

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN
THE DAADAB REFUGEE
COMPLEX -KENYA**

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Dadaab Refugee Complex

- ✓ Garissa county
- ✓ As of July 2022, 263, 7361 refugees
- ✓ 56% of these are children
- ✓ Three camps;
 - ❖ Dogaholey,
 - ❖ Ifo
 - ❖ and Hagadera



“Womb of Terror“

- ✓ Since 2015- threats to close the camp
- ✓ Wombs of terror
- ✓ The shaky situation for refugees
- ✓ Cases of explosions near the camp killing police officers

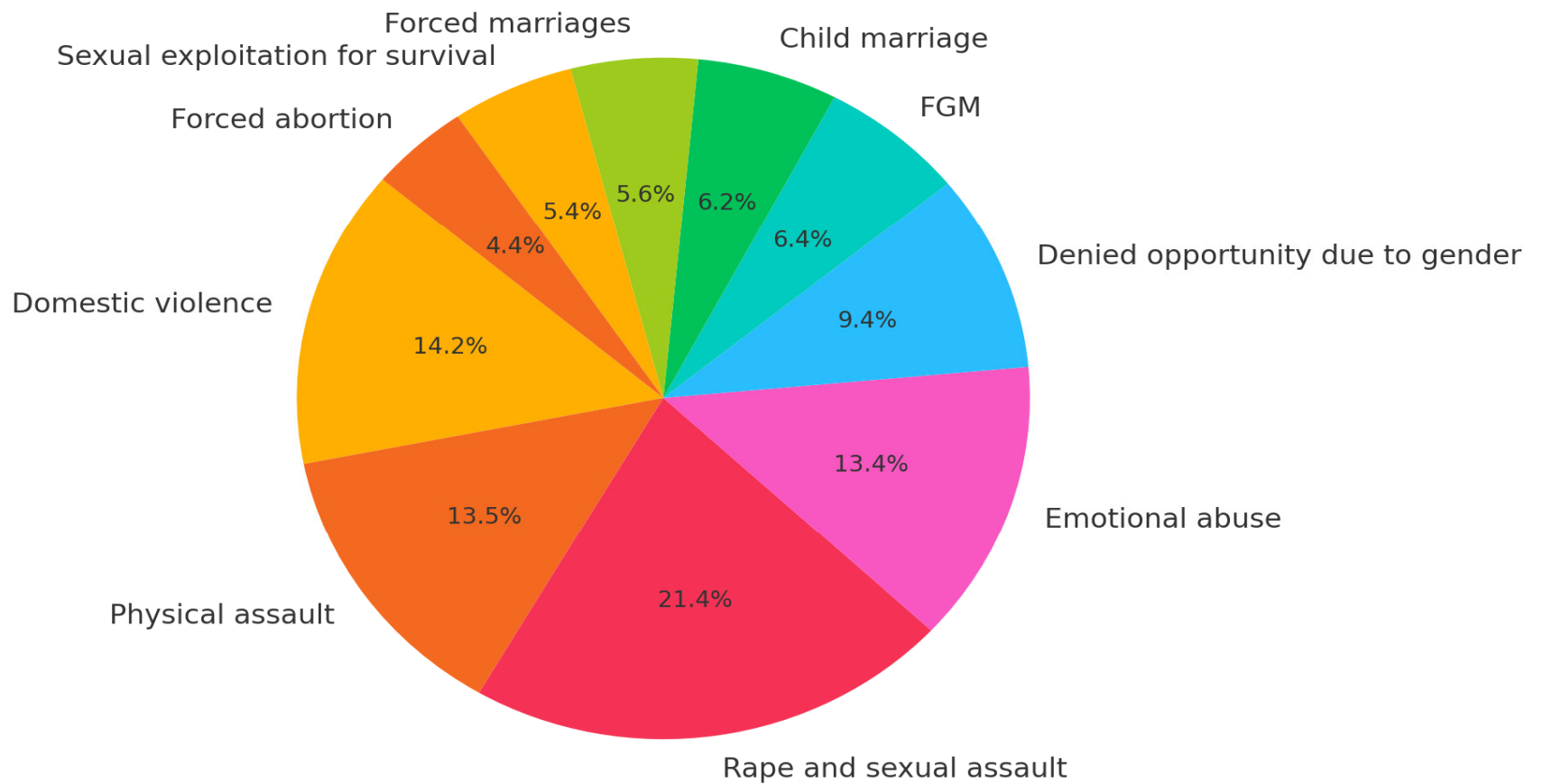


Sexual And Gender-based Violence (GBV) in the Daadab Refugee Camp

- ✓ August 2021: 68 cases of GBV were reported
- ✓ 84% of women do not feel safe
- ✓ 22%- were subjected to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- ✓ 16%- were forced into marriage
- ❖ GBV happens to: women, men, children and sexual minorities (LGTBQ community)

Major Forms of GBV in Dadaab

Distribution of Different Forms of Abuse and Gender-Based Violence



Groups Affected

- ✓ Adult women -23.2%
- ✓ Adolescent ladies -21.9%
- ✓ Persons with disability-9.4%
- ✓ Elderly women-9.4%
- ✓ Adult men-9.2%
- ✓ Boys up to 11 years -5.8%
- ✓ Elderly men-3.8%

GBV in the Dadaab camp occurred in the following areas

- ✓ Firewood and water collection points
- ✓ At home
- ✓ Along the roads
- ✓ Food distribution centres
- ✓ Market areas
- ✓ Schools and religious places
- ✓ Alcohol & khat joints

Perpetrators of GBV in Dabaab include

- ✓ Neighbours
- ✓ Friends
- ✓ Intimate partners
- ✓ Female and male family members
- ✓ Gangs, agency staff, community leaders and the police

The LGBTQ Dilemma and Nightmare for Refugees in Kenya

- ✓ Kenya has not accepted LGBTQ values on its soils (Family Protection Bill 2023)
- ✓ but receives the LGBTQ refugees
- ✓ Overall there are over 1000 refugees currently in Kenya with an LGBTQ profile
- ✓ Figures indicate that 300 of them live in Kakuma but none of them had access to Dadaab
- ✓ Among them, 84% have reported physical assault
- ✓ Among them, 26% have reported sexual assault, i.e. they were forced to have intercourse with people of the opposite sex
- ✓ They reportedly have been blamed by other refugees for natural disasters and other adversities.



Safe Haven?

- ✓ Where Safe Houses/Havens exist, they can only be accessed by women and children (see for example Mawazo Insitute)
- ✓ But what about men? What about LGTBQ?

Issues

- ✓ Few cases are reported
- ✓ Officers at gender desks mix culture and tradition to normalise GBV
- ✓ Porous borders make it possible for perpetrators to run away
- ✓ Survivors of GBV are often under Terror profiling

Thank you