

# CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN ZAMBIA UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL

## THE ONE STOP CENTRE

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# Background

- Zambia lacked an adequate system to deal with cases of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) effectively.
- This was compounded by lack of recognition of CSA as a public health problem requiring both medical and social interventions.
- With increase in HIV infection and the risk to infect children through sexual abuse, there was a need to develop comprehensive interventions to protect and manage sexually abused children.

# University Teaching Hospital

- Tertiary Hospital located in Lusaka
- Houses the only medical school in the country but includes the schools of Registered Nurses and Midwifery. Most of the highly trained professionals (lawyers, magistrates, police officers etc) are to be found in Lusaka
- Therefore multidisciplinary management of CSA had to be commissioned in Lusaka in order to succeed

# Overall Goal of UTH One Stop Centre

- Improving the integration of services for the prevention, care and management of sexually abused children in Zambia

## Other Specific objectives:

1. Conduct training
2. Research
3. Develop protocols

# Steps Taken

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## Prior to the opening of the One Stop Centre

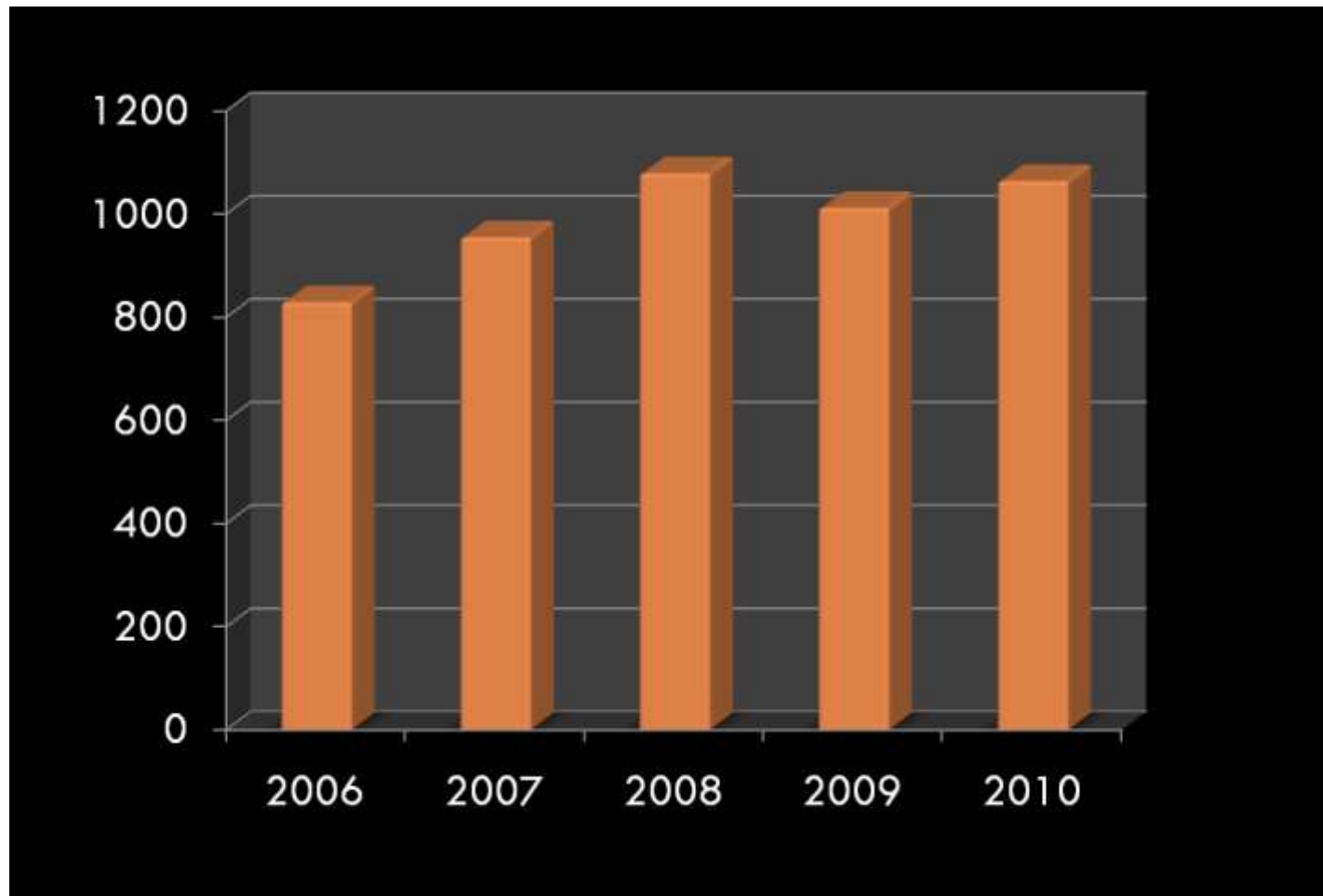
- Support of stakeholders (policy makers, members of the legal and medical fraternity, and the community) was sought.
- Consultative meetings were held with NGOs involved in the welfare of children.

# Steps Taken cont.....

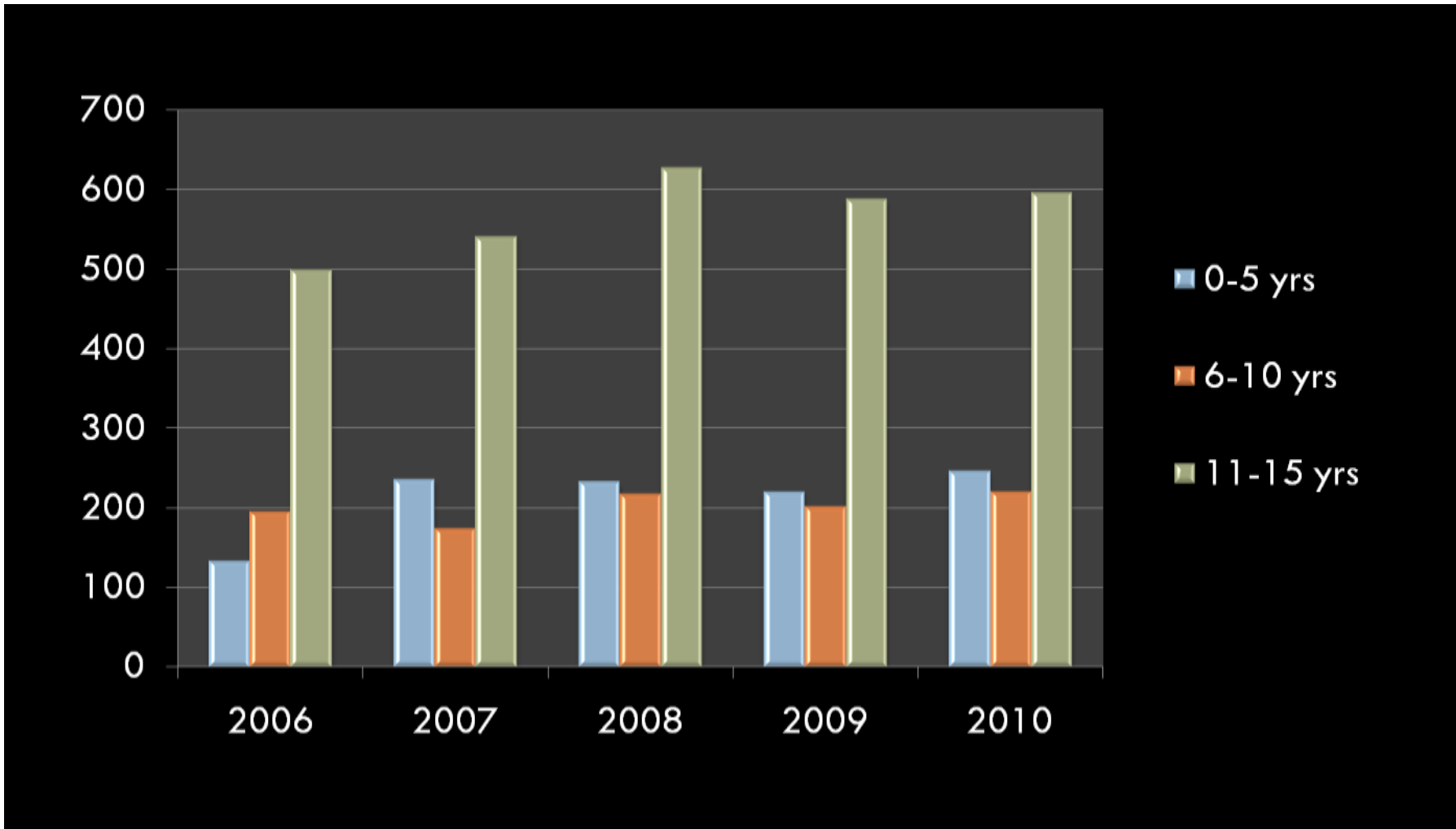
- Multiple levels of trainings were conducted mainly for medical, psychosocial, police, legal and media personnel.
- A comprehensive database has been developed
- One Stop Centre was established in 2006 which houses a clinician, psychosocial counselors and police.
- All personnel at the centre have been trained in trauma management
- Focal persons (lawyer and media) are consulted as and when needed.

# Defilement Cases

Increase in number of cases being reported

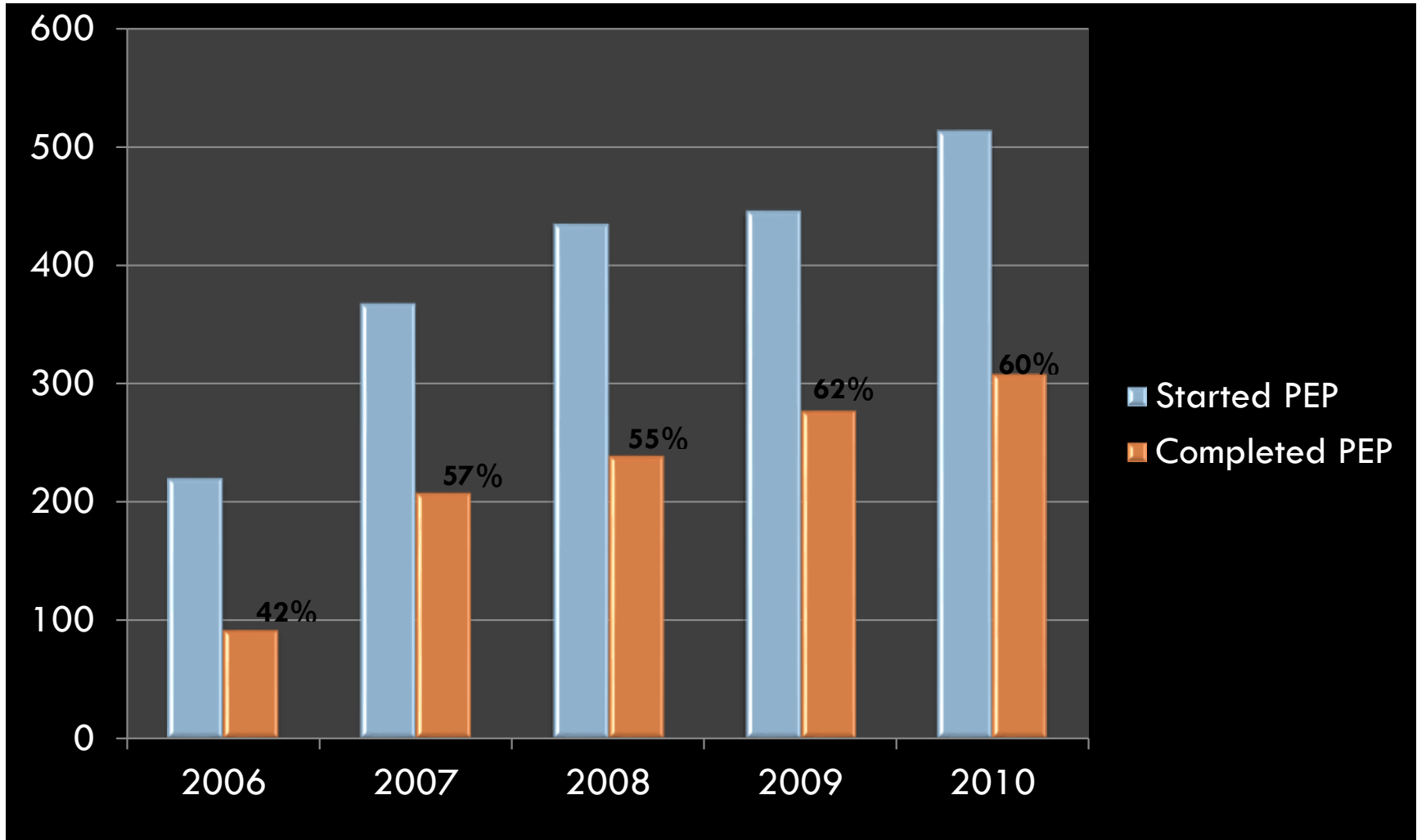


# Defilement Cases By Age Group 2006-2010

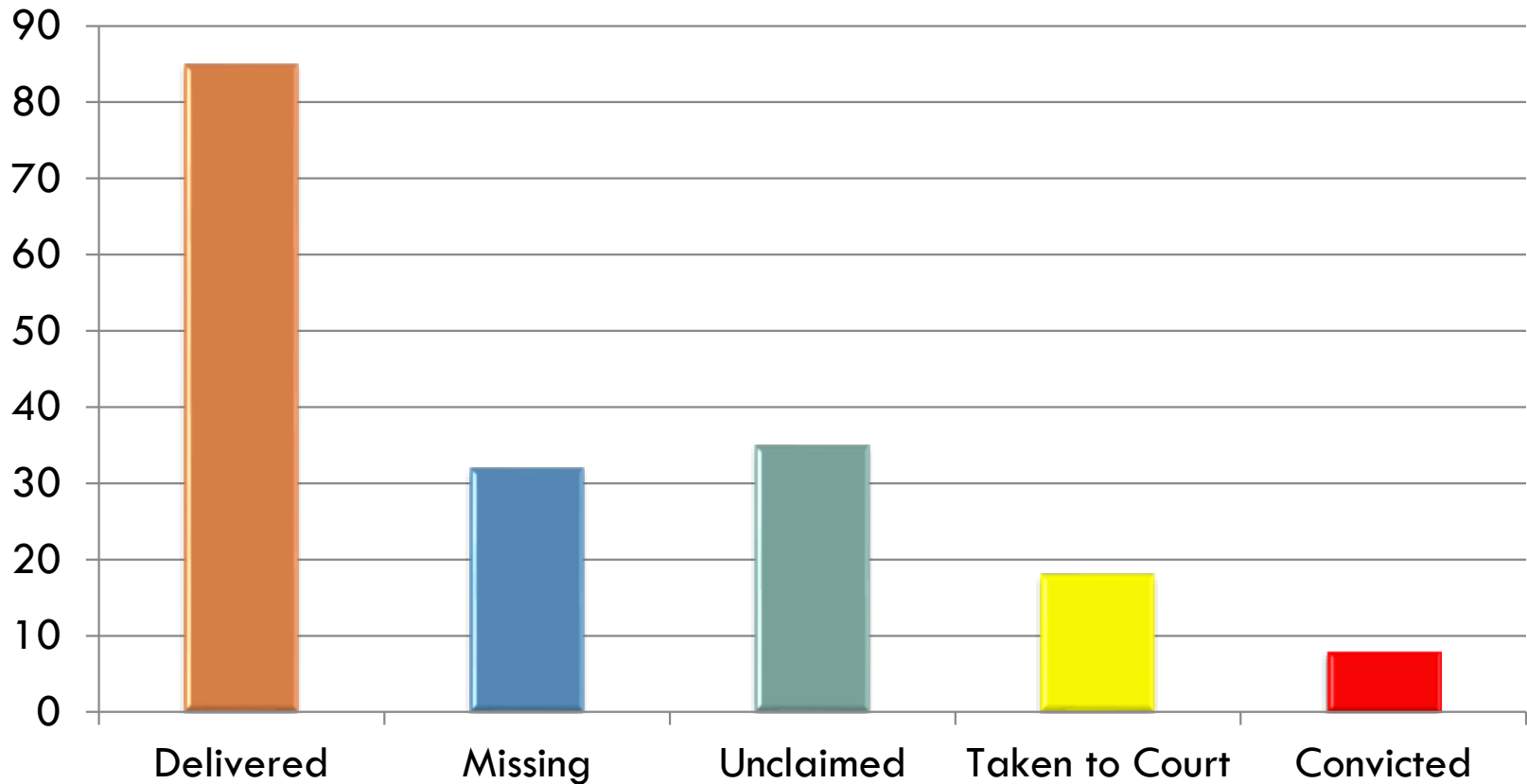




# Proportion Completing 28 day course of PEP



# Conviction rates- Audit of medical forms delivered to 3 VSUs in Lusaka between April and September 2009



# Training of professionals tasked with the protection of children

<b>PROFESSION</b>	<b># TRAINED</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>HEALTHWORKERS</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>LUSAKA, NDOLA, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE,MAZABUKA, KAFUE</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>LUSAKA, NDOLA, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE,MAZABUKA, KAFUE</b>
<b>MAGISTRATES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>LUSAKA, NDOLA, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE,MAZABUKA, KAFUE</b>
<b>LAWYERS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>LUSAKA, NDOLA, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE,MAZABUKA, KAFUE</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>LUSAKA, NDOLA, KITWE, LIVINGSTONE,MAZABUKA, KAFUE</b>

# Community Sensitization

- Target
  - ▣ Community Leaders
  - ▣ Women's Groups
  - ▣ Community based NGOs
  - ▣ Clergy
  - ▣ Teachers and pupils
  
- Two- three day Sensitization Workshops
- Markets
- Schools
- Bus Stations

# Accomplishments

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- Almost 100% of children who report to the centre within 72hrs are started on PEP
- 60% complete 28 day course of PEP.

# Challenges

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- Follow up of children beyond 3 months
- 40% of children are still not completing 28 day course of PEP
- Poor conviction rates
- Shortage of personnel dedicated to CSA
- Transport constraints

# Way Forward

1. Prevention of CSA
  - Community Awareness
  - Education programs in schools
2. Improved investigation, prosecution resulting in ‘appropriate’ conviction rates
3. Serve as a center of excellence for the care and treatment of child sexual abuse in Zambia; and eventually serve as a national resource to disseminate this clinical, legal and service delivery expertise throughout the country through training.

# Community Sensitization



Location:

Chawama Market

Targeted Audience:

men, women, children



# Community Sensitization



Location:

Kulima Tower Bus Station/market

Targeted Audience:

Bus drivers, Taxi drivers , women

# Community Sensitization



Community Leaders – Kabwata



# Community Sensitization cont...



School Debate – Woodlands A Secondary School