

WAO Annual Statistics 2000

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SHELTER/REFUGE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 105 women were given shelter in 2000.
- 1. **Reasons for seeking shelter**
 - While women seek refuge primarily because of domestic violence (65%), WAO also offers shelter to women who are faced with other problems and are in need of refuge.
 - 83 women came because of a violent situation of some kind (79%).

Reason for seeking shelter	Number	Percentage
Domestic violence	68	64.8
Foreign domestic worker abuse (FDW)	13	12.4
No place to stay	9	8.6
Single mother	6	5.7
Trafficked	3	2.9
Family problems	2	1.9
FDW - problems with employer's relatives	1	0.95
FDW - misreported	1	0.95
Incest on the children	1	0.95
Rape	1	0.95
Total	105	100

2. **Number of Children**
 - 90 children came with their mother to the shelter.
 - The majority of the women (58%) did not bring their children with them to the shelter.
 - The women seeking refuge will sometimes bring their children with them or sometimes leave them to be taken care of by somebody else. e.g. their own mother, their family, their husband, a home etc. So even though the women had a total of 188 children, only 90 were brought to the shelter.
 - 26% of the women that came for shelter do not have any children.

- 14 out of the 15 foreign domestic workers did not have their children with them as they had to leave them behind in their own country in search of work in Malaysia.

Number of children	Number	Percentages
None	61	58.1
One	19	18.1
Two	12	11.4
Three	8	7.6
Four	3	2.9
Five	1	1.0
Six	1	1.0
Total	105	100

3. *Number of visits*

- The vast majority of the residents in 2000 were new clients (81%) while 20 residents (19%) had been residents in previous years. Some of the residents were up to their fourth visit to WAO.

Number of visits	Number	Percentages
First	85	81.0
Second	11	10.5
Third	6	5.7
Fourth	3	2.9
Total	105	100

4. *Source of awareness*

- The major source of awareness are: the police, friends, themselves (ex-residents), media and NGOs.
- Importance of the police as a recourse for women: more than in the past annual reviews.

Source of awareness	Number	Percentages	Valid percentages
Agencies			
Police	18	17.1	20.0
Media	12	11.4	13.3
NGOs	11	10.5	12.2

Hospitals/One-stop centre	7	6.7	7.8
Welfare	3	2.9	3.3
Religious body	2	1.9	2.2
Other sources			
Friends	17	16.2	18.9
Self (ex-resident)	16	15.2	17.8
Relatives	3	2.9	3.3
Other	1	1.0	1.1
Total	90	85.7	100
Not available	15	14.3	-
Total	105	100	-

5. **Length of stay**

- Nearly a third of the residents (31%) stayed at the shelter for less than a week. But 44% stayed for at least a month.

Length of stay	Number	Percentages
Less than a week	33	31.4
1 to 2 weeks	15	14.3
2 to 3 weeks	11	10.5
1 to 2 months	17	16.2
2 to 3 months	13	12.4
More than 3 months	16	15.2
Total	105	100

6. **Residence/Domicile**

- More than three quarters of the residents came from either Selangor or Wilayah Persekutuan (Kuala Lumpur).

State	Number	Percentages
Selangor	47	44.8
Wilayah Persekutuan	39	37.1
Johor	8	7.6

Negri Sembilan	4	3.8
Pahang	3	2.9
Melaka	2	1.9
Perak	2	1.9
Total	105	100

7. **Age of the residents**

- Mostly in their 20s (38%) and 30s (39%)

Age	Number	Percentages
Less than 20 years old	8	7.6
20 to 29	40	38.1
30 to 39	41	39.0
40 to 49	15	14.3
50 years old and over	1	1.0
Total	105	100

8. **Ethnicity of the residents**

- Mostly Indian (34%) and Malay (31%)

Ethnicity	Number	Percentages
Indian	36	34.3
Malay	32	30.5
Chinese	14	13.3
Indonesian	14	13.3
Thai	4	3.8
Filipino	3	2.9
Eurasian	2	1.9
Total	105	100

9. **Occupation of the residents**

- The majority of the residents (54%) were not employed.
- The others were mostly employed as factory workers (10.8%), did clerical work (10.8%) or were domestic helpers (9.8%).

Occupation	Number	Percentages	Valid percentages
Unemployed	41	39.0	40.2
Homemaker	14	13.3	13.7
Factory worker	11	10.5	10.8
Clerical work/Technical	11	10.5	10.8
Domestic help	10	9.5	9.8
General worker/Cleaner	6	5.7	5.9
Self-employed	4	3.8	3.9
Professional/Teacher	2	1.9	2.0
Student	2	1.9	2.0
Other	1	0.95	0.98
Total	102	97.1	100
Not available	3	2.9	-
Total	105	100	-

10. **Income of the residents**

- The majority did not have any income (53%).

Income	Number	Percentages	Valid percentages
None	53	50.5	53.0
Less than RM 200	4	3.8	4.0
RM 200 - 399	11	10.5	11.0
RM 400 - 599	7	6.7	7.0
RM 600 - 799	11	10.5	11.0
RM 800 - 999	4	3.8	4.0
More than RM 1000	10	9.5	10.0
Total	100	95.2	100
Not available	5	4.8	-
Total	105	100	-

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