

# INCREASING ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

A three-year pilot project implemented by SPC-RRRT and funded by the United Nations Trust Fund to increase access to justice in Guadalcanal and Malaita for women and girl survivors of domestic violence

## BASELINE AND MIDLINE SURVEY RESULTS

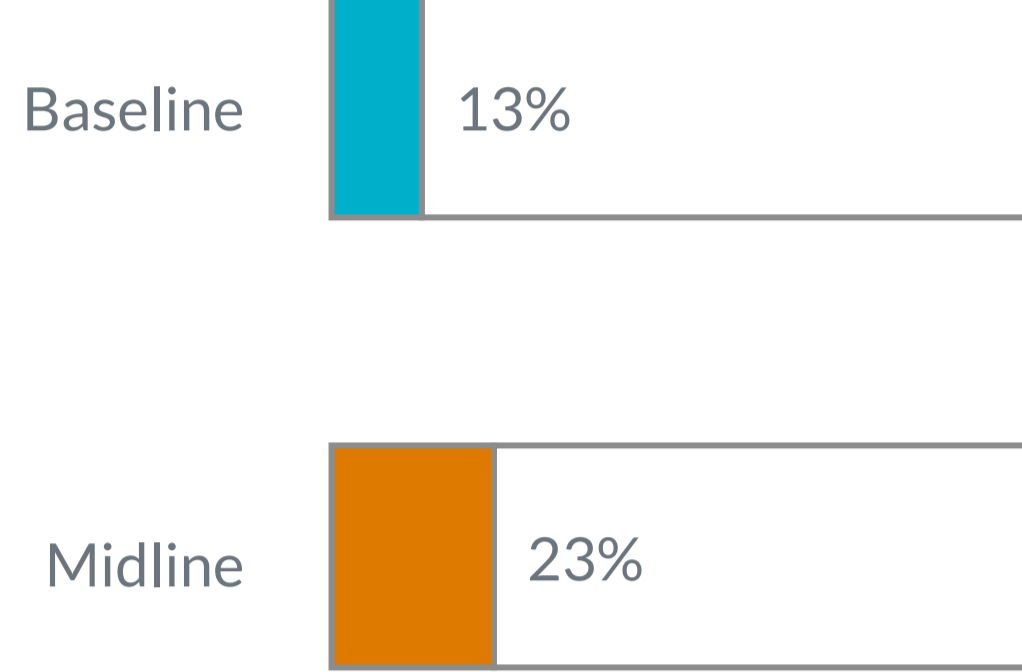
### BACKGROUND

In 2018 and 2019 data collectors travelled to rural villages across the Guadalcanal and Malaita provinces to talk with women through a survey or in focus group discussions about their knowledge, attitudes and behaviour in relation to domestic violence. This is a summary of some of the survey data collected at the start of the project (baseline) and midway through project implementation (midline) from 574 rural women.



### CHANGES FROM BASELINE TO MIDLINE

Increase in knowledge of the Family Protection Act 2014



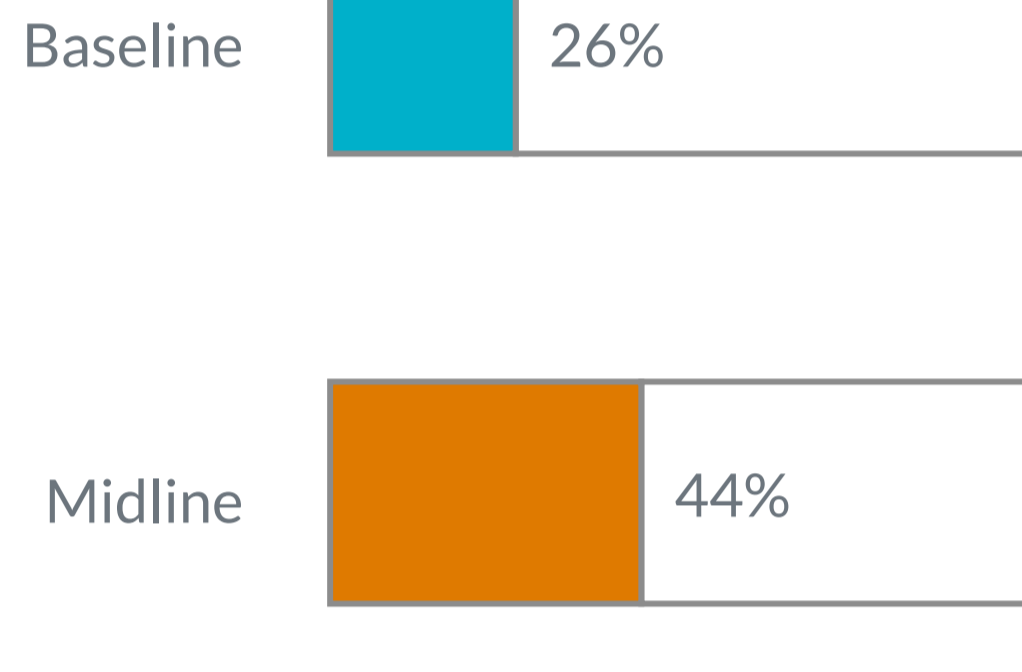
Increase in knowledge that if a man forces his wife to have sex, that is domestic violence



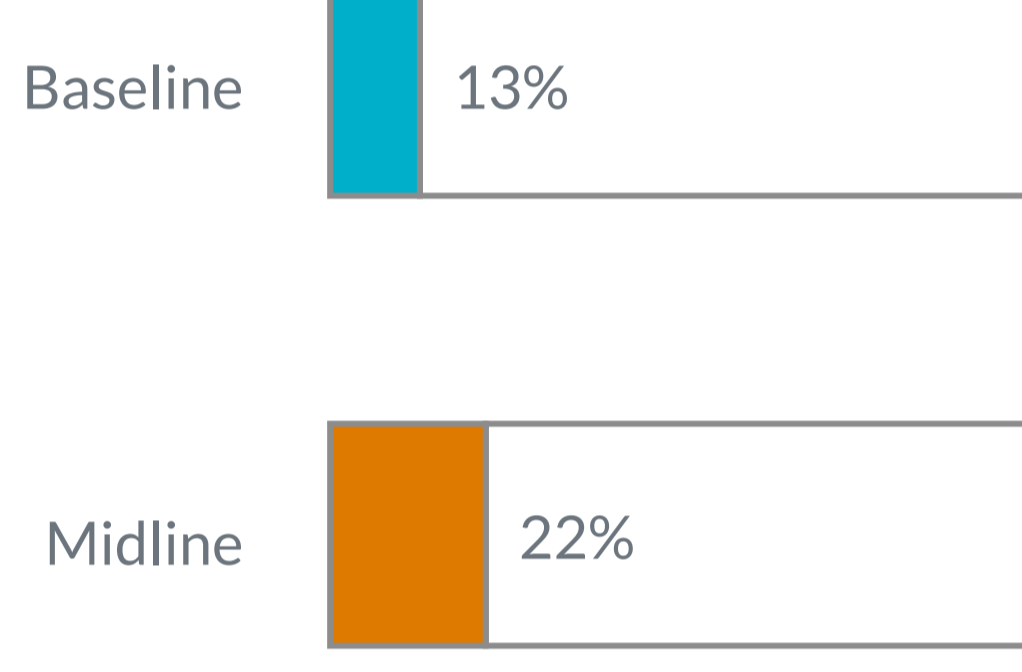
Increase in knowledge that if a parent hits their child, that is domestic violence



Increase in proportion of women who have heard of a Protection Order



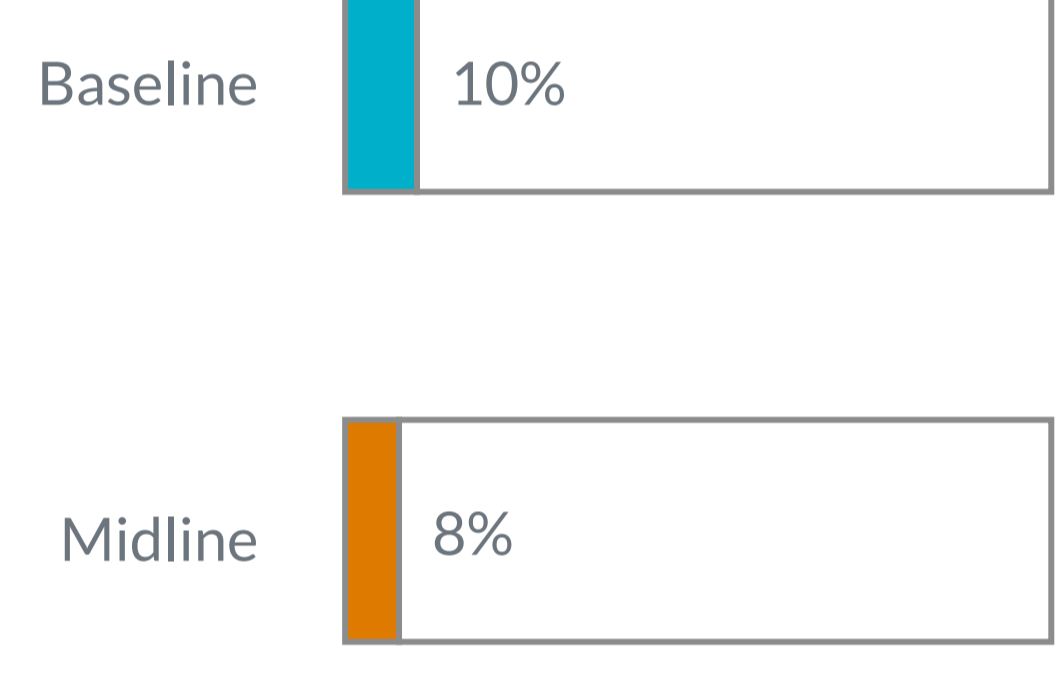
Increase in knowledge of how to get a Protection Order



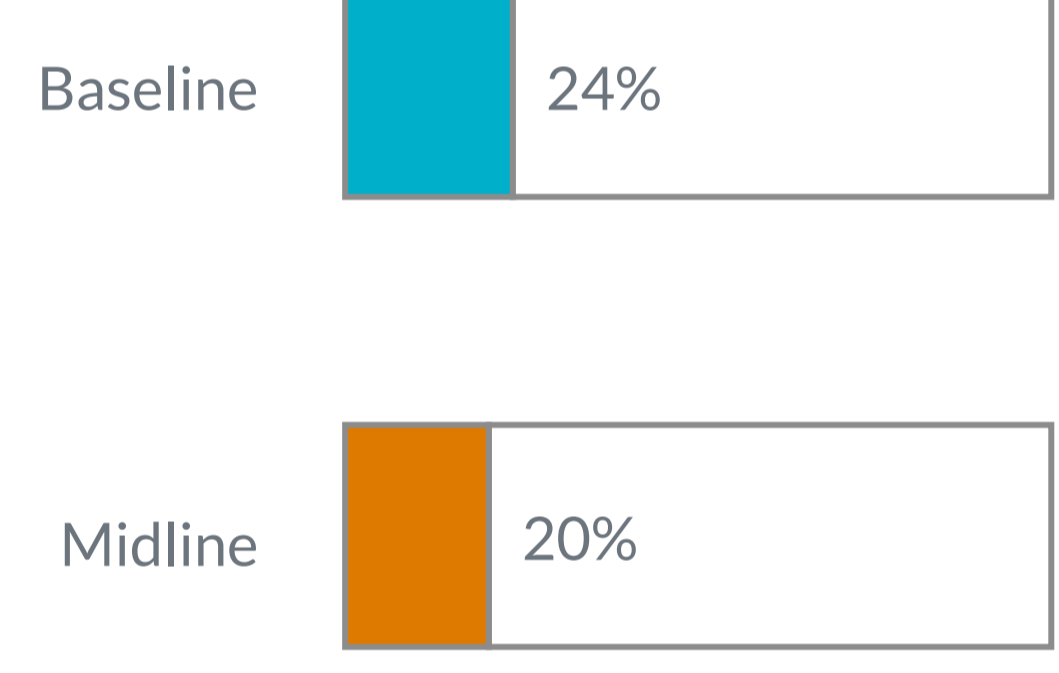
## KNOWLEDGE

## ATTITUDES

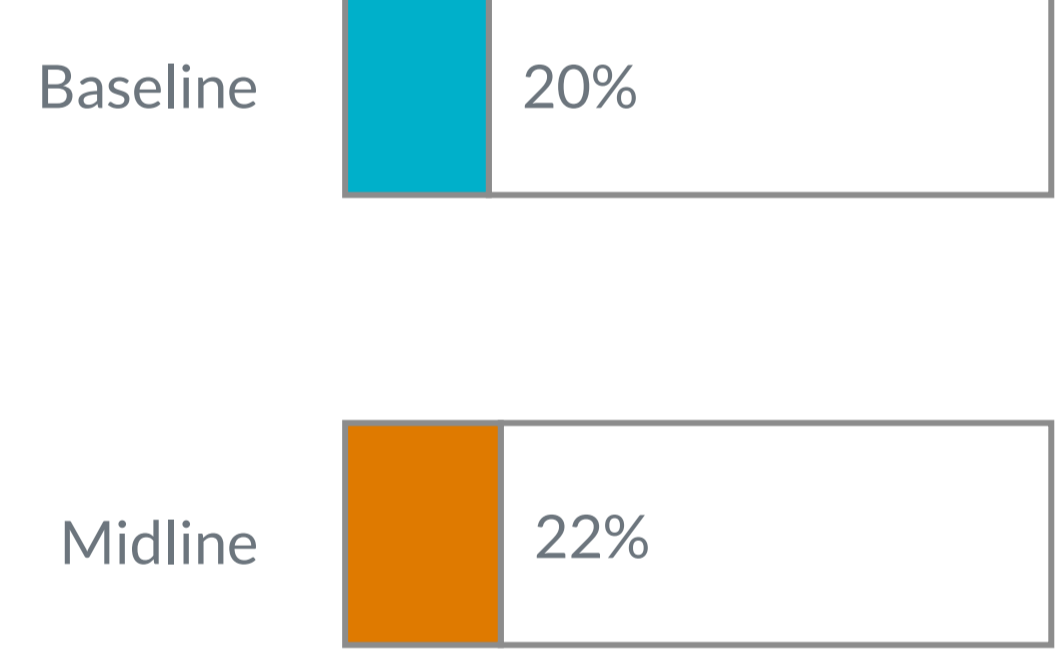
Slight decrease in the proportion of women that think it is acceptable for a man to beat his wife



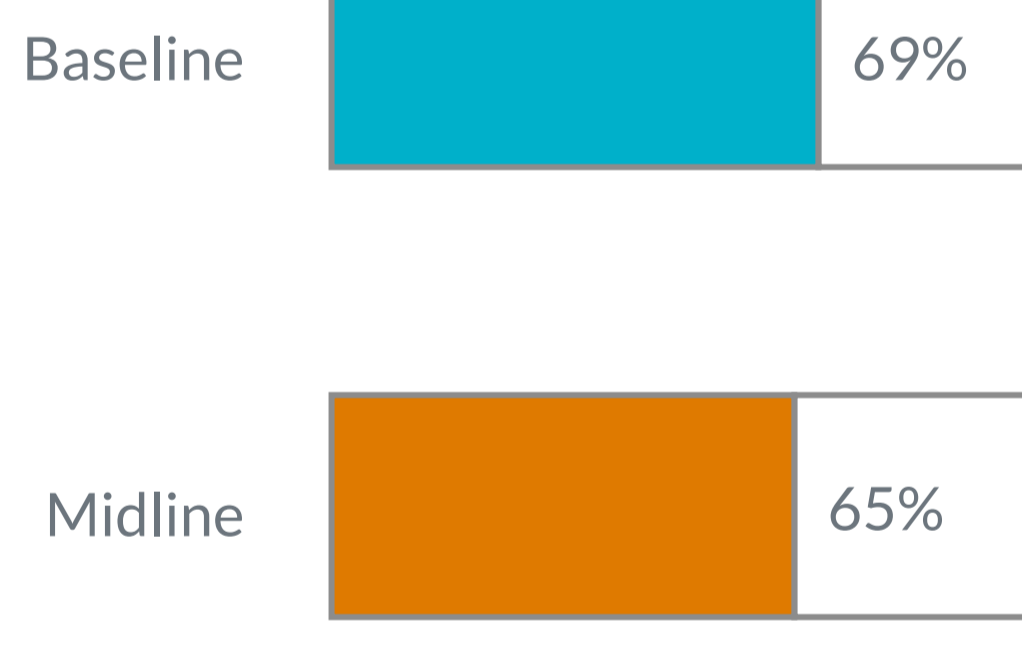
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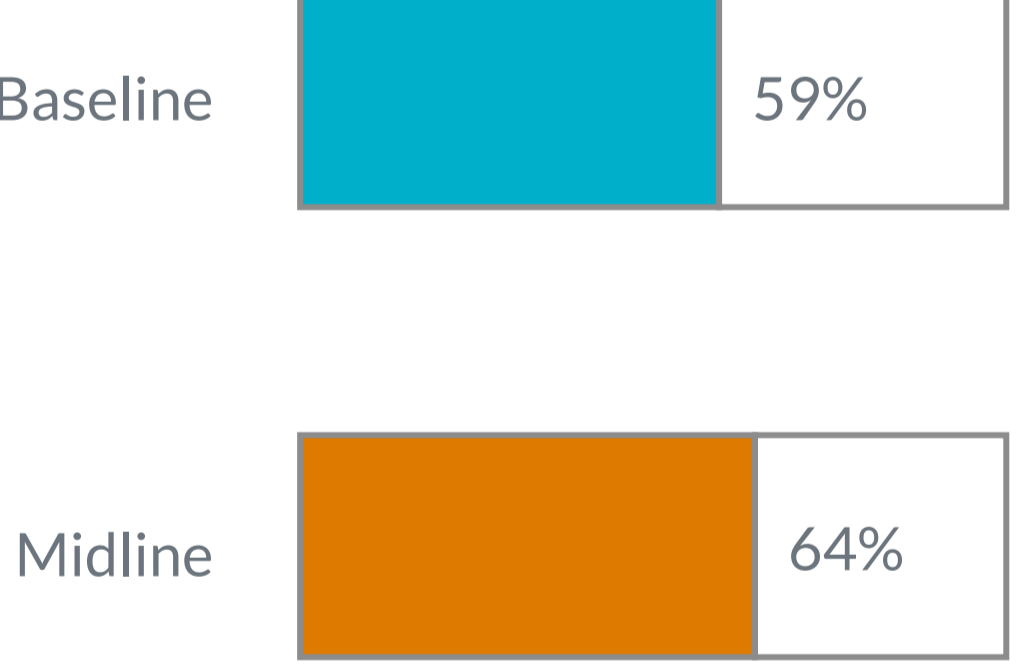
Slight increase in the proportion of women that think it is acceptable for a parent to hit their children



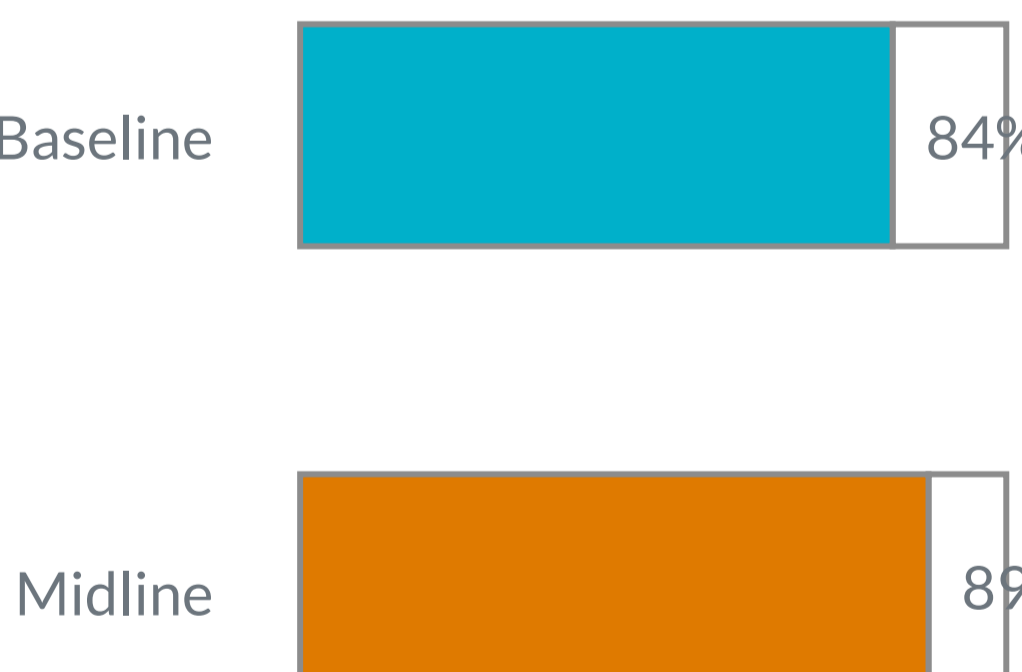
Slight decrease in proportion of women that feel safe from domestic violence



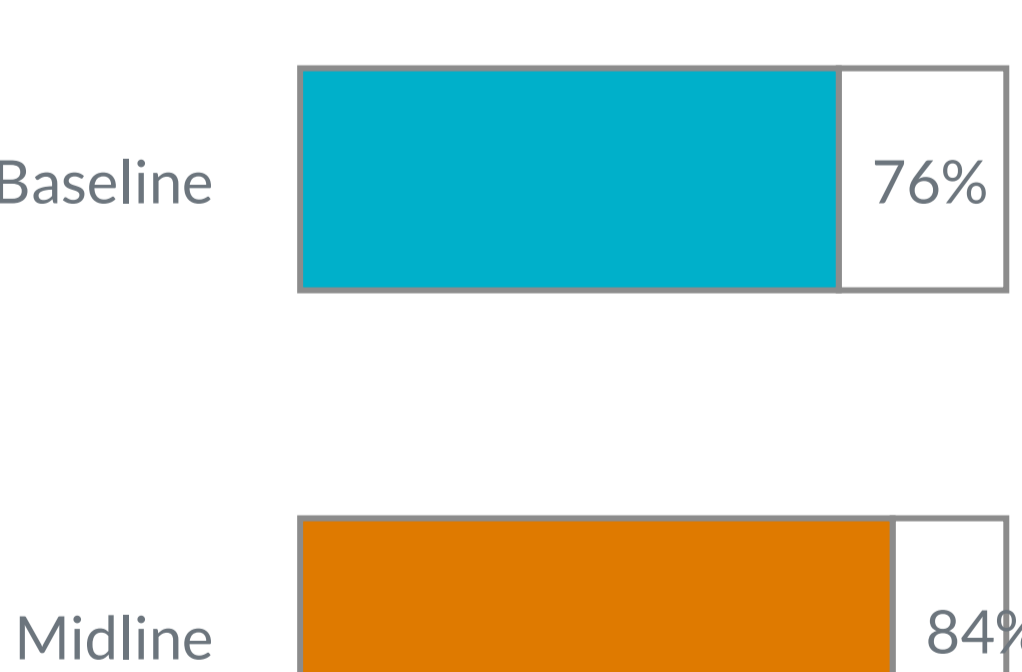
Increase in proportion of women that feel protected by services such as the Police, courts and community services



Increase in proportion of women who would seek help if experiencing domestic violence



Increase in proportion of women who would get a protection order if they were experiencing domestic violence



## PRACTICE

### PROGRESS TO DATE

The results show mostly positive changes in knowledge, attitudes and practices of rural women between the baseline and midline surveys. The pace of change has been slow and the reality of rural women in the Solomon Islands is complex but more positive changes are expected in the final year of the project.

SPC RRRT will continue to support Community Facilitators with resources and skills to deliver education sessions to women to further improve knowledge and attitudes, and ensure that Authorised Justices are prepared to assist survivors of domestic violence to access protection orders when needed.



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