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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the urgent need of sexual violence prevention education in Haiti. While the taboo surrounding sexual violence remains a significant obstacle to addressing these cases, the issue has become alarming due to its evolution over the last decade. Thus, the application of Dr. Jülich's SVPE model is proposed as a more promising approach for achieving long-term positive outcomes.

Introduction

Until now, interventions for sexual violence in Haiti have primarily focused on mental health support for survivors. Essentially, this approach has offered relief, however it falls short in preventing future incidents and in fully safeguarding the survivors from ongoing risks.



Objectives

- Expand prevention programs
- Integrate education into intervention
- Promote community awareness



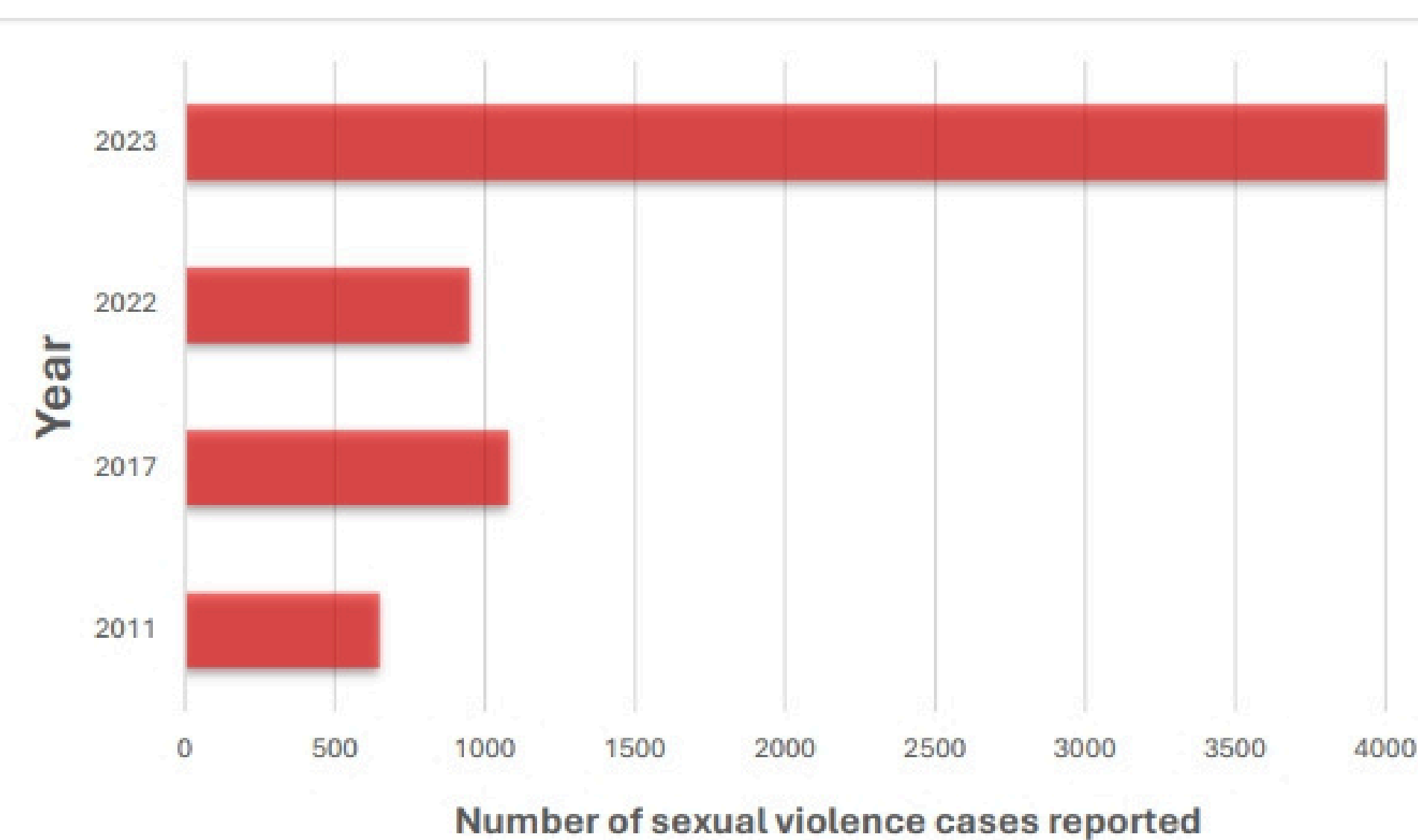
Methods

Surveys and number of cases received are drawn from the website of the care center in Haiti for the period 2011 to 2024.

Findings

Data collected show:

- **An increase in the number** of sexual violence in Haiti for the last 13 years.
- **Socioeconomic factors** such as gender inequalities and cultural issues are major factors.
- **Social representations** of sexual violence significantly contribute to the vulnerability of women and girls



Recommendations

Use the three tiers SVPE model of Dr. Jülich to create a safer and more protective environment.

1. **Engaging teachers** to integrate sexual violence topic into the school curriculum that could teach safe practices towards all genders.
2. **Encourage social workers and psychologists** to be more proactive in screening individual at highest risk of sexual violence.
3. **Include public policy makers and legal assistance** for improving psychosocial support such as easiest access to legal services.



Conclusion

The gap in preventive education and awareness makes women and girls more susceptible to sexual violence. Advocating for SVPE is a more effective approach that would instill real behavior change for a healthier society in ❤️.



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