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# **A STUDY ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND ATTITUDES**

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## Objective of this study

- **Awareness about reporting of child sexual Abuse and the POCSO Act**
- **Confidence in the Child Protection System**
- **Children's attitude towards child sexual abuse and barriers that prevent children and caregivers from reporting abuse**



# Methodology

**4500 quantitative samples each from Parents and Children**

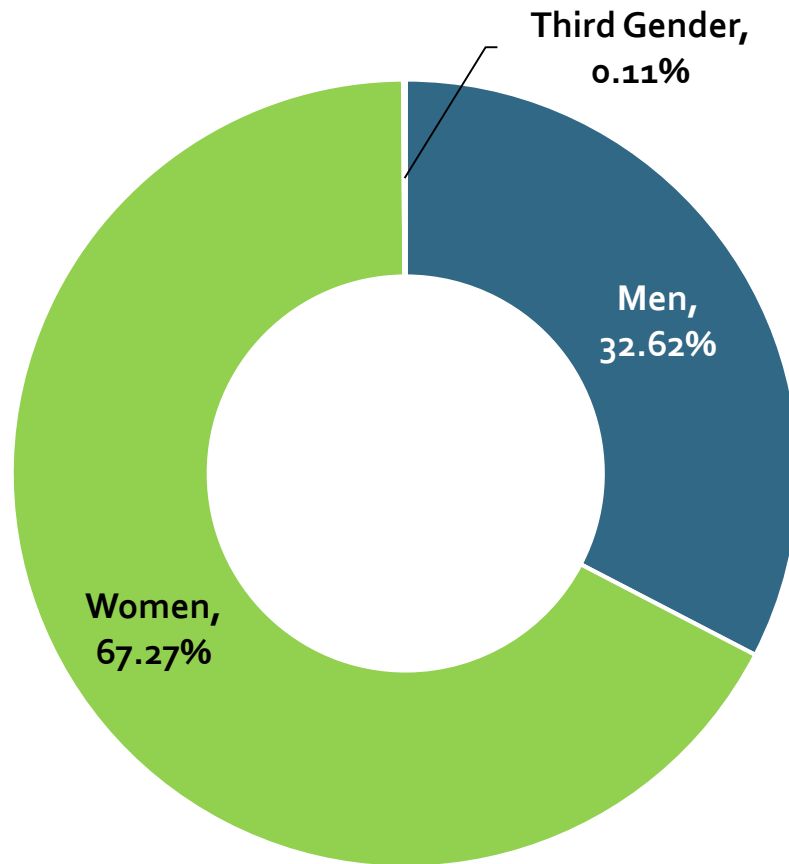
**15 locations (300 samples each from parents and children)**

**3 locations each from North, East, West, South and North East**

**Each location - 15 communities with 20 samples each (Parents and Children)**

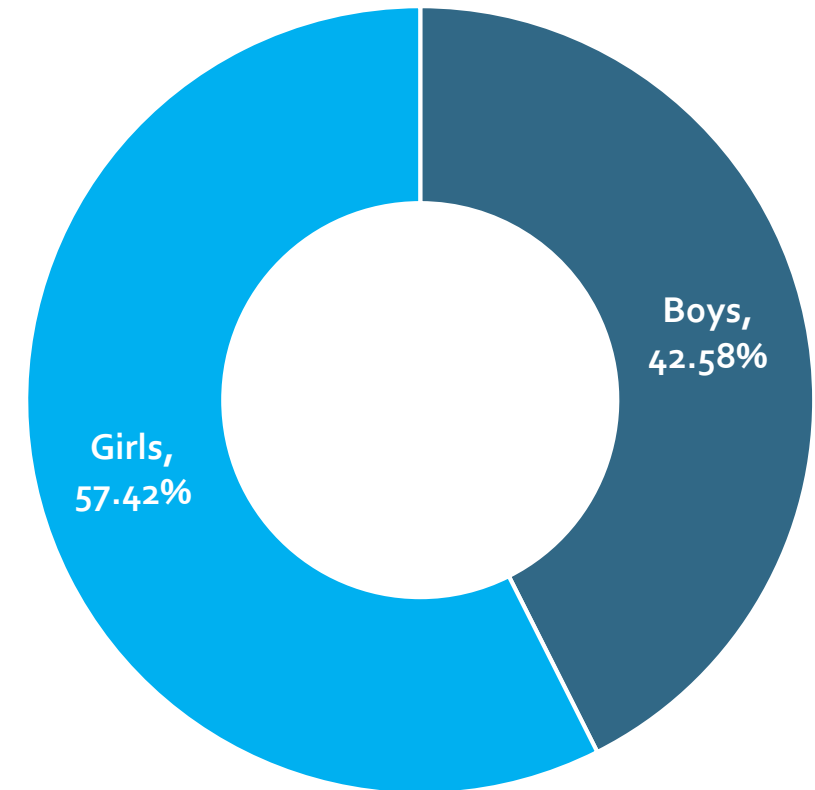


## Sample Survey Respondents



Caregivers

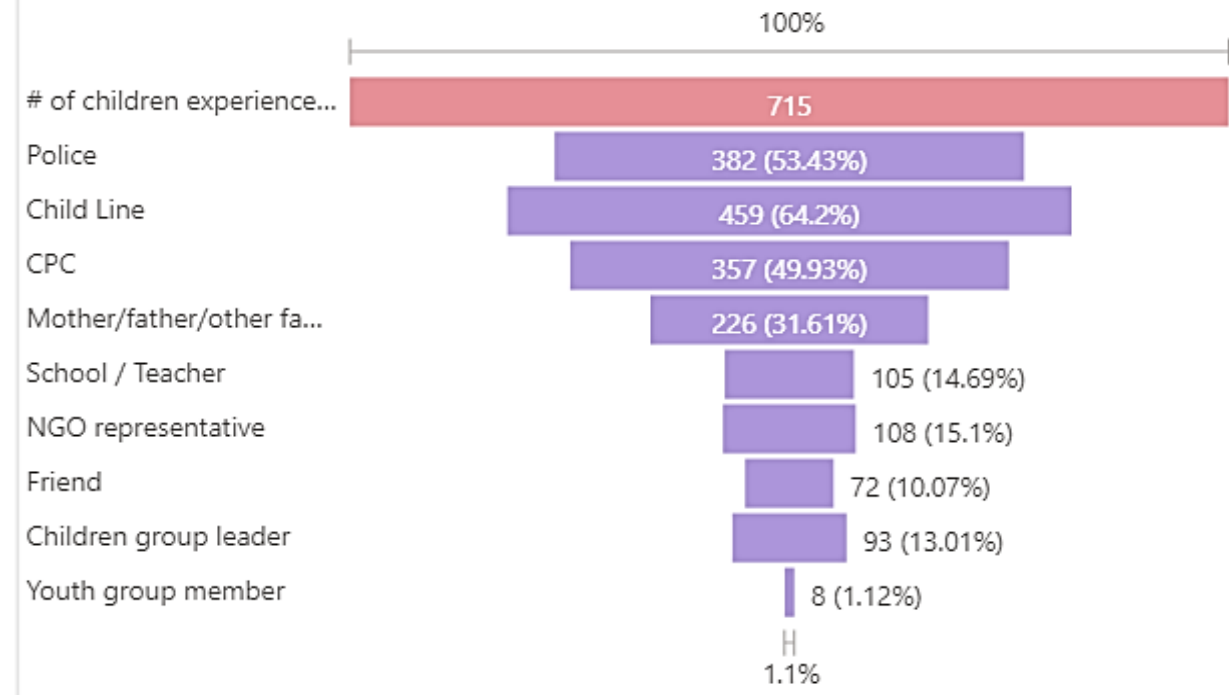
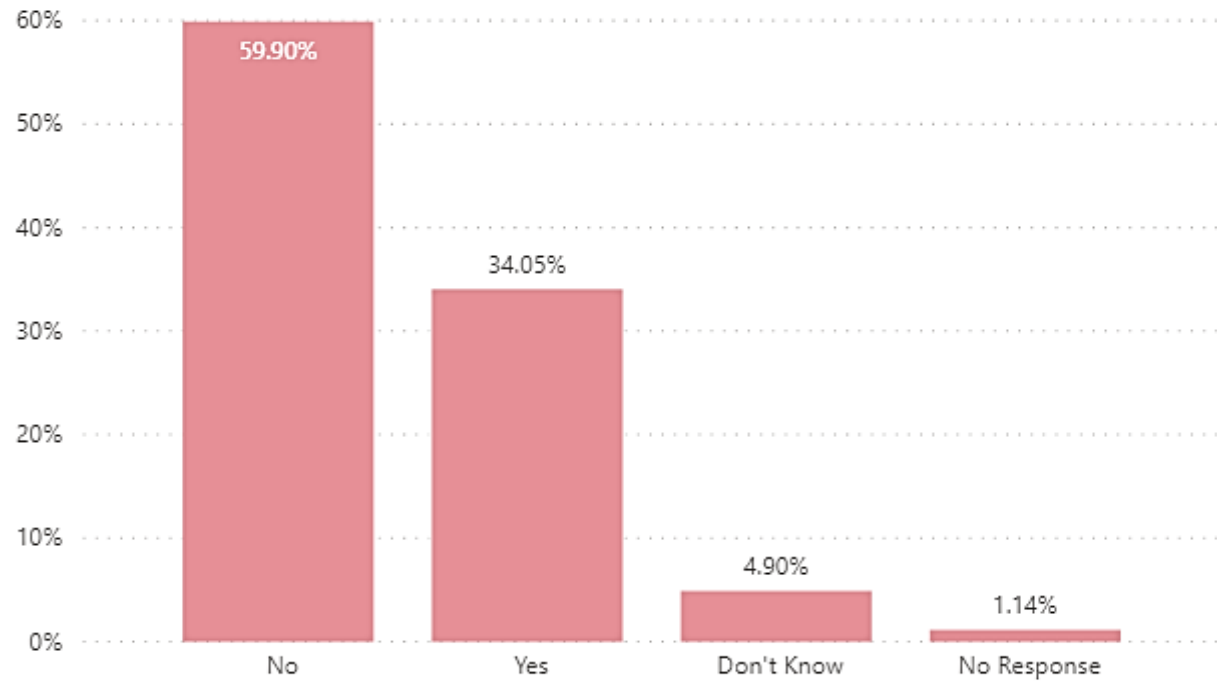
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Kerala  
Tamilnadu  
Gujarat  
Maharashtra  
Rajasthan



Children

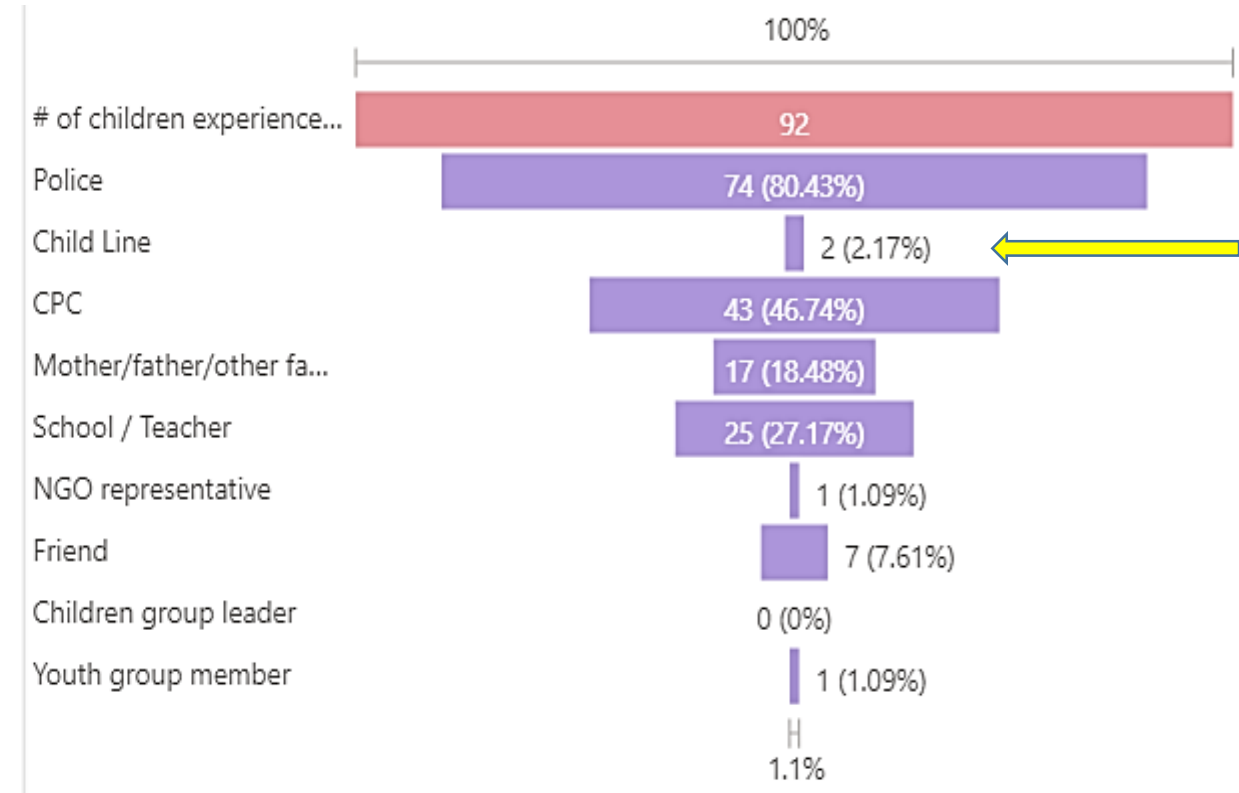
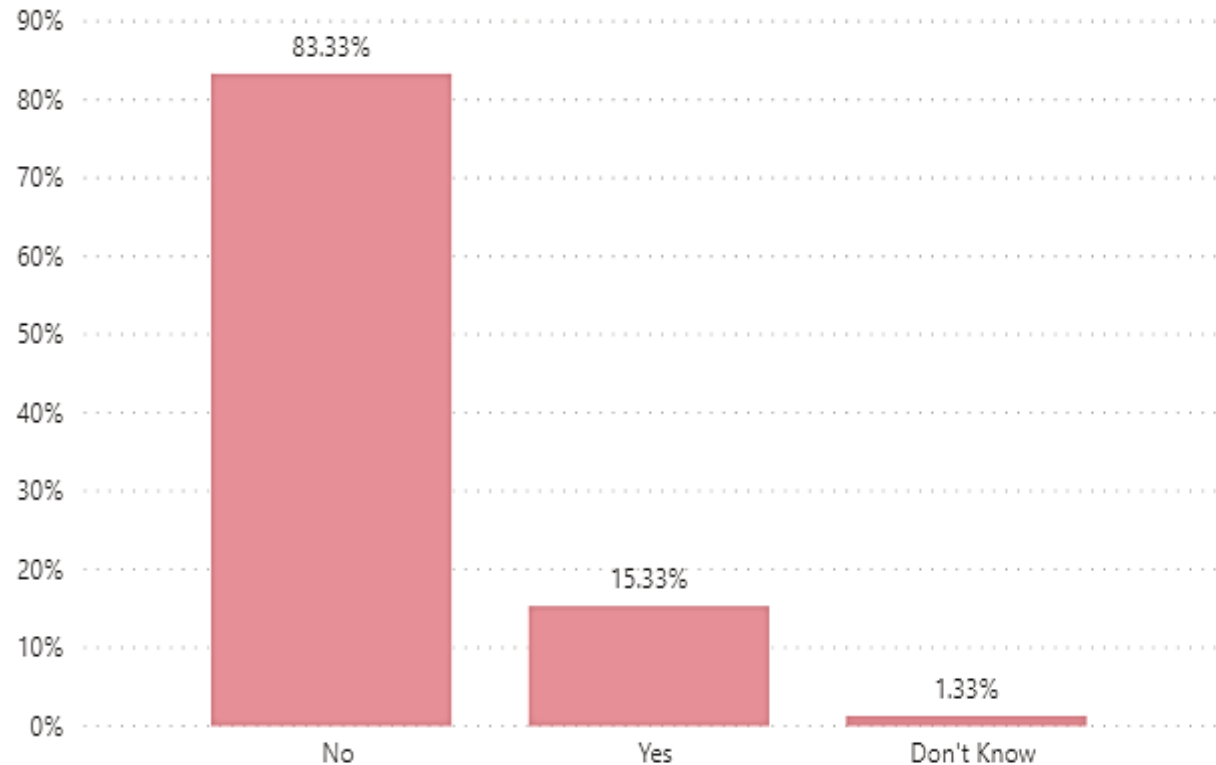


## Awareness about reporting system in Urban





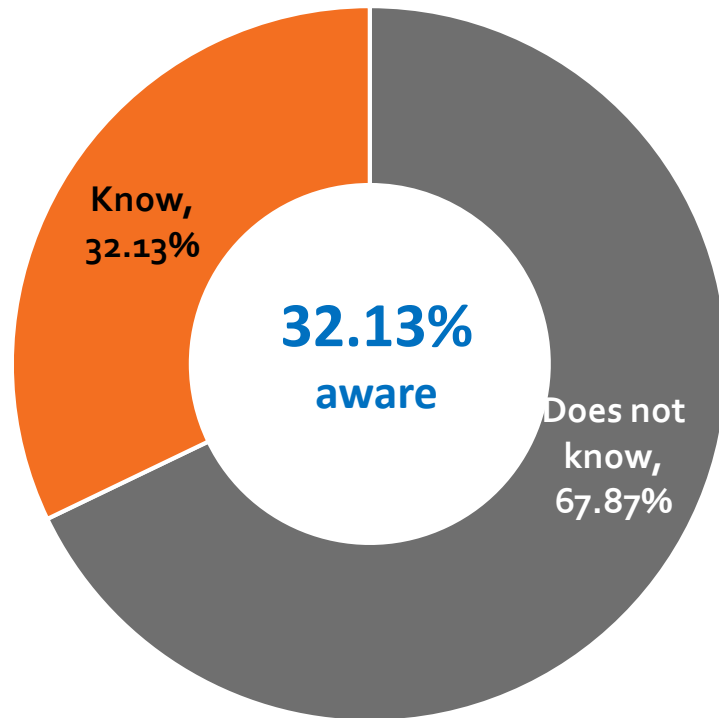
## Awareness about reporting system in Tribal



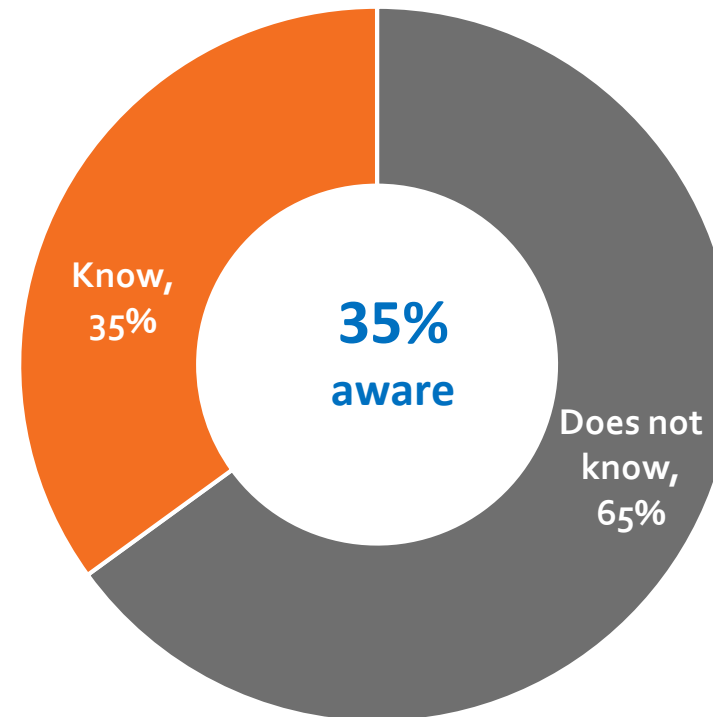
→ Scope for Childline & NGOs to pitch in Tribal Areas



# Awareness about POCSO Act



Caregivers

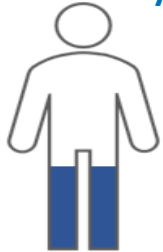


Children

35.10% Girls

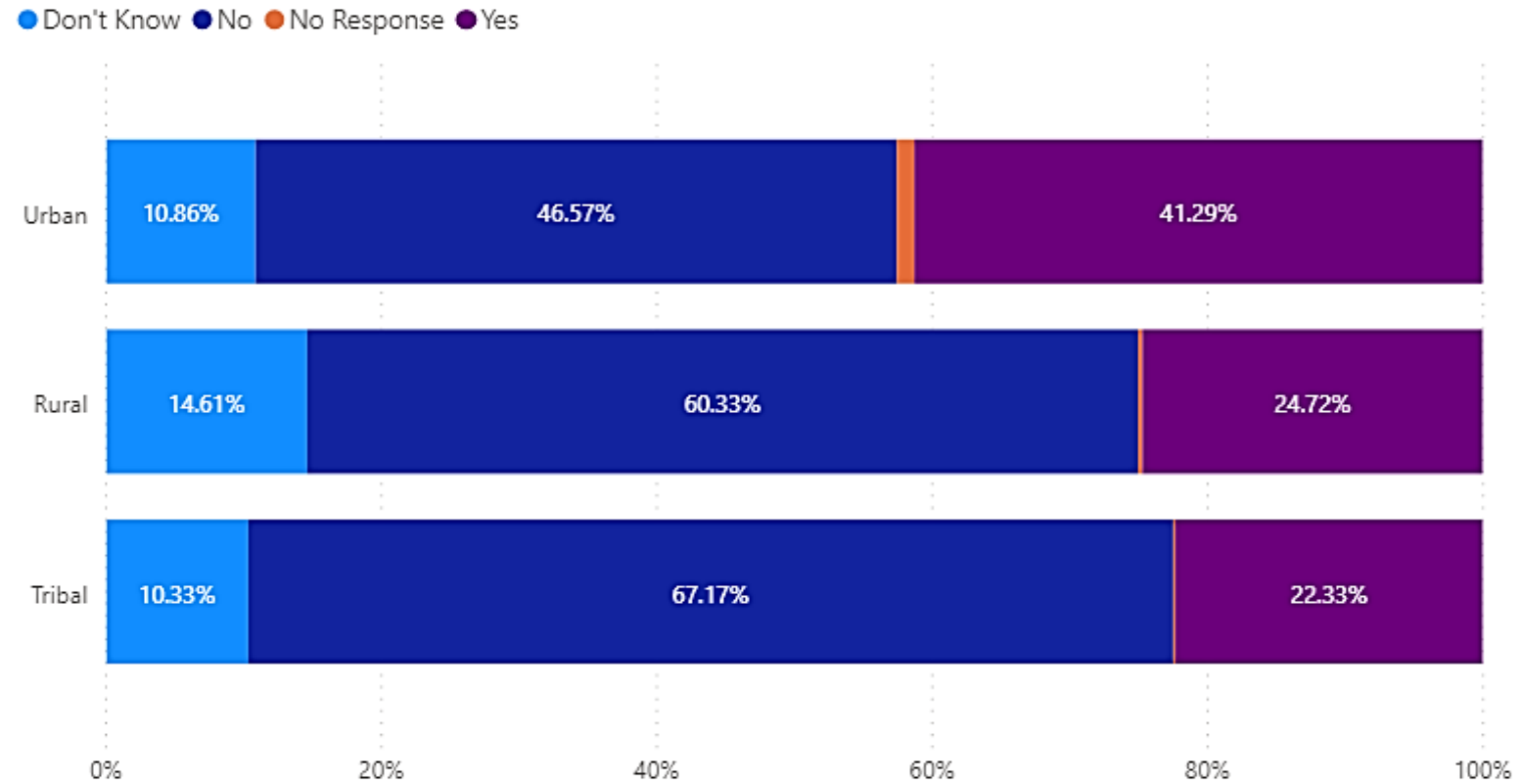
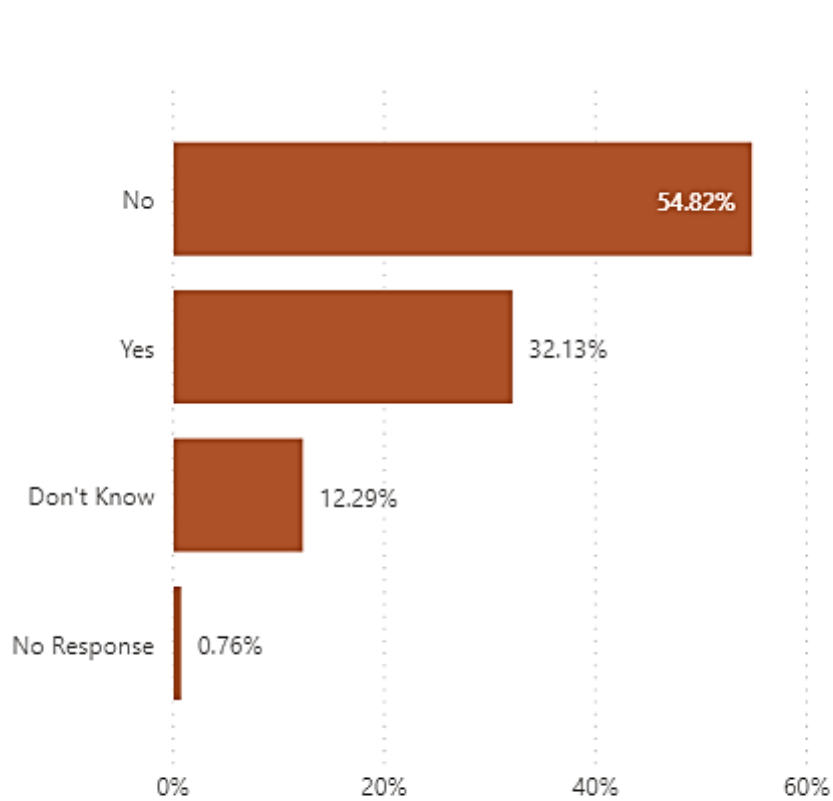


34.81% Boys





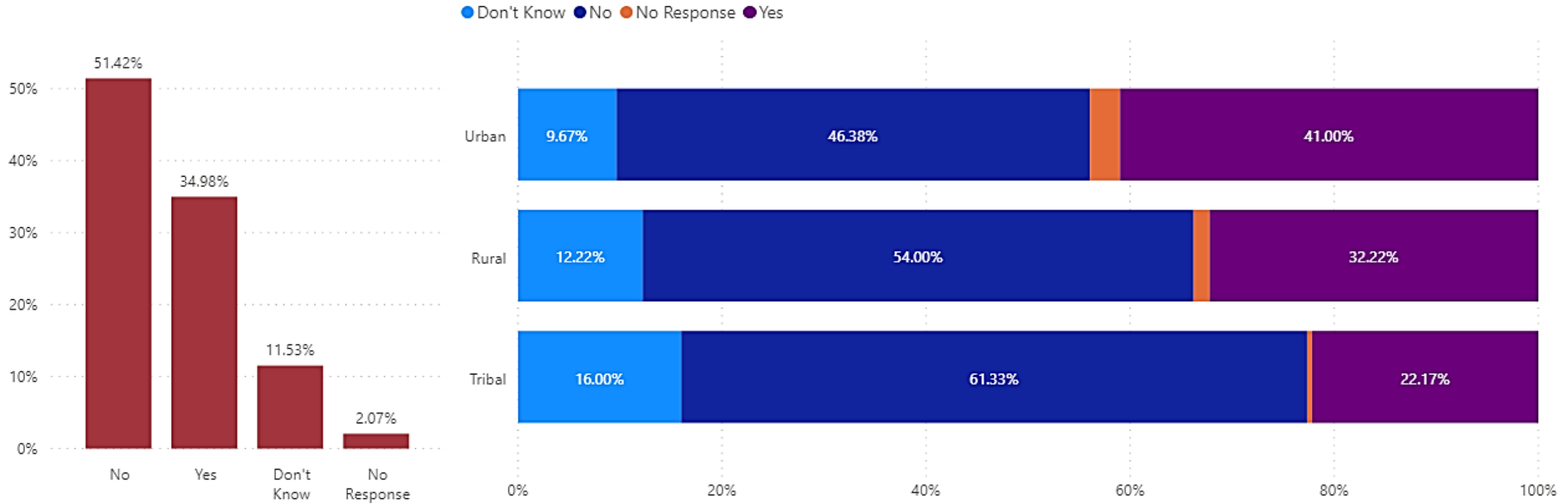
# Awareness about POCSO Act - Caregivers





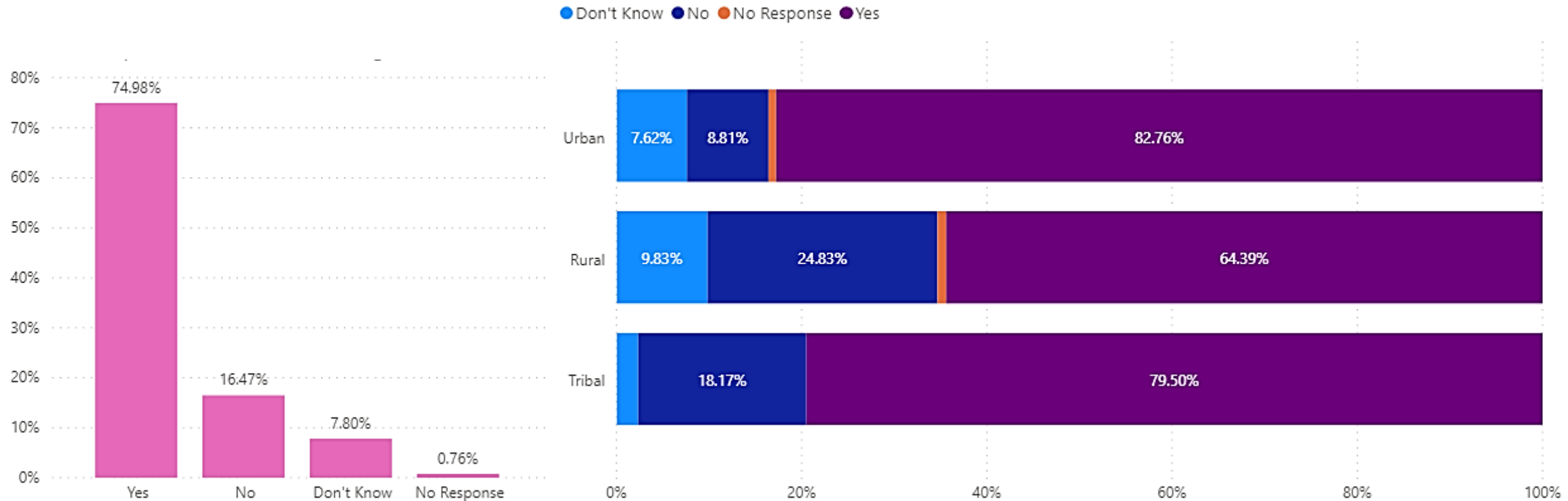


# Awareness about POCSO Act - Children





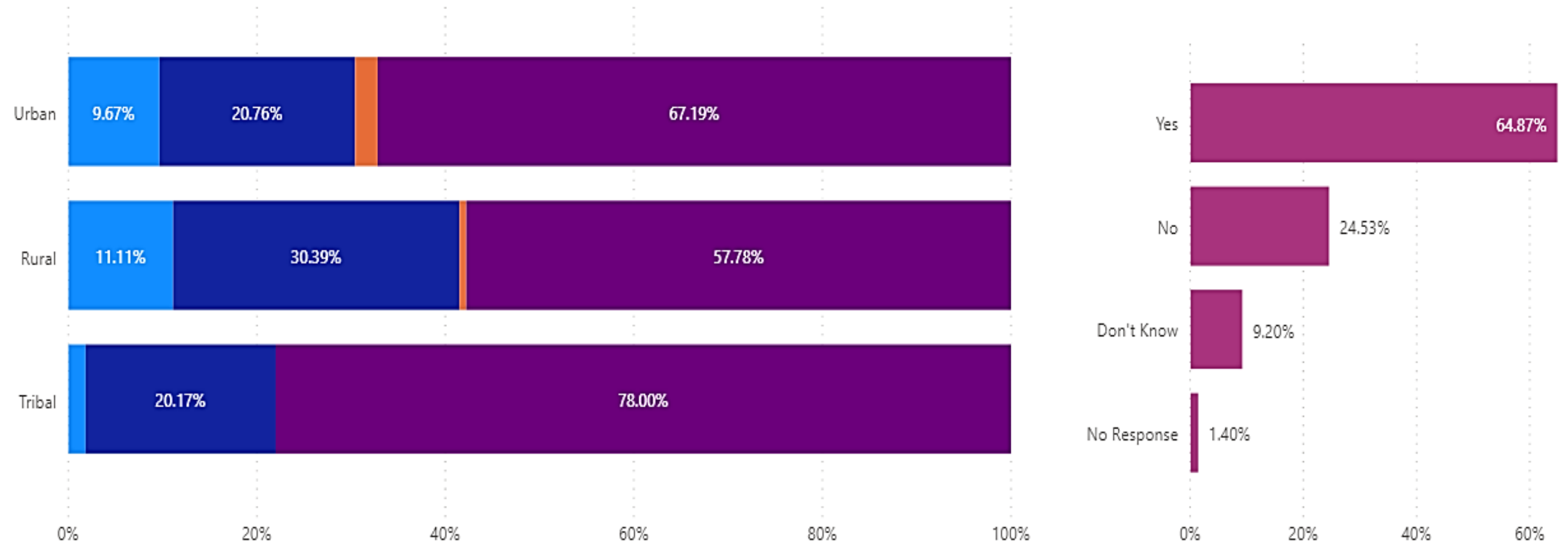
## Confidence in the Child Protection System – Caregivers





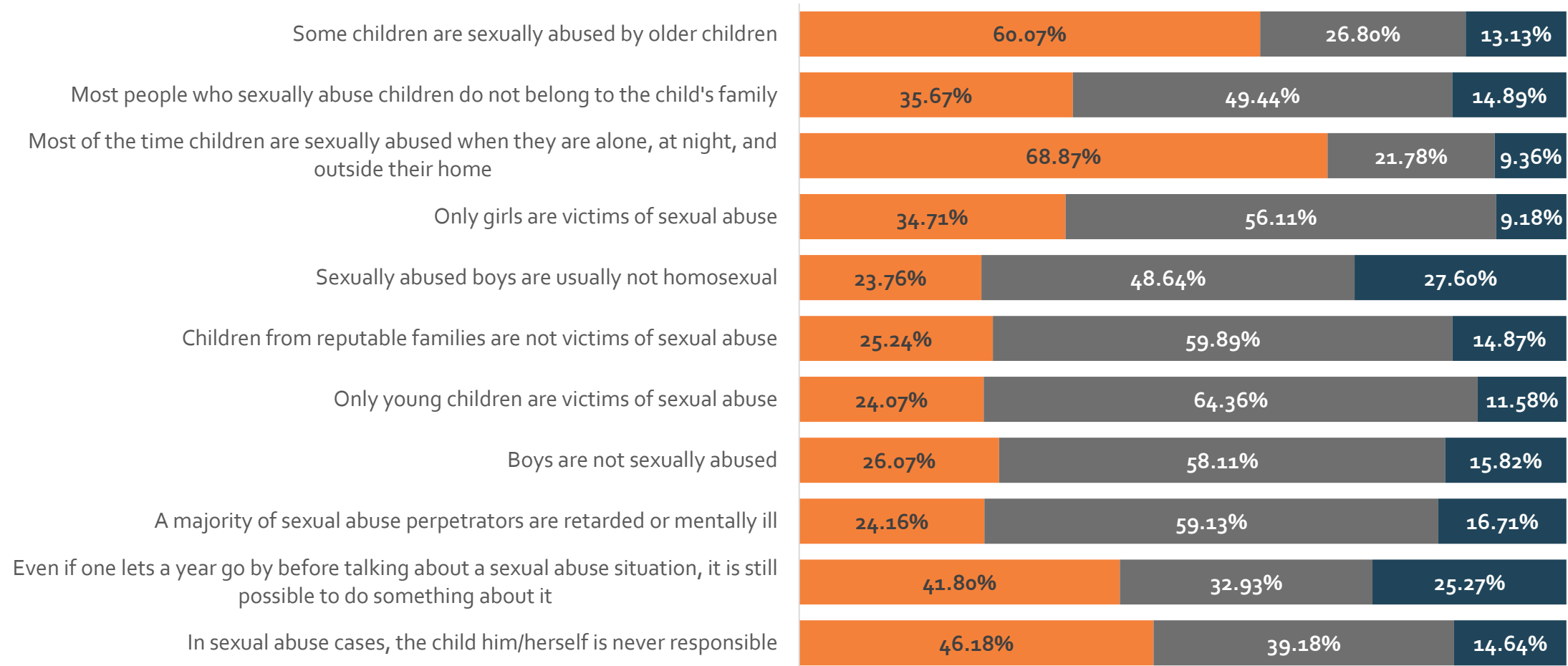
# Confidence in the Child Protection System – Children

● Don't Know ● No ● No Response ● Yes





# Children's Attitude towards CSA - Perception, Reporting & Barriers

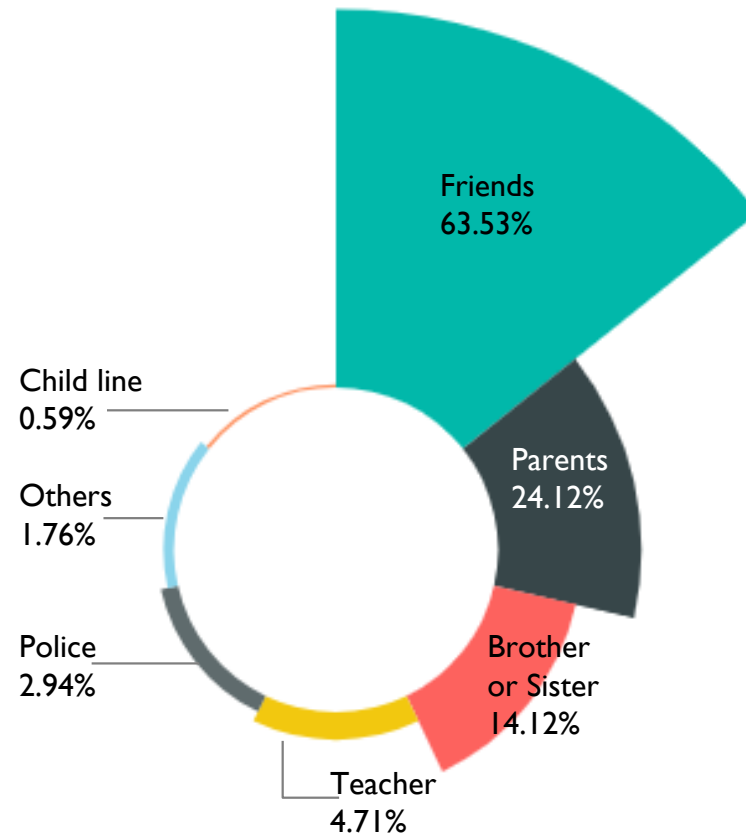


Agree % Disagree % Don't Know %

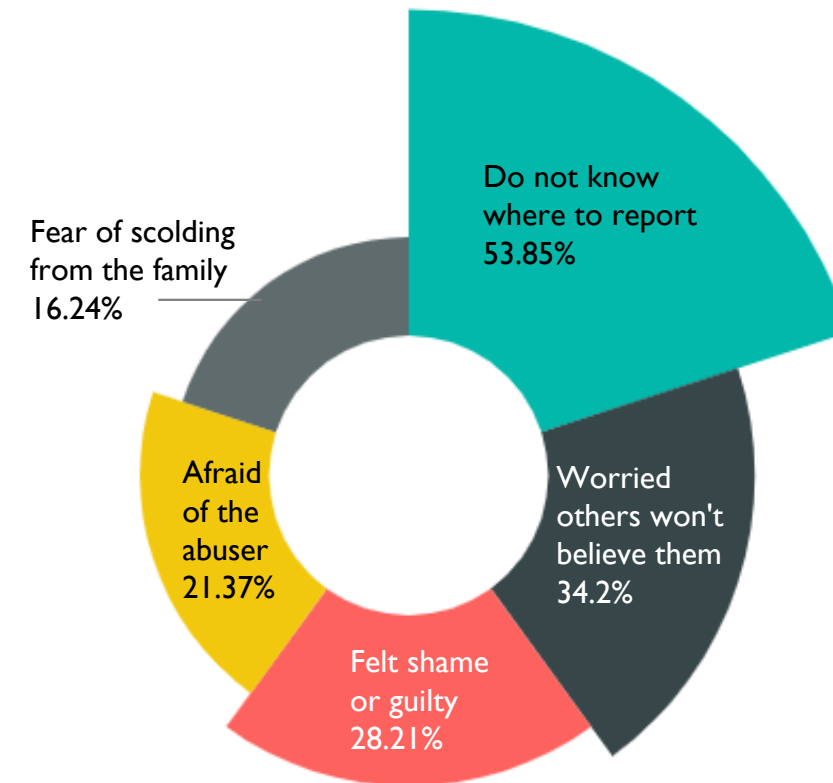


# Reporting Preferences of Children

Person whom children chose to reveal the incidents of inappropriate touching at the first instance

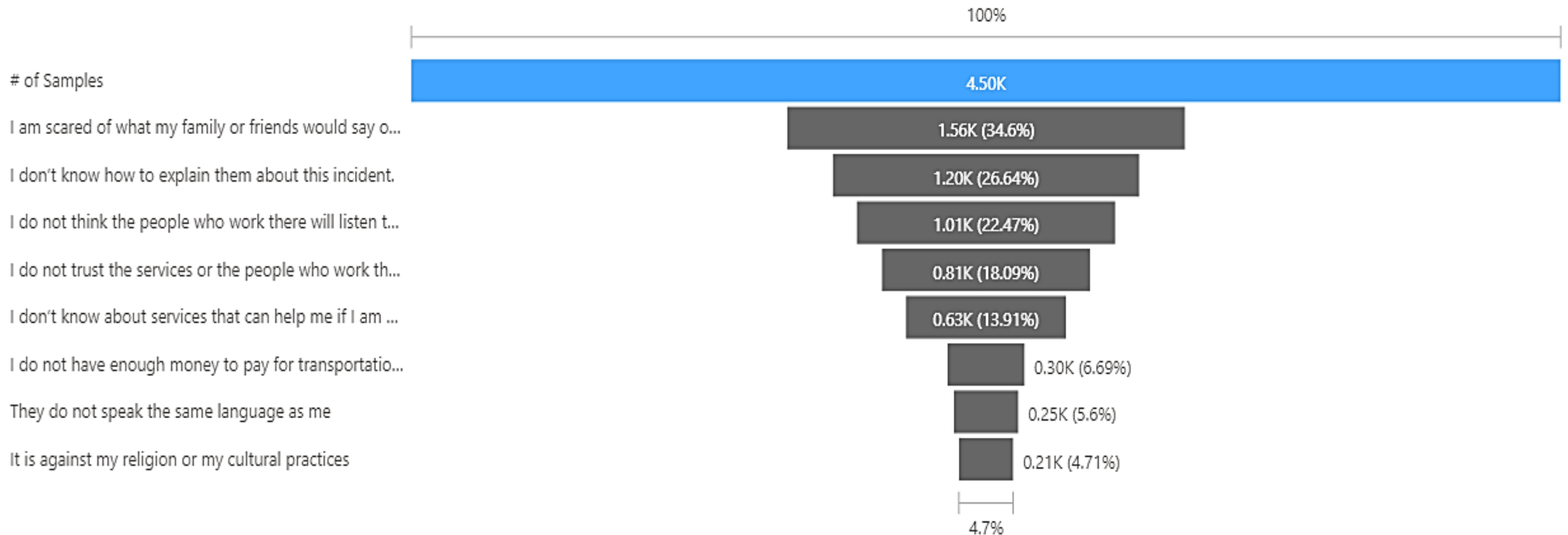


Reason for non reporting of inappropriate touching



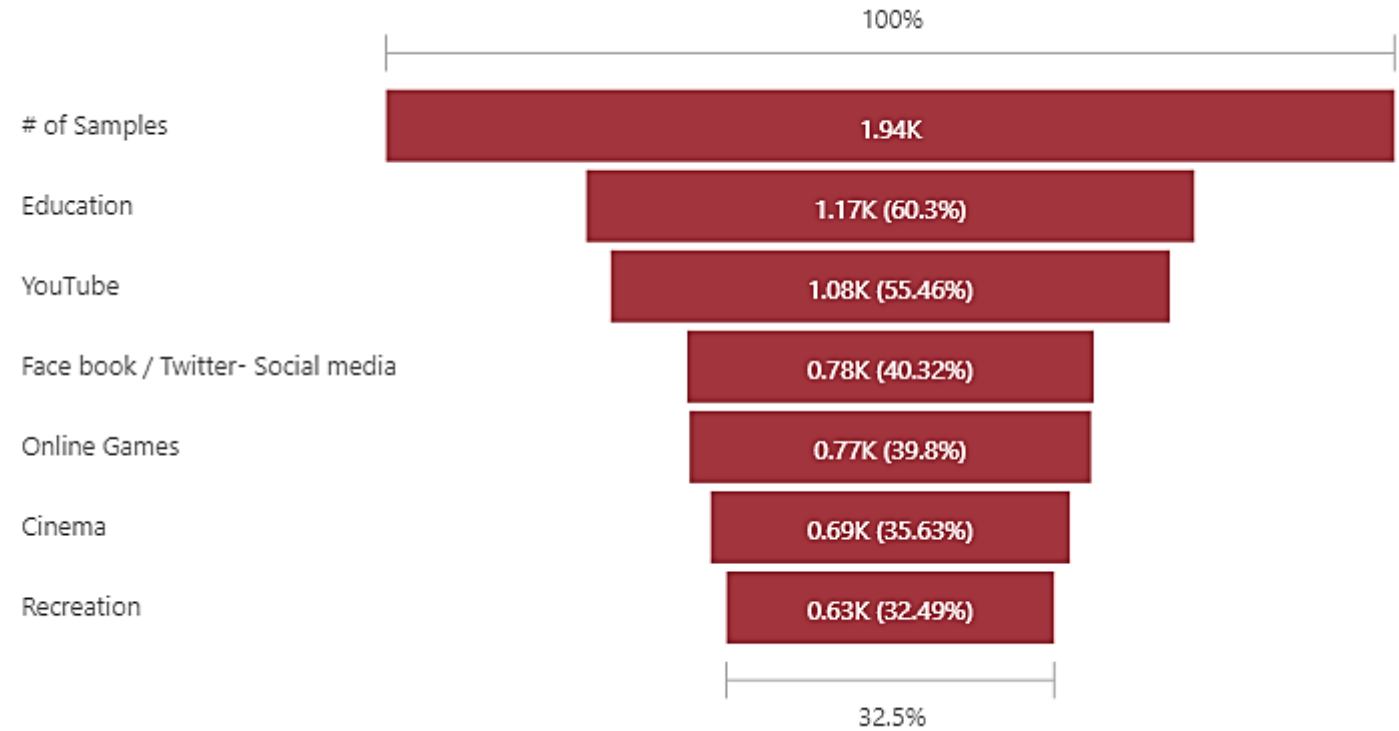
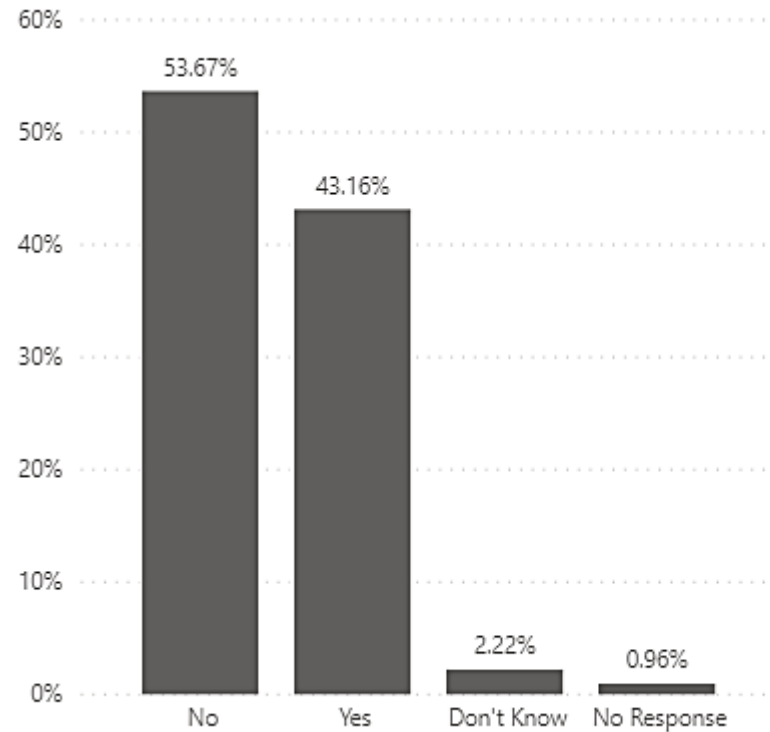


# Barriers for reporting of Child Sexual Abuse





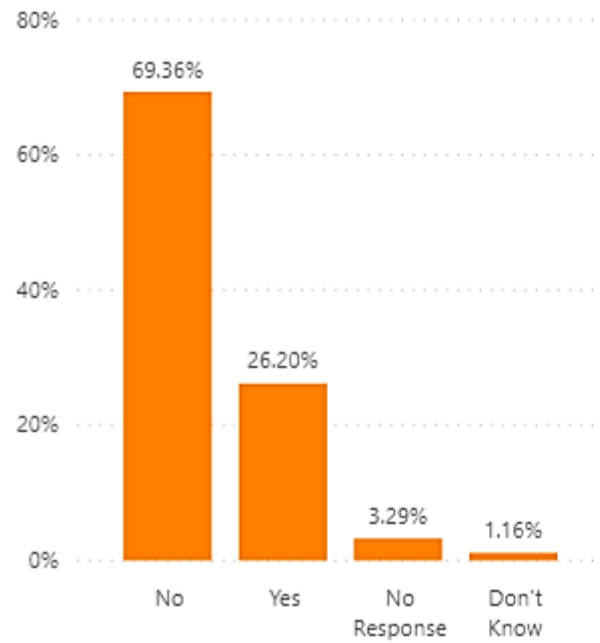
# Children using Internet



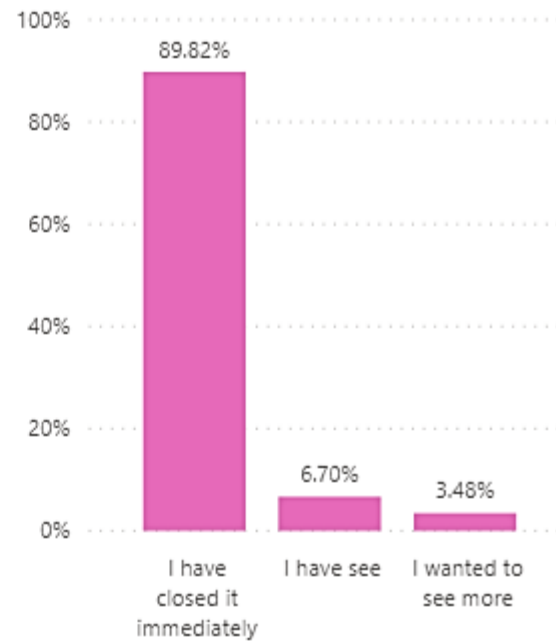


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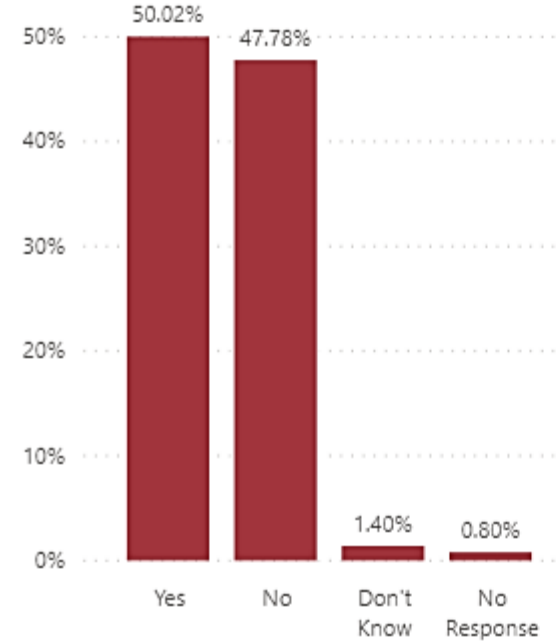
## Seen obscene contents accident



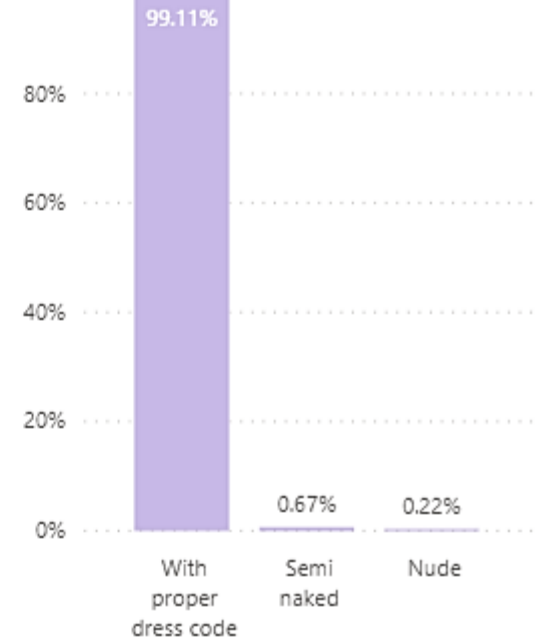
## Reaction to it



## Selfie habit



## Selfie dress code







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## Recommendations

### Awareness-Generation

1. There is definite need to create more awareness on the provisions of POCSO ACT among parents, children and community at large.
2. Mainstream age-appropriate personal safety education in school curricula, across the country in all streams/boards, which will equip children to recognize abusive situations and report such incidents immediately.
3. Strengthen Child Protection Committees at village, block and district levels and enable them to be a first responder in the communities.



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## Recommendations

### Strengthening Existing System:

1. Allocate more resources for the Integrated Child Protection Scheme, especially for the purpose of strengthening the reporting and referral services such as CHILDLINE in rural-tribal contexts.
2. Systematic and periodical data collection on violence against children, especially child sexual abuse should either be integrated into the existing national surveys or should be conducted as a stand alone survey which would inform formulation of appropriate policies and programs
3. Child Protection Policy should be mandatory in all institutions and establishments which are catering to the needs of children and it must include a clear child friendly reporting and referral mechanism.