



FOUNTAIN
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FOUNTAIN OF LIFE BLANTYRE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2014

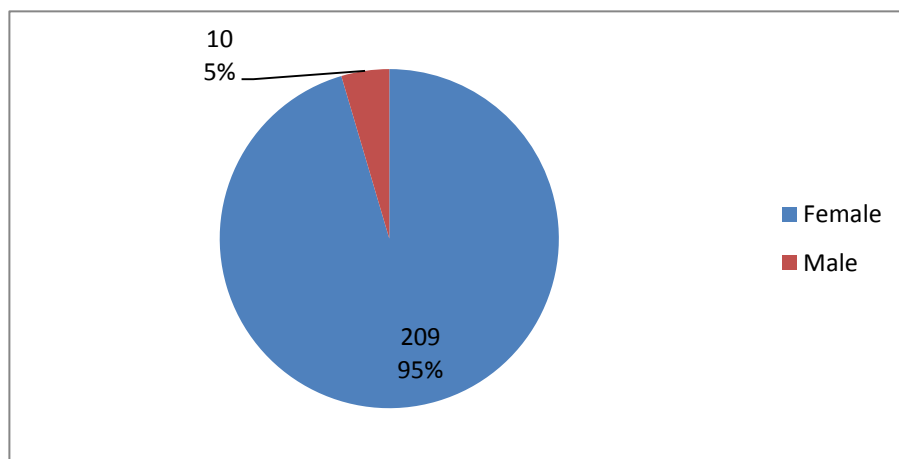
1. INFORMATION ON CASES

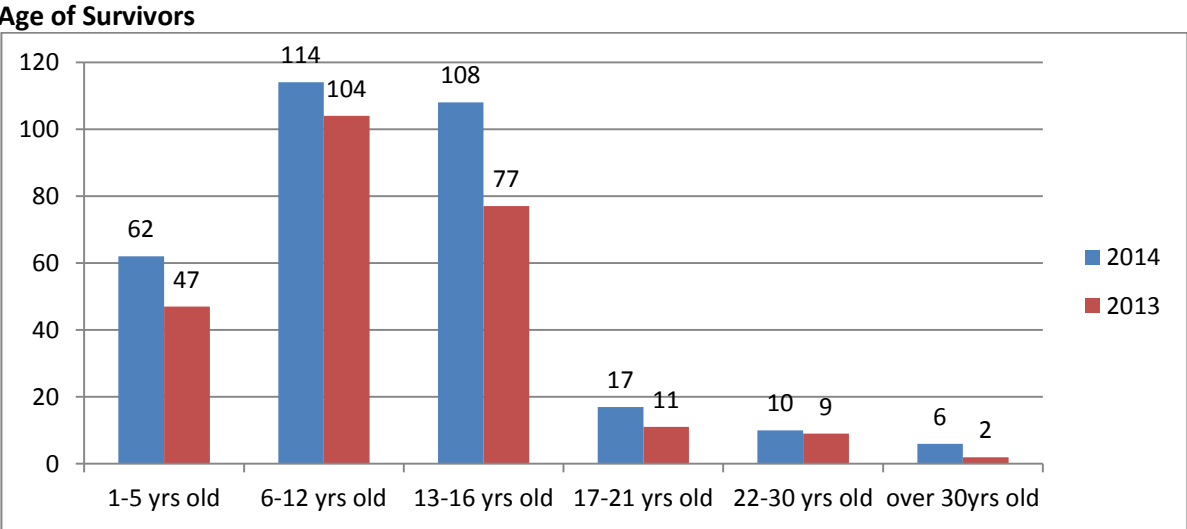
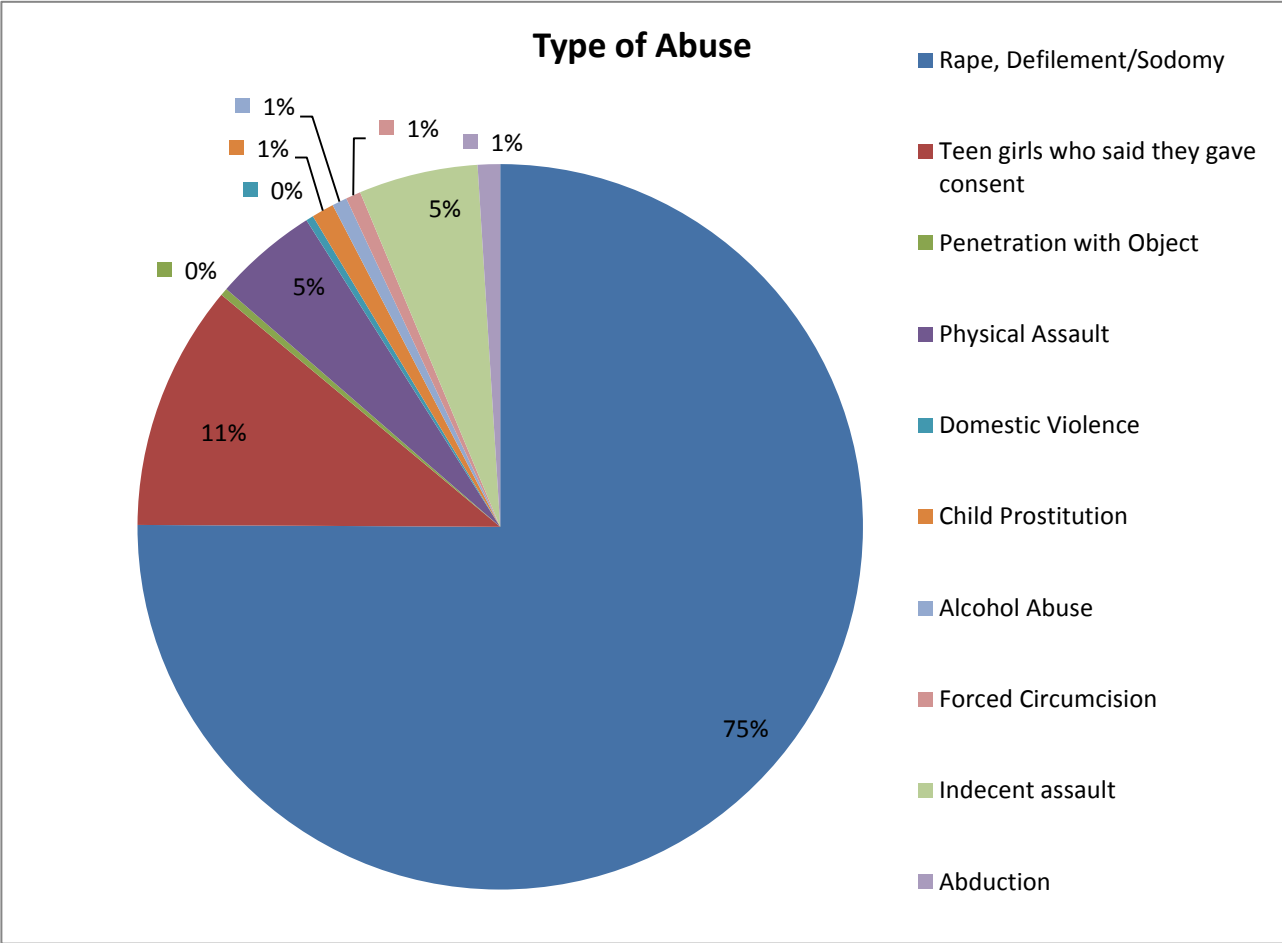
	2014	2013
Total Cases Seen by FOL	323	250
Total Number of Substantiated Cases	301	234
Number of Children with Mental Disabilities/Epilepsy	13	12
Number diagnosed with Sexually Transmitted Diseases with high probability of having been contracted through the sexual assault	2	14
Number Children impregnated by perpetrators	3	6

***Note: 68 clients came for more than one session**

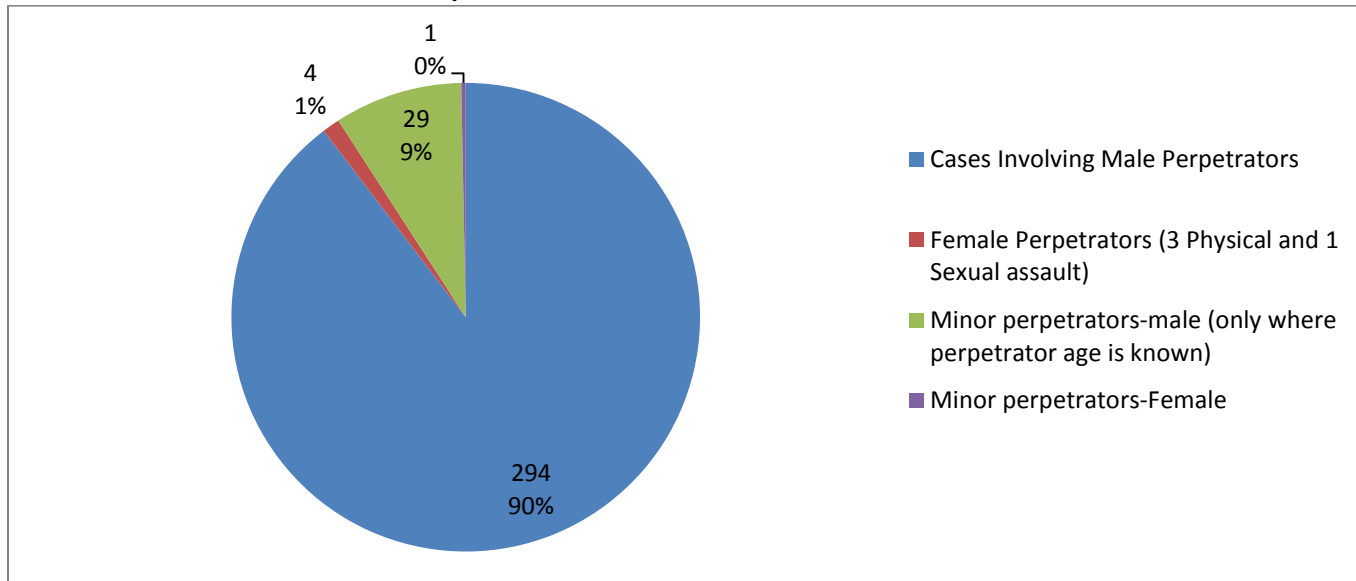
2. CLIENTS' INFORMATION

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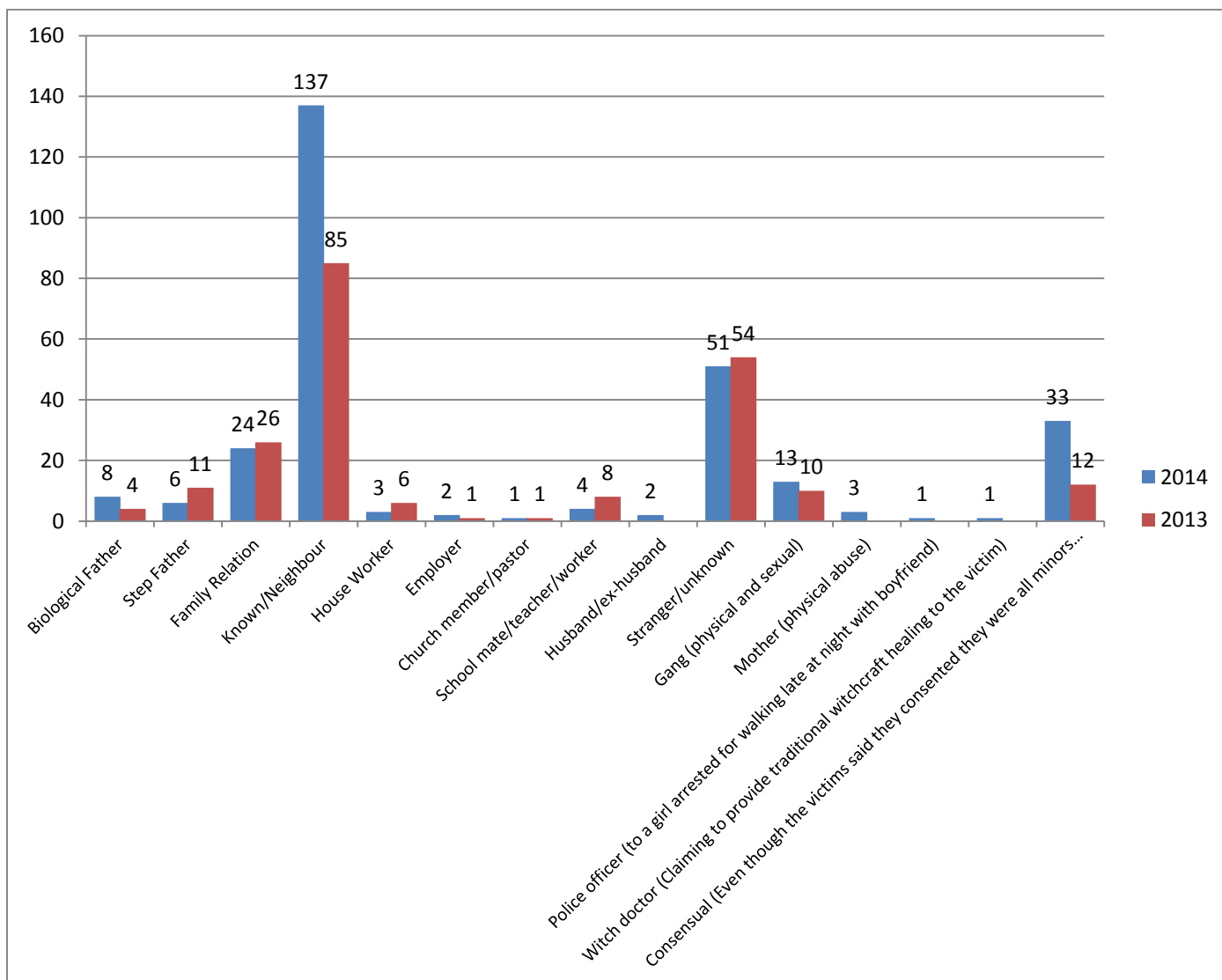




3. INFORMATION ON PERPETRATOR/SUSPECT

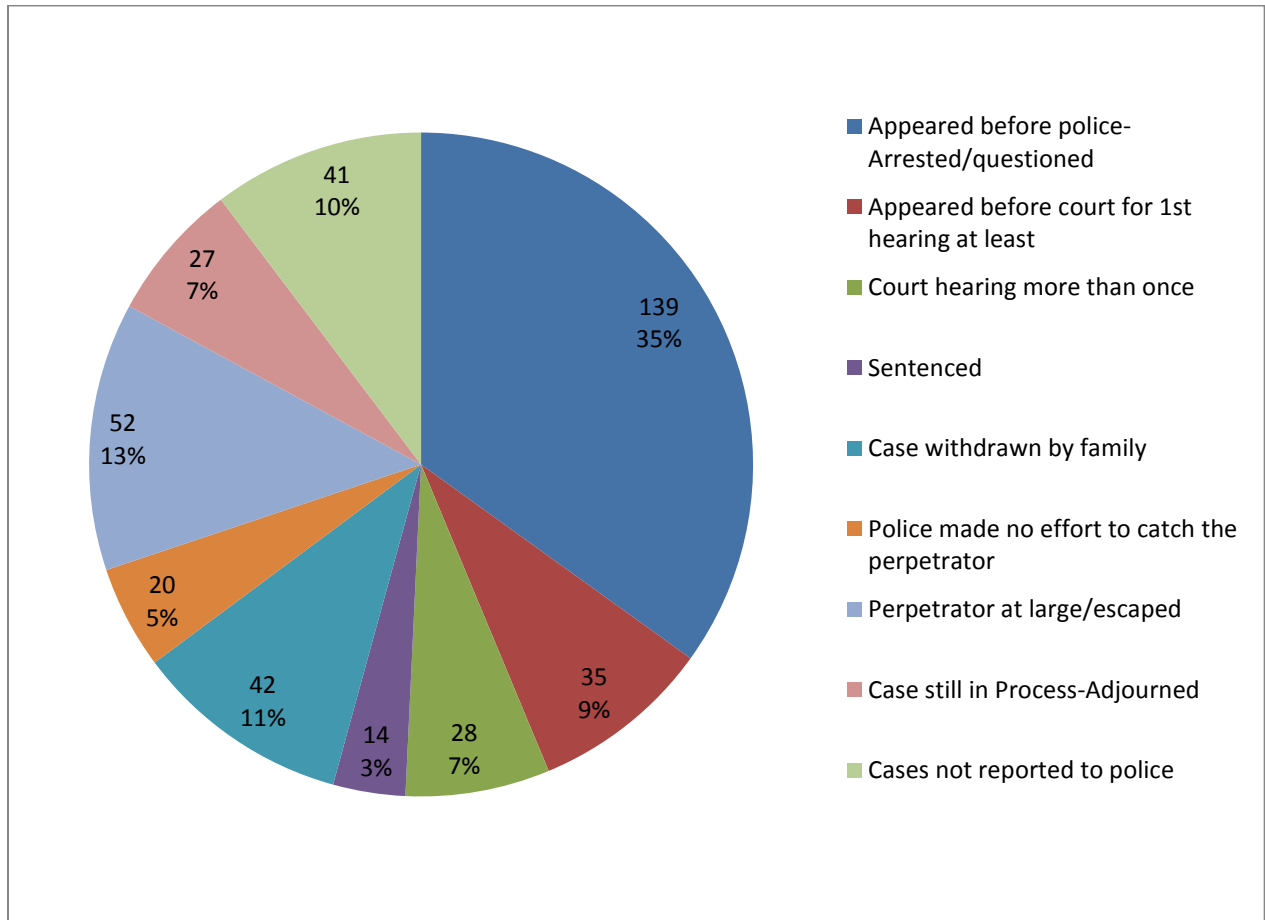


Relationship of Perpetrator to Survivor



At the beginning of the year 2014 we embarked on an exercise to contact our clients and follow them up with a phone call at least once a month in order to find out how they are coping but mostly also to find out details on the status of the perpetrator. Out of the 323 clients seen by FOL, 233 clients were able to be contacted after the first counseling session. 86 clients had no means of communication and below is chart of the feedback we got from our clients:

(In some cases the perpetrator was already in police custody when the client came for first session, some information was obtained during the session)



Note: The junior judicial workers were on strike from November 2014 to December 2014 and all court operations were suspended, therefore no court hearings and proceedings in those months.

Also interesting to note is that in May 2014 we organized our first workshop for magistrates and prosecutors, at the time of the workshop most of the cases were dormant and only one perpetrator had been sentenced. However between May and September we have 13 cases that reported the perpetrator was sentenced. The highest sentence is 14 years and lowest is 3 months. We would like to believe that the workshops have had an impact though we still can see that a lot of cases that appeared before police and court became dormant or were dropped.

4. Other Activities

i. Workshops and awareness campaign

2014 has been yet another successful year accomplishing what we planned at the beginning of the year on top of providing counseling services to survivors of Gender Based Violence. With support from well wishers we organized and facilitated two workshops for magistrates, investigators, victim support unit officers and prosecutors. In total we reached out to about 110 magistrates and police officers. It was a good opportunity for us to present and discuss challenges that survivors of abuse and their families encounter in trying to pursue justice.



Participants to the two workshops

Apart from the above workshops two members of the counseling team are currently part of the training team for other One Stop Centers that are being set up in other districts of Malawi under the Ministry of Health. So far the team has been trained for Zomba, Mulanje, Mzuzu, Lilongwe and Mchinji One top Center teams.

We also worked with Maggi's Girls home. We conducted development touch therapy with the girls when the home was opened in 2010 and last year they asked us to do teen sessions with the older girls because of some challenges they were facing. This was also an opportunity for our counselor who was working hand in hand with Nancy, an expert social worker, to gain skills that can be used in working with some on the teenage girls that are being referred to us for counseling at One Stop Centre.

Towards the end of 2014 we were given an opportunity to speak at a Montessori Training, reminding the teachers, who work with a very vulnerable age group, of the role they can play in “Breaking the Silence” and the responsibility they have to report any suspicion of abuse and seek help and support for children they work with.

We worked with CPC Street Children’s ministry. Showing our awareness video on sexual assault to the girls that come into the street of Blantyre to beg and some brought their guardians/parents with them. An organization that works to empower young girls in Chilomoni also had their girls attend together with parents and guardians.



The girls and their parents end the session in prayer

5. Counselors

The year 2014 ended with 6 volunteer counselors and one paid full time coordinator. All the six volunteer counselors we stated with at the beginning of the year, we however did not renew the contract of the coordinator due to some performance issues and we hired a new coordinator on a one year contract. We also had 3 students from the department of Psychology and Counseling at the Blantyre International University that did their practical with us.

Ongoing trainings and support group for counselors helped to equip the volunteers with skills and also to share challenges and experiences.

6. Financial Report

INCOME	
Balance Brought Forward	23,102.33
Received from "One Billion Rising" event to use for transport	33,000.00
Received from well wishers UK for Dresses, underwear and Petty cash	121,000.00
Donation for Magistrates and Prosecutor Training	500,000.00
Total	677,102.33
EXPENSES	
Transport for clients mostly for follow up sessions	29,600.00
Dresses and girls' underwear	91,000.00
Orange squash, biscuits, box tissue and toilet paper (petty cash)	28,400.00
Magistrates and Prosecutors' workshop	427,759.00
Total	576,759.00
FOL ACCOUNT UNDER CP CHURCH	
B/Forward 1st Jan 2014	2,344,906.61
Donation Received	1,476,000.00
Donation Received for Printing of Brochure	82,000.00
Balance from Magistrates and Prosecutors workshop	72,241.00
Total	3,975,147.61
Expenses	
Donated FOL office Lilongwe	1,000,000.00
Monitor for OSC office computer	38,350.00
Stationery and office expenses	13,750.00
Refreshments and Snacks for Counsellors' meetings/trainings	2,265.00
Refreshments and snacks teen support group for Maggi girls home	14,515.00
Mint for Community Policing workshop	3,000.00
Total	1,071,880.00

Support Received through Lilongwe Office

Total for Volunteer Transport and airtime	561,150.00
Total for comfort pack materials	86,866.00

In the year well-wishers donated pillow case dresses that they made in UK while some people who could not make the dresses donated some money do go towards making these dresses in Malawi. We also received a donation of almost 400 girls' panties from U.K and this was a good addition to our comfort packs. Also added to our comfort packs were face-cloths donated to us through the event that we were part of "One Billion Rising" a global campaign to end violence against women. And 2014 was the first year that Malawi took part in this campaign, some funds donated during this campaign were given to FOL to support survivors with transport when they come for follow up sessions.



Some of the donated clothes and comfort packs

7. Plans for 2015

Our main strength in the past years has been knowing who we are and what our calling is, this has helped us to focus and take things one day at a time. In order for us to accomplish our goals we realize that networking is important in our work so that we can have a strong referral network system, 2015 therefore will be another year of building and extending our network by empowering and equipping others to take on other roles and responsibilities through awareness and training.

We are partnering with Emmanuel Teachers Training unit to conduct awareness and sensitization with the teachers they work with around Blantyre and Southern Region.

We are also partnering with Girl Guide Malawi in order to train the school girl-guiders (Teachers) around Blantyre City in Recognizing and Responding to sexual abuse but also in Psychological First Aid. Over 80% of the clients seen in 2015 are children under 15 years who are in primary school. Equipping teachers who in most cases spend more time with these children than the children's parents might help in creating an environment in schools for girls to speak up about any abuse that is going on in their lives.

We hope the trained teachers will also be able to give girls tips on prevention and support. We will also look into the possibility of resuming school outreaches.

We are also looking into a possibility of speaking at a pastor's training in Ndirande with Way Ministries.

Organizing another OSC workshop for Police Victim Support Unit, Prosecutors and Investigators before the end of June 2015. This will target magistrates and officers who were not part of the 2014 workshops

Developing and motivating the volunteer counselors through more trainings and a weekend away retreat.

8. Acknowledgements

A big thank you to all who partnered with us in 2014 to make it possible for us to carry out our activities – OSC Team, Resident Magistrate Blantyre, Police Regional Office, Way Ministries Nyasa Manufacturing Company and all the individual well wishers who have supported us financially.

And to the committed, passionate and amazing team of volunteer counselors and our trainer/support group facilitator, God bless you all abundantly, well done for yet another successful year.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Directors of Fountain of Life and to City Pentecostal Church Board, for all the support.

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