

# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN KING COUNTY

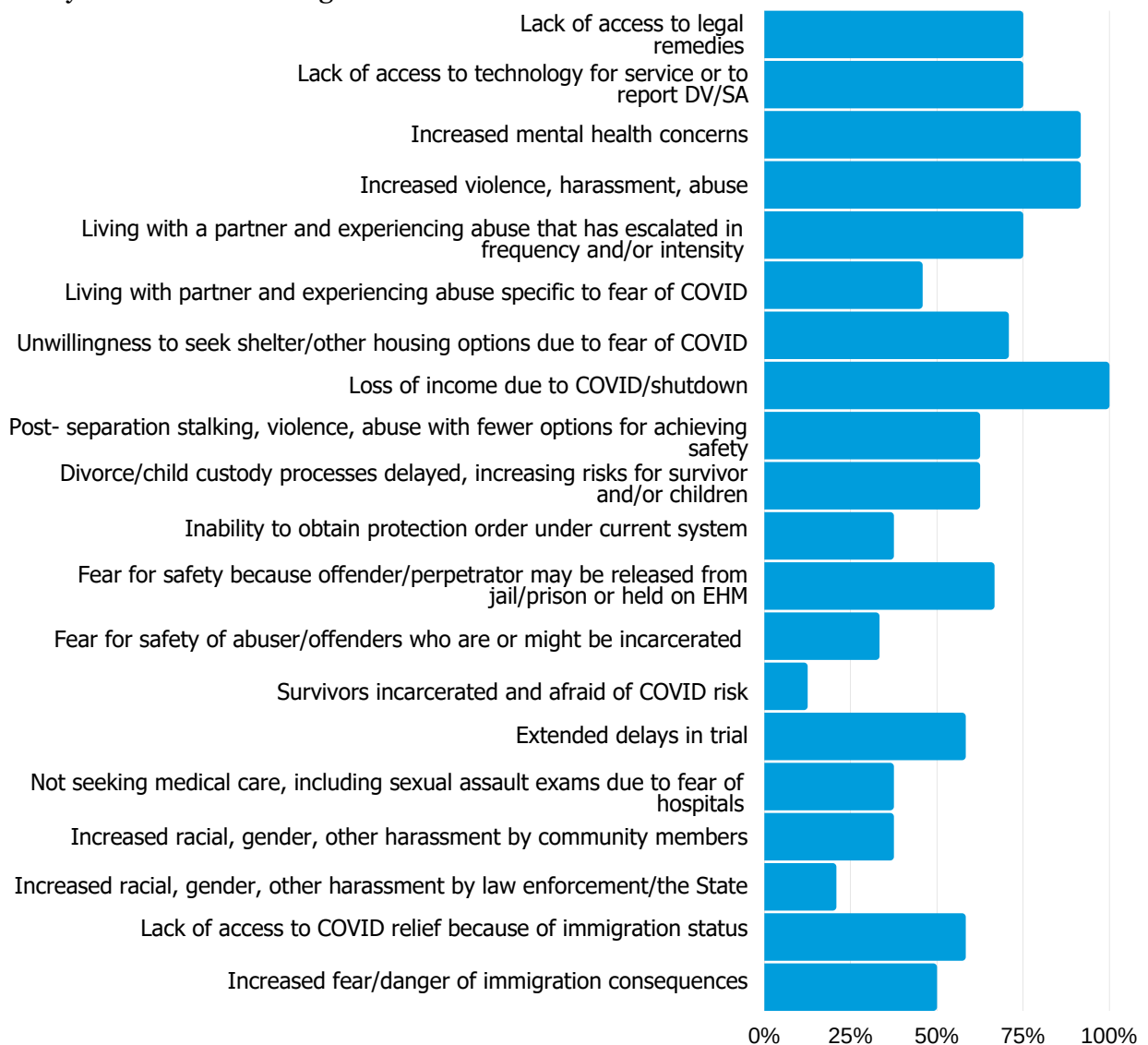
The following data is a snapshot of the pandemic's impacts on survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, their families and the organizations assisting them.

The methodology for this data, outlined at the end of the report, did not allow for disaggregation by race or other identities. However, we recognize that impacts of the pandemic on survivors of gender-based violence are greater for survivors in communities of color and that responses and resources should be allocated accordingly. Note that the results shown represent the numbers of organizations that identified these impacts, not the numbers of survivors who experienced them.

## SURVIVORS FACE MORE COMPLEX NEEDS FOR SERVICE

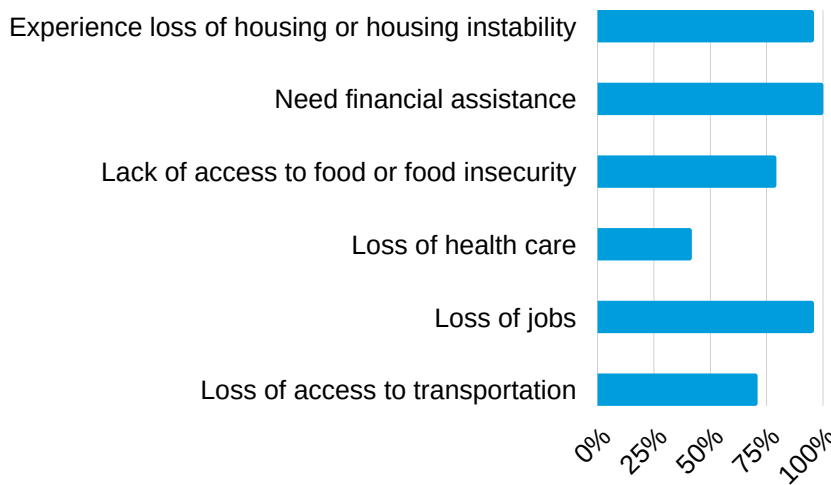
*The graphic below represents the percentage of survey respondents who indicated the issues listed were more problematic due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The risks for survivors of SA and DV are unique and acute during this time of COVID, with life and death consequences for many. These impacts will affect the health and safety of the wider community as well as the next generation.



## Impact on Survivors

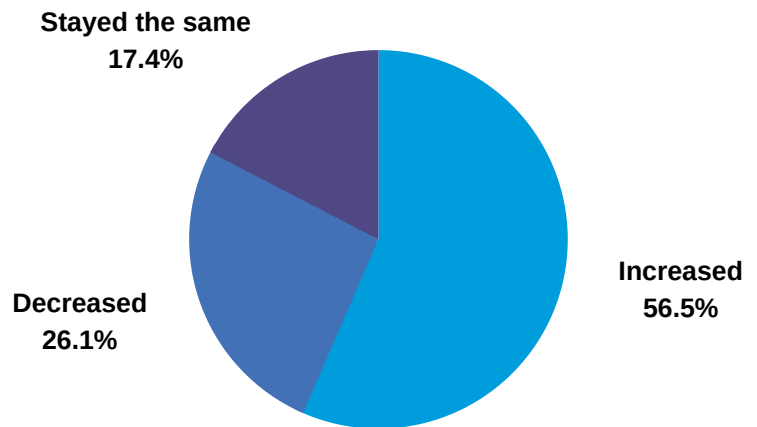
Survey respondents identified these areas uniquely impacting SA and DV survivors.



Many people are experiencing job loss, housing instability and more. Some of these problems impact SA and DV survivors more and exacerbate the trauma and challenges they are already experiencing and may force survivors back into dangerous situations.

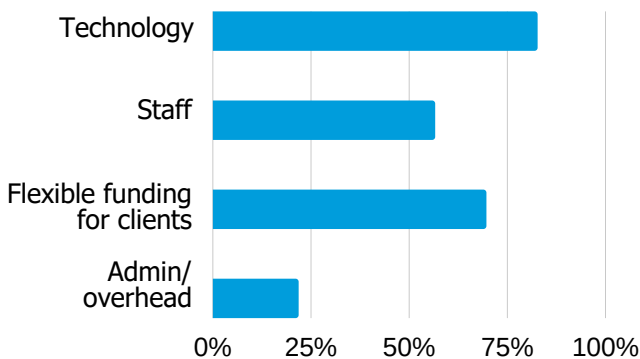
## Number of Survivors Seeking Help

Organizations are facing a range of challenges as we respond to survivors and their families. Since the COVID shutdown, more survivors are seeking help and many survivors face more obstacles to getting help.

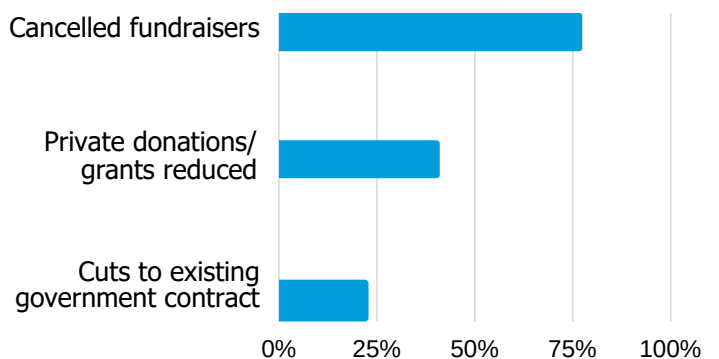


## FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON ORGANIZATIONS

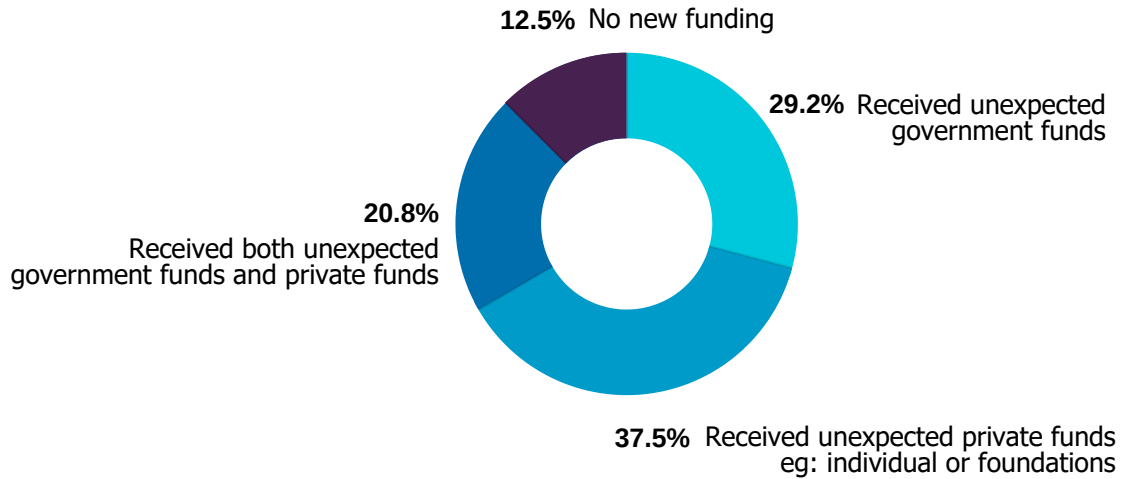
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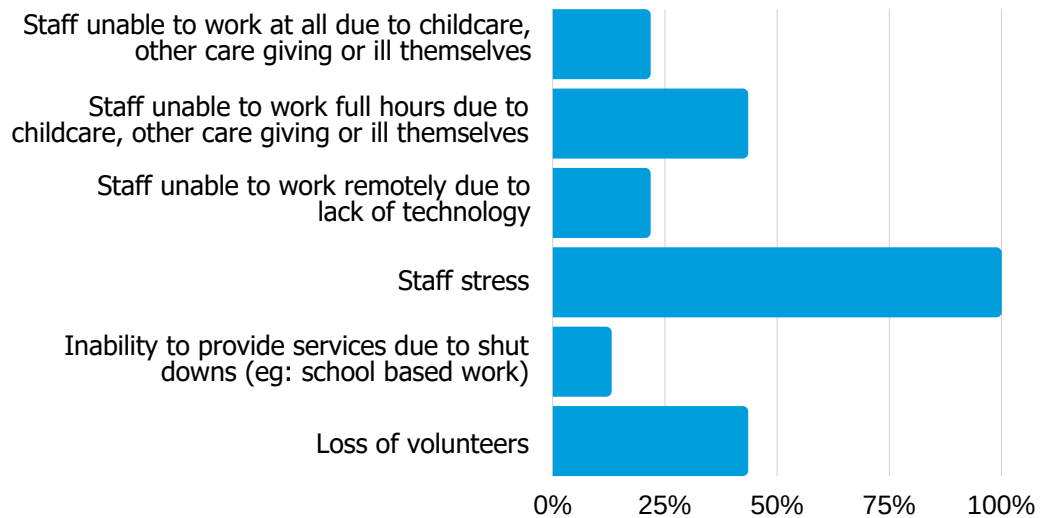
### Revenue Decreases



## New Funding for Emergency Response



## Personnel



## TOP 3 CONCERNS ABOUT SERVICE PROVISION

- #1** Adequate funding to maintain existing services & operations
- #2** Health and well-being of community
- #3** Ability to meet potential surge in future

## ABOUT THIS SURVEY

In June 2020, 24 organizations providing services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence in King County, Washington, responded to this survey asking about impacts of COVID on survivors and services. Complete list of survey participants below.

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS)  
Asian Counseling and Referral Service  
Atlantic Street Center  
Aurora Commons  
Consejo Counseling  
Cowlitz Tribe  
Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN)  
DoVE Project  
Eastside Legal Assistance Program  
The Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center  
International District Housing Alliance  
Jewish Family Service  
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC)  
LifeWire  
Mother Nation  
Multi-Communities  
New Beginnings  
Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)  
Salvation Army DV Programs  
Seattle Counseling Service  
Seattle Indian Health Board  
Sexual Violence Legal Services  
Solid Ground  
Somali Family Safety Task Force

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