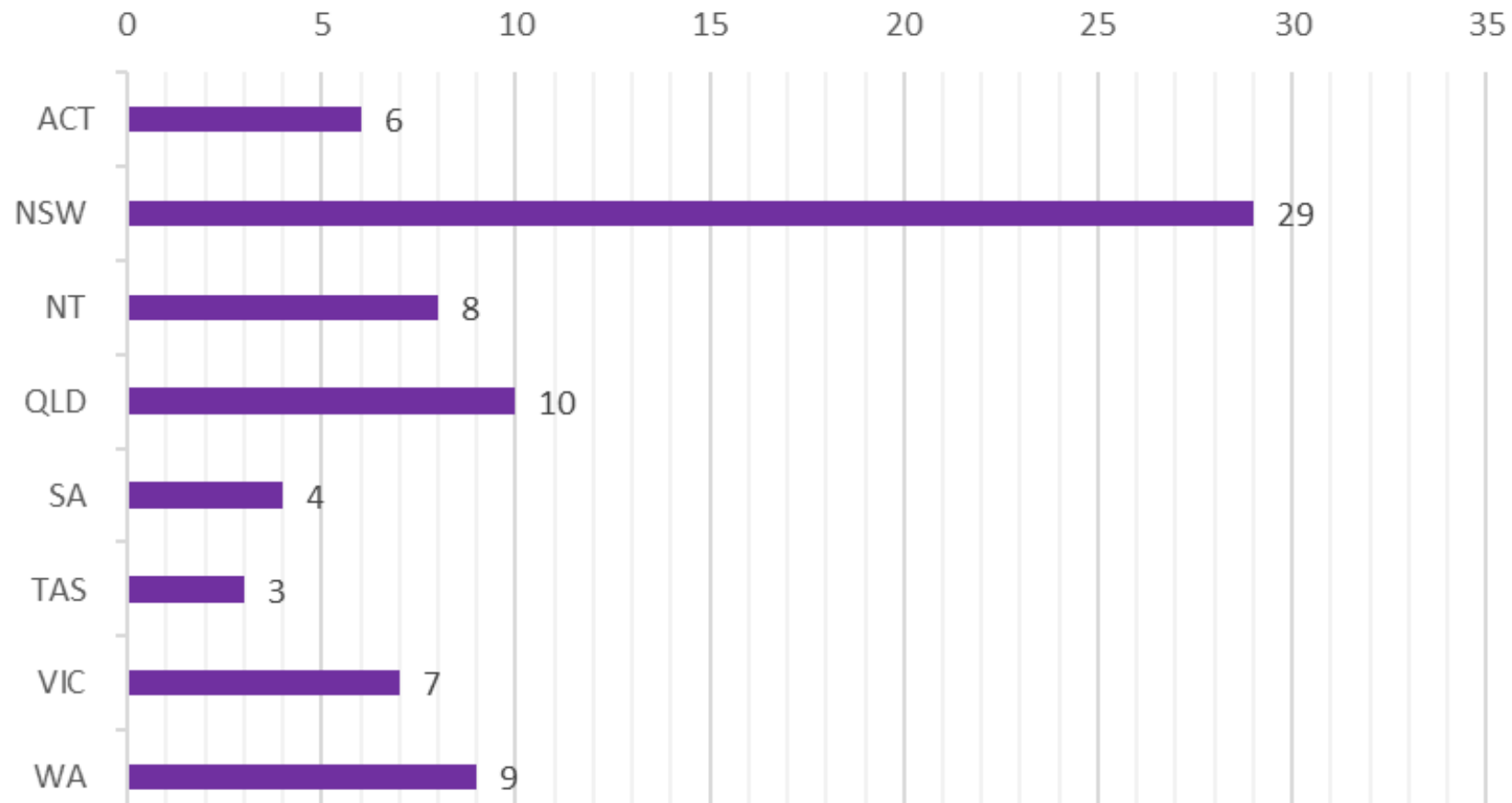
- **79 service providers** (48 full and 31 partial responses),
- **7 peak bodies** (4 full and 3 partial responses) and
- **157 individual** responses

Aim: to contribute to evaluations of the Third Action Plan (3AP) and consult on the development of the Fourth Action Plan (4AP).

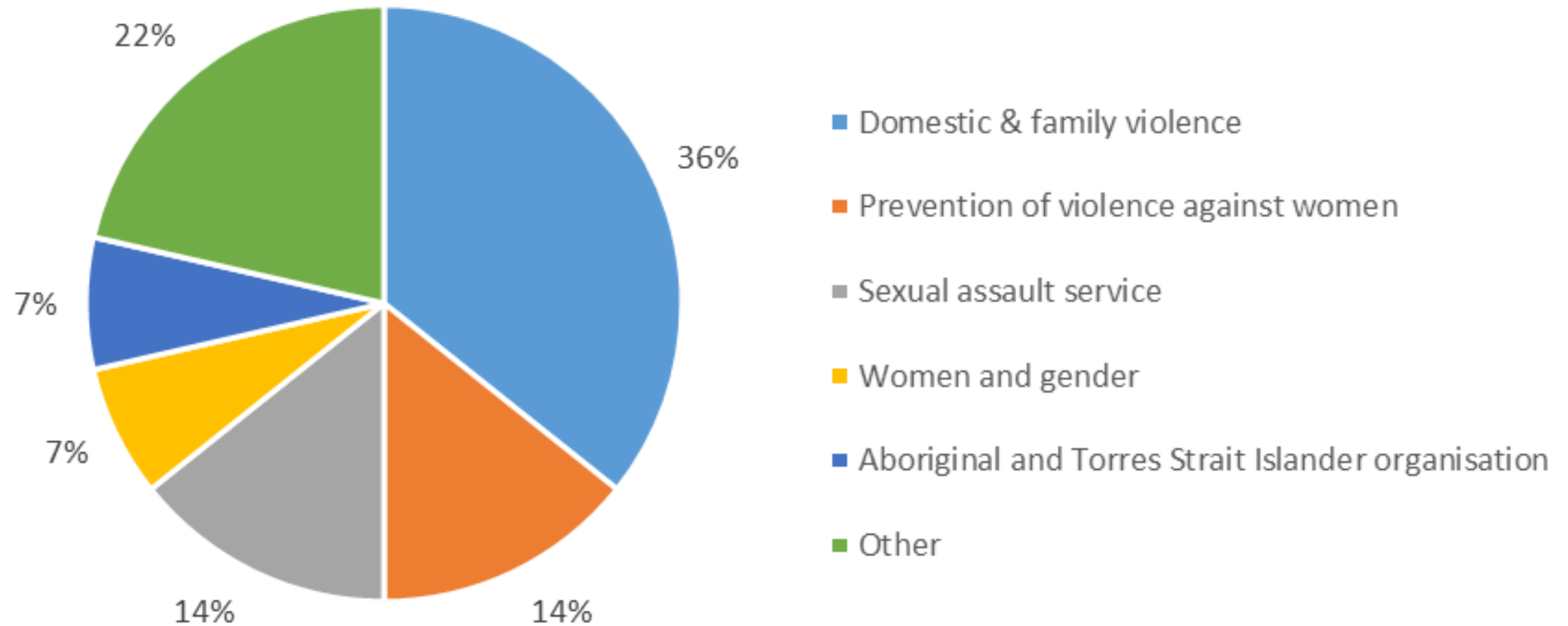
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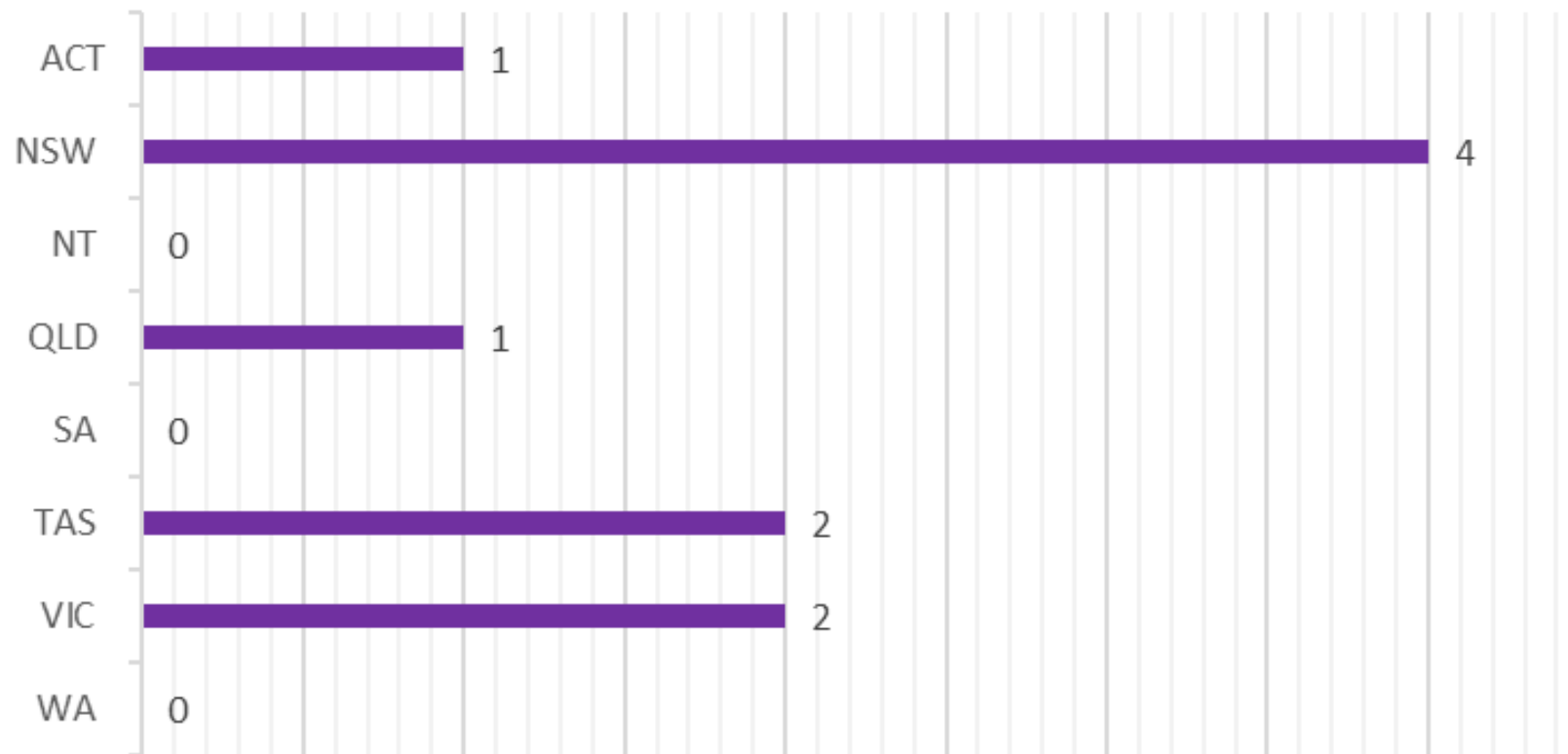
Service providers – geographical reach



Peak bodies - focus area

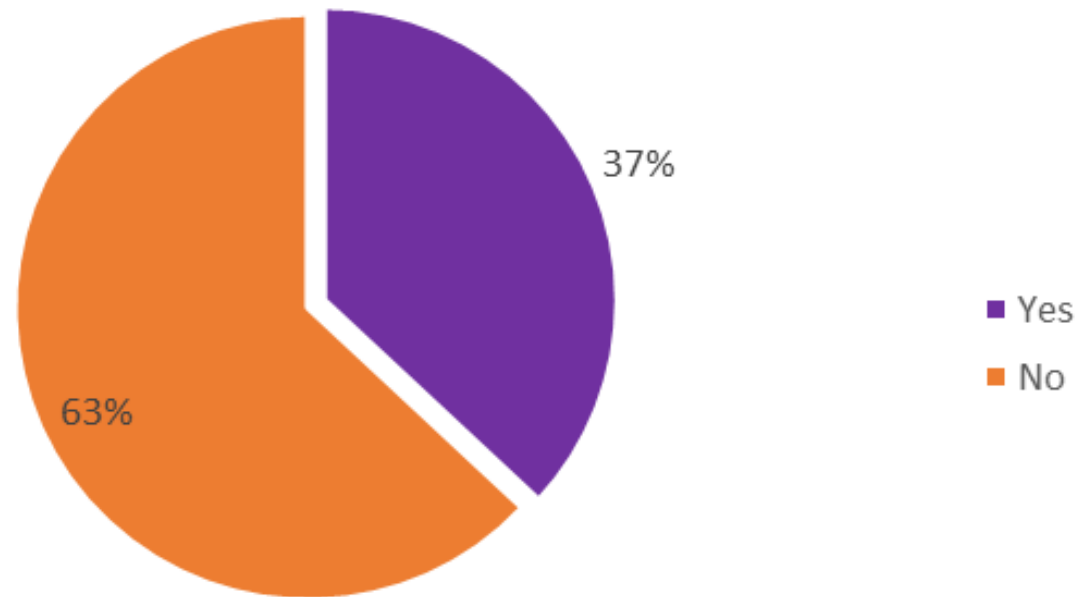


Peak bodies – geographical reach

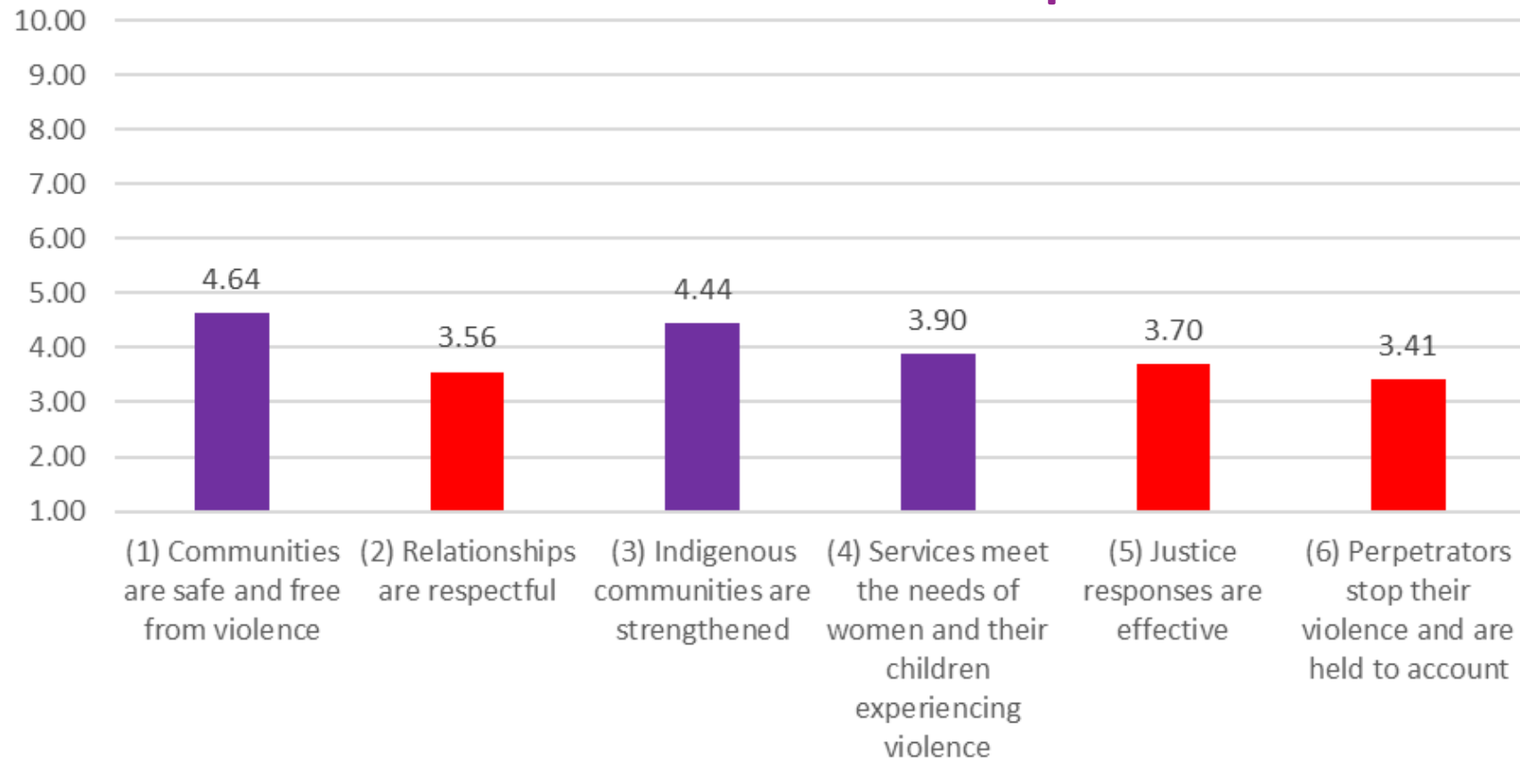


Individual respondents

As an individual, have you ever accessed services working in the areas of family and domestic violence or sexual assault?



Evaluation of the progress achieved under the National Plan up to date



Progress under the Third Action Plan

“There has been greater emphasis on primary prevention advertising campaigns which is fantastic - i.e. Stop It At The Start advertising campaign - but minimal/piecemeal approaches to practice on the ground.

Additionally, the primary prevention advertising campaigns only focus on heteronormative, Western-Anglicised understandings of gender, relationships and power & control. A diverse and intersectional lens is vitally needed.” [R185]

Gaps: towards the 4AP

"A greater focus/investment in perpetrator accountability: keeping men who use family violence accountable and visible across all justice and social service systems. This will genuinely alleviate violence against women, children and other men". [R185]

"Given that this is the final Action Plan, I would like to see an honest and measurable assessment of progress against the targets of the first three Action Plans, including dollars spent. This would then allow a really targeted and deliberative response to what needs to be done in the Fourth Action Plan to close the circle". [R102]

Gaps: towards the 4AP

“[we need] Family Law system that focuses on keeping women & children safe & perpetrators accountable”. [R235]

“It has left the workplace behind, it’s time to re-focus on DFV as an industrial issue, especially in light of the fair work commission modern award decision and government committing to the inclusion of DFV leave in the national employment standards.” [R257]

Summary of survey findings

- Some positive progress has been achieved
- Need to mainstream gender equality
- Primary prevention as the most visible action
- Increased awareness => increased service demand
- Need of adequate, sustainable and long-term funding
- Service gaps persist
- Systemic barriers exist
- Need for intersectional lens in approaches
- Violence against diverse groups of women goes unaddressed
- Some groups of women are invisible in VAW efforts
- Sexual violence requires visibility
- Different manifestations of VAW need to be addressed
- Need of robust monitoring and evaluation framework
- Lack of consistency and coordination between Cth and states and territories
- **Responding to VAW is an ongoing project that requires strong government leadership**



AWAVA's policy position on the Fourth Action Plan

APPROACHES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST DIVERSE GROUPS OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

ADDRESSING DIFFERENT TYPES OF VAW

STRENGTHENING SERVICES

STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS

IMPROVING COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE

SUFFICIENT AND LONG-TERM

FUNDING AND RESOURCING

- ✓ RECOGNISES GENDER INEQUALITY AND OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION AS THE MAIN DRIVER OF VAW
- ✓ RECOGNISES THE ROLE OF SPECIALIST WOMEN'S SERVICES
- ✓ RECOGNISES DIVERSITY
- ✓ INTERSECTIONAL
- ✓ CULTURALLY COMPETENT
- ✓ INCLUSIVE
- ✓ SUSTAINABLE
- ✓ ONGOING
- ✓ TRANSPARENT
- ✓ COLLABORATIVE
- ✓ ACCOUNTS FOR REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE LOCALITY
- ✓ CENTRES THE VOICES OF VICTIMS/SURVIVORS



APPROACHES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



- REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH PREVENTION ACTIVITIES



ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST DIVERSE GROUPS OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

- ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN
- WOMEN FROM CALD BACKGROUNDS
- WOMEN WITH DISABILITY
- LGBTIQ PEOPLE
- YOUNG AND OLDER WOMEN
- WOMEN LIVING IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
- WOMEN IN THE SEX INDUSTRY
- WOMEN IN PRISONS
- CHILDREN



ADDRESSING DIFFERENT TYPES OF VAW

- SEXUAL HARASSMENT
- SEXUAL VIOLENCE
- TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED ABUSE
- ELDER ABUSE
- FORCED MARRIAGE
- DOWRY ABUSE
- REPRODUCTIVE COERCION
- FGM
- FORCED STERILISATION OF WOMEN WITH DISABILITY
- UNNECESSARY MEDICAL PROCEDURES ON INTERSEX CHILDREN



STRENGTHENING SERVICES

- ADEQUATE CRISIS ACCOMMODATION
- MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM SAFETY, WELLBEING AND INDEPENDENCE OF WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN
- FUNDING TO SPECIALIST WOMEN'S SERVICES
- DEVELOPING SERVICES' CAPABILITY



STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS

- DEVELOPING WORKFORCE CAPABILITY
- ACCESS TO JUSTICE
- ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTION OF DFV AND MIGRATION STATUS
- RESPONDING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
- WELFARE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
- HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND LONG-TERM HOUSING OPTIONS



IMPROVING COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE

- COORDINATED RESPONSE
- IMPROVED INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY
- TRANSPARENT, INDEPENDENT AND PERIODIC MONITORING AND EVALUATION



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Fourth Action Plan

•8 principles



•5 priority areas



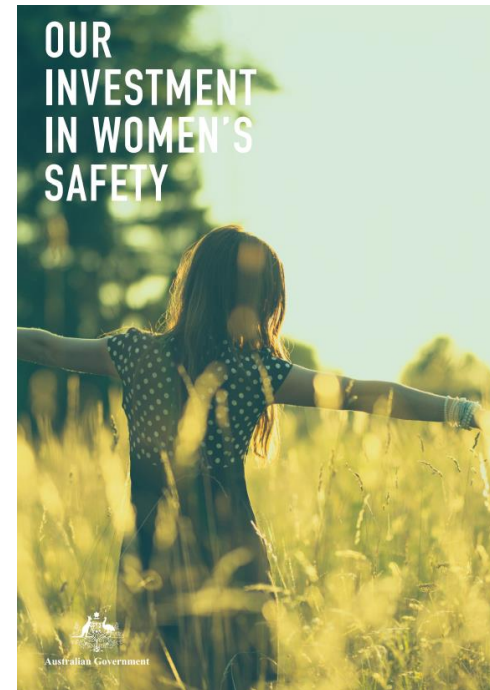
•20 actions

1. Primary prevention is key
2. Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children
3. Respect, listen and respond to the diverse lived experience and knowledge of women and their children affected by violence
4. Respond to sexual violence and sexual harassment
5. Improve support and service system

1. Reducing VAW is everyone's business
2. Address gender inequality to stop violence
3. The voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must inform responses
4. Address diversity and lived experiences of women and their children affected by violence.
5. Responses must be age appropriate, child-centred
6. Actions must be evidence-based
7. System and service responses must work to end the cycle of violence
8. Holistic approach to working with perpetrators

4AP Key Actions Overview

- Continued funding to National Plan Partners (Our Watch, 1800RESPECT, ANROWS, DV Alert)
- Measures previously announced in the “Our Investment in Women’s Safety” Package and 2019-2020 Federal Budget
- \$60mil for capital works under the Safe Places Grants Program



Budget
2019-20

4AP Key Actions: selected

- **Primary prevention is key**
 - Our Watch funding including new Prevention Hub & continuing the Line and National Media Engagement Project
 - Continuing Stop it at the Start campaign
 - Respect Matters (education system)
 - Community grants
 - Addressing financial abuse
- **Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children**
 - Building on Indigenous-led initiatives funded under the Third Action Plan
 - Resources on technology-facilitated abuse
 - Stage 2 of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) project
- **Respect, listen and respond to the diverse lived experience and knowledge of women and their children affected by violence**
 - Specialised Family Violence Services
 - Resources on technology-facilitated abuse for women with disability
 - Work with expert LGBTIQ organisations in the sector to identify service gaps
 - Support for former partners of veterans impacted by domestic violence
 - Support for Trafficked People Program

4AP Key Actions: Selected

- Respond to sexual violence and sexual harassment
 - Accredited training package for sexual violence responses
 - National standards for sexual violence responses for victim and perpetrator programs.
 - Multi-phased sexual violence prevention campaign
- Improve support and service system responses
 - DV Alert, 1800RESPECT, ANROWS
 - 60 mil Safe Places package
 - Keeping Women Safe in their Homes Program
 - Family Advocacy Support Services (FASS)
 - MensLine Australia's Changing for Good program
 - Co-locate state and territory child protection and other officials in family law court registries
 - Work with Primary Health Networks to trial more locally integrated models of FV identification
 - Pilot university-based learning
 - Review options for faster access to payments

Fourth Action Plan: Analysis

- Overall positive and attempts to take a holistic approach
- Corresponds with some of AWAVA's policy asks
- Inclusion of diverse group of women often unrepresented in VAW efforts (eg. women in the sex industry)
- Focus on sexual violence
- Attention to monitoring and evaluation

- Need for an intersectionality lens
- Resourcing
- Recognition of specialist women's services
- Omission of key system improvements as priorities (family law, migration, social security)
- Embedded monitoring and evaluation mechanism

