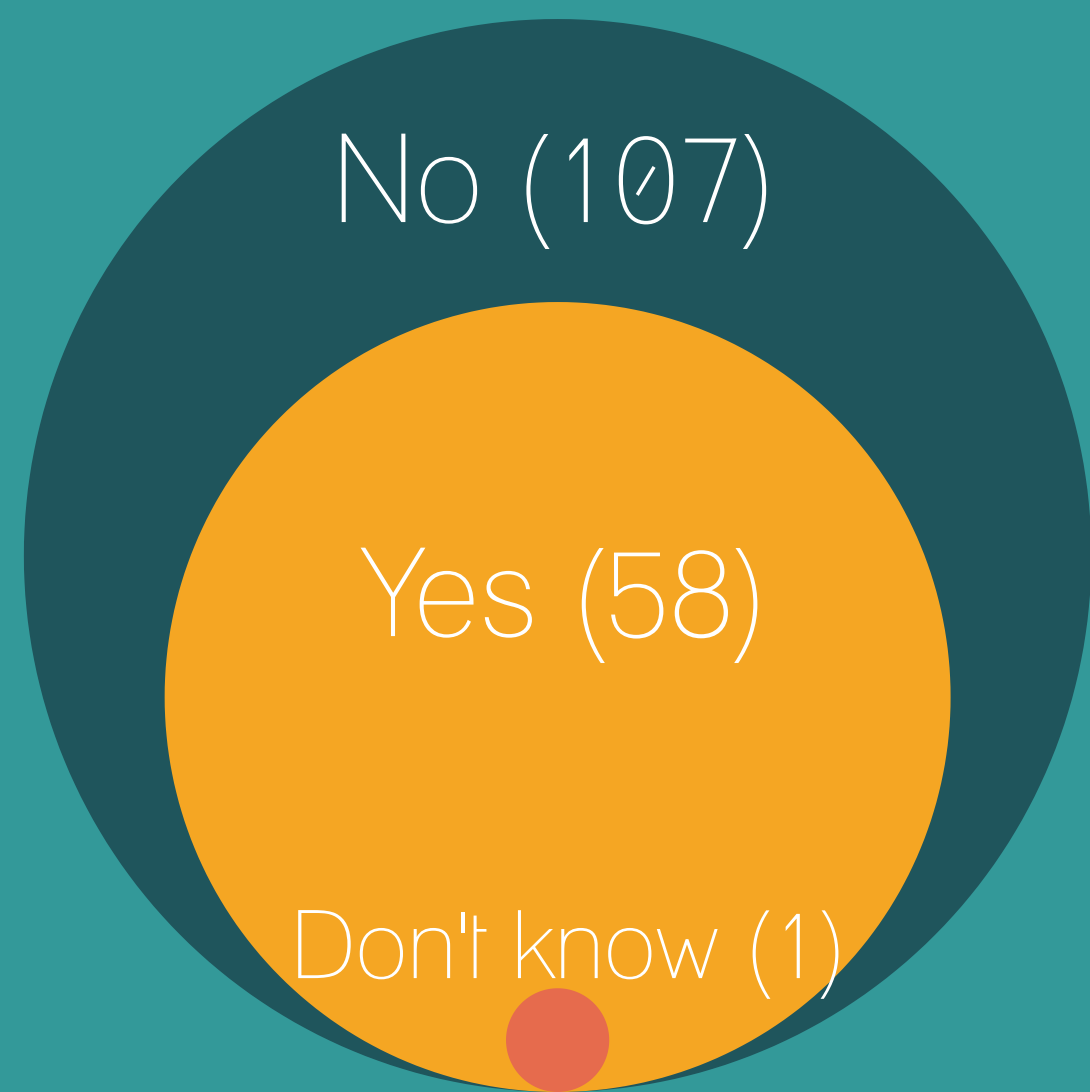


# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN RENTAL HOUSING COMMUNITIES OF PHNOM PENH

Findings from a research study by Klahaan, PIN and UPWD in February 2019\*

Factsheet 2/4

Are you personally aware of cases of violence occurring inside rental rooms in this area?



- Over a third of respondents said that they had personally witnessed or were aware of a GBV incident that had happened in their area inside rental rooms
- Despite the opinion among respondents that domestic violence is decreasing, it is clearly still prevalent to a significant extent in at least a majority of the communities
- A large number of responses mentioned the influence of alcohol and/or drugs on the perpetrator
- Unequal power dynamics between men and women: DV was painted by several respondents as a method men use to exert control over their partners: "A husband will usually hit his wife when he asks for money from her to buy alcohol and she rejects his request" (NGO worker, Chak Angre Leu). Jealousy and anger also featured in a number of responses

Is domestic violence seen to be decreasing?



■ Increasing (3.66%) ■ Decreasing (86.59%)  
 ■ Not sure (9.76%)

A wide majority of respondents in both the surveys and interviews advised that they felt domestic violence was decreasing in their community

"[DOMESTIC VIOLENCE] IS PART OF MY OWN STORY – MY HUSBAND AND I USED TO ARGUE WITH EACH OTHER. AND HE PUNCHED ME AND BLAMED ME BECAUSE HE WAS A DRUG USER AT THAT TIME. HE NEVER CARED ABOUT THE KIDS – NO MATTER WHAT I SAID, HE WAS ALWAYS ANGRY."

Woman focus group discussion participant, Choeung Ek

"A HUSBAND WAS PHYSICALLY VIOLENT TOWARDS HIS WIFE AND THEN POLICE WERE SENT TO CONTAIN THE VIOLENCE.

AFTER A FEW DAYS, SHE WENT TO ASK THE POLICE TO RELEASE HIM FROM PRISON, BECAUSE HER HUSBAND IS THE ONE WHO EARNS MONEY TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND THE CHILDREN COULD NOT GO TO SCHOOL.

Police officer respondent, Chak Angre Leu

"Who do you think are the main perpetrators of violence against women in this area?"



■ Husbands (62.32%) ■ Strangers/ gangsters (28.02%)  
 ■ Don't know (5.31%) ■ Wives (3.38%)  
 ■ Neighbours (0.97%)

\*Study consisted of 167 household surveys, six focus group discussions and 20 key informant interviews. For full methodology and findings, you can find the report online at [www.klahaan.org/publications](http://www.klahaan.org/publications)

