



Baseline and Impact ~Comparative Study of 79 Escort young men in Mumbai, India

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Purpose

- The purpose of this research is to determine risk factors of young men who have been sexually exploited in the Escort trade in Mumbai
- After the Impact and regular monitoring , a follow up study was conducted after a year to see if any behavior had changed for those who had been voluntarily at program
- In addition it is hoped that this research will inspire and encourage other NGO and researchers to see the vulnerability of these commercially sexually exploited young men and so be prepared to work with them

Population

- Escort boys who have Domicile in Mumbai and have been integrated in to Escorts trade and may also have provided sex in exchange for money from a male or female client.
- 79 Escort self selected boys aged between 16 to 22 years from outreach locations such as sites and homes in Mumbai, where Samabhavana does outreach.

Recruitment Methodology – Young Men

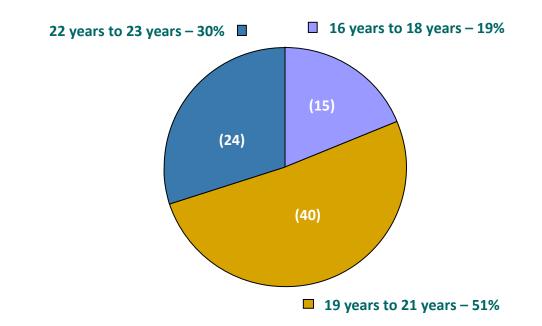
- Awareness Workshops were conducted over a period of three months with more then 800 young men at homes, sites and Drop In Centre, on the benefits of joining the program
- The young men had to self volunteer for the program and also give commitment for a period of six months
- The program was designed in such a way that it would not interfere with times they would normally work
- The volunteer young men were given Life Skills training sessions from 10.00 to 12.30 daily for 12 weeks at the drop in centre along with meals and tea.
- Auto mechanic and other technical training was provided by Jan Sikshan Sanstha Technical school from 14.30 to 17.30 daily.

Interview- Methodology & Ethics

- Interview undertaken by woman counselor half day interviews
- Careful ethical consideration follow up available if young men expressed concerns about things raised – but none did.
- Young men invited to participate but had option not to answer anything they did not want to answer.
- Information kept confidential and identifying information removed in reporting.







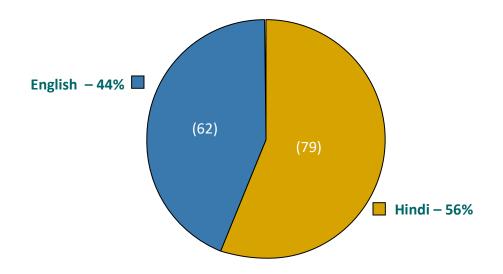
19% respondents current age 16 years to 18 years 51% respondents current age 19 years to 21 years 30% respondents current age 22 years to 23 years



1 b:- Language can speak ?



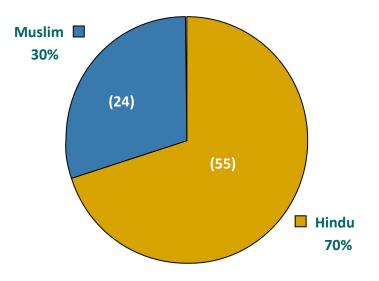
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Out of whole response : 56% respondents can speak Hindi Language 44% respondents can speak English Language







70% respondents are Hindu 30% respondents are Muslim



1 e:- How long have you been living in Mumbai?



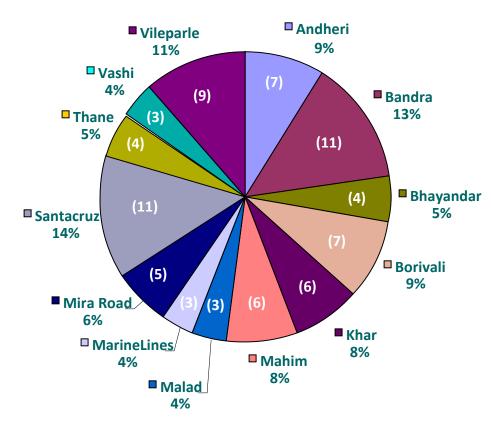
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100% respondents living in Mumbai since their birth





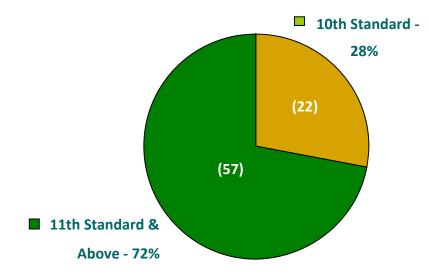


100% respondents origin Mumbai city All above areas are within Mumbai

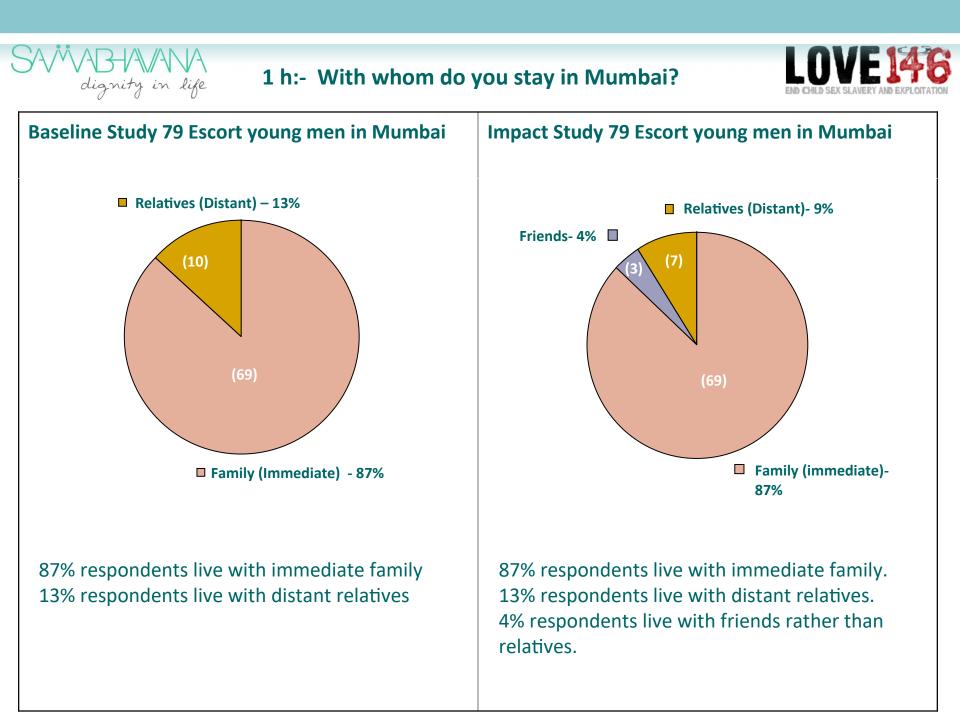


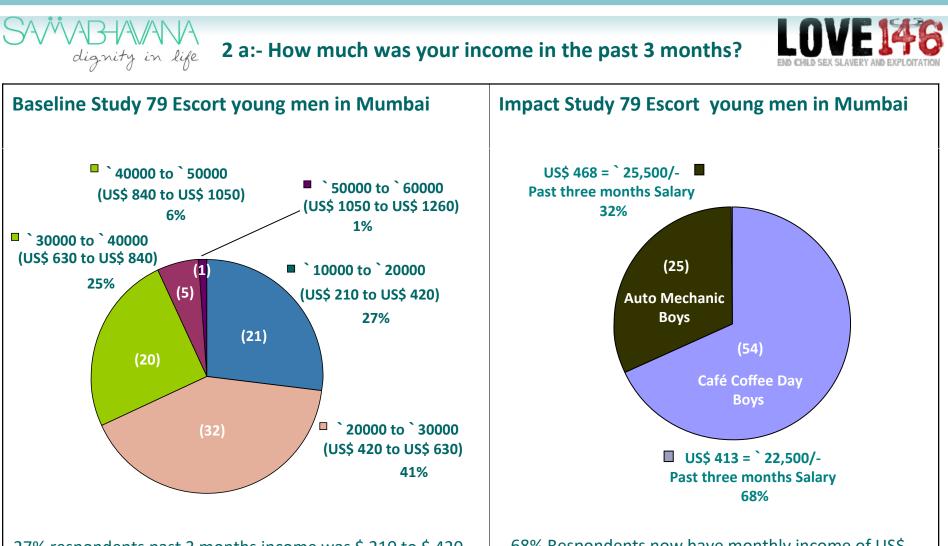


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None below 10th standard. 28% respondents - 10th std . 72% respondents - 11th std and above.

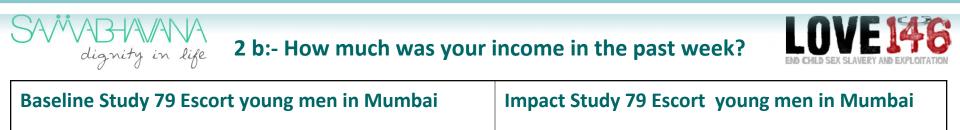


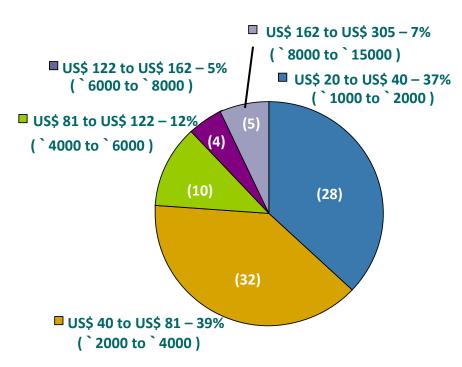


27% respondents past 3 months income was \$ 210 to \$ 420
41% respondents past 3 months income was \$ 420 to \$ 630
25% respondents past 3 months income was \$ 630 to \$ 840
6% respondents past 3 months income was \$ 840 to \$ 1050
1% respondents past 3 months income was \$ 1050 to \$ 1260

68% Respondents now have monthly income of US\$ 138 = Rs.7500/- salary and so US\$ 413 = Rs.22500/and plus incentives in past three months

32% Respondents now have monthly income of US\$ 156 = Rs.8500/- salary and so US\$ 468 = Rs.25500/in past three months.





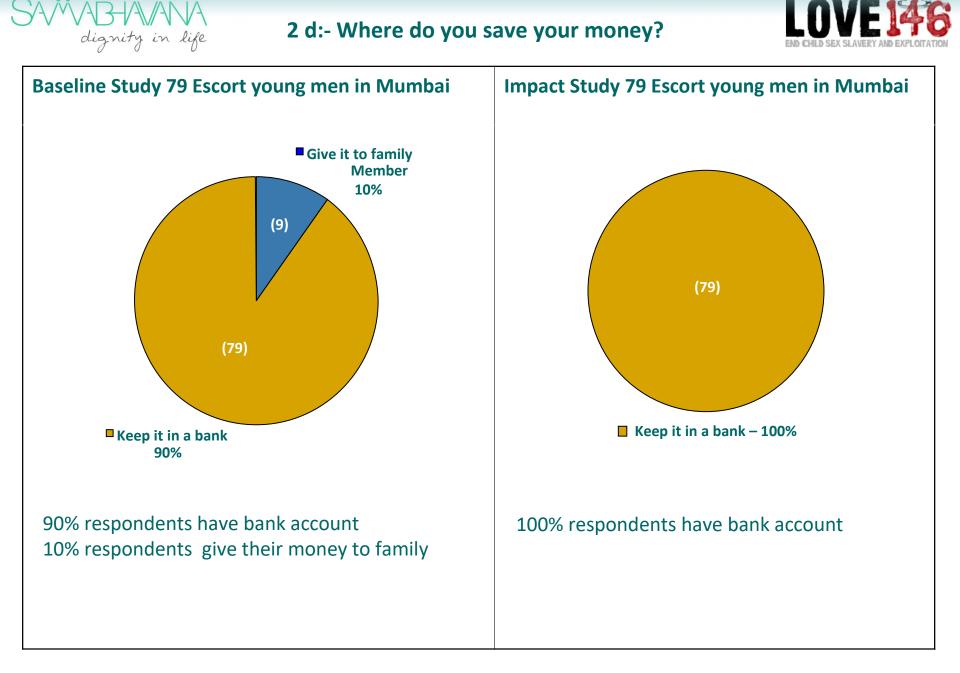
37% respondents last week income was \$20 to \$40
39% respondents last week income was \$40 to \$81
12% respondents last week income was \$81 to \$122
5% respondents last week income was \$122 to \$162
7% respondents last week income was \$162 to \$305



68% Respondents (Café Coffee Day) now have monthly income of US\$ 138 = Rs.7500/- salary and so US\$ 413 = Rs.22500/- and plus incentives in past three months

32% Respondents (Auto mobile mechanics) now have monthly income of US\$ 156 = Rs.8500/- salary and so US\$ 468 = Rs.25500/- in past three months.

dignity in life 2 c:- What do you do with the money you have earned? **Baseline Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai** Impact Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai Spend on substance – 3% ■ Spend on women – 8% Giving at Home – 30% Spend on substance Spend on clothes – 7% (29) 23% Save - 23% (20) (79) (79) (79) (79) (79) (79) (79) Spend on Food & Save – 30% ■ Spend on food & lodging Spend on clothes - 23% lodging – 30% 23% Out of the total earning the monies were spent on : Out of the total earning the monies were spent on: 23% spent on food & lodging 30% spent on food & lodging 23% save 30% save 23 % on clothes 30% giving at home 23% on substance abuse 7% on clothes 8% on women 3% on substance abuse

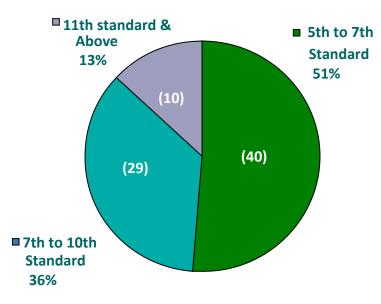


2 f:- What is your father's educational level?



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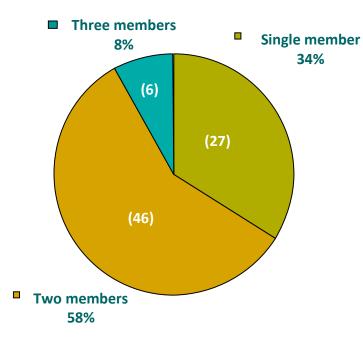
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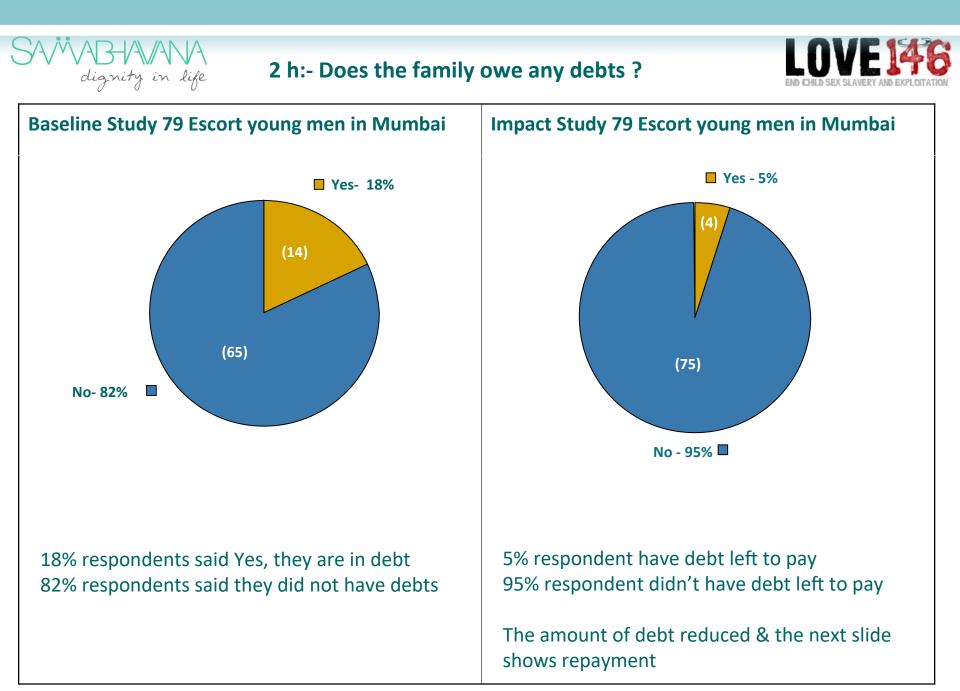
51% respondents father's education was 5th to 7th std.
36% respondents father's education was 7th to 10th std.
13% respondents father's education was 11th standard and above.







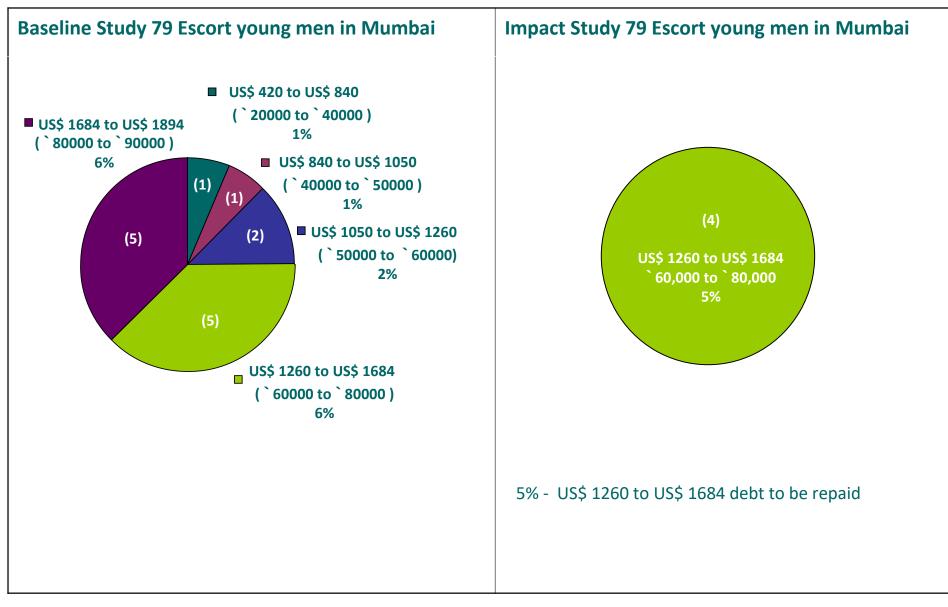
58% respondents said that two members were earning in their family 34% respondents said that single member were earning in their family 8% respondents said that three members were earning in their family.





2 i:- What is the amount of debt left to pay?



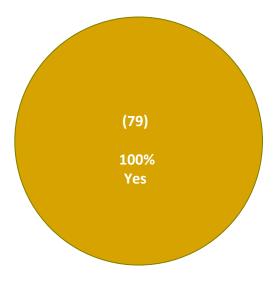




2 j:- Does the family have any savings?

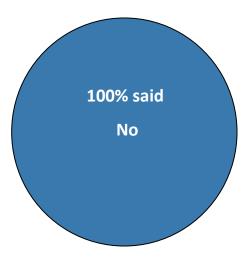


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100% respondents family have savings





100% respondents said that no people in city/home aware that they are a Escort

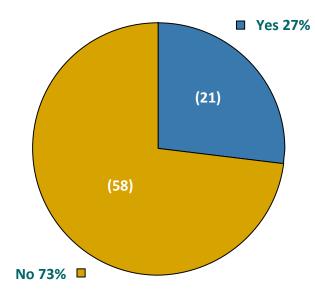


3b: If people in your City/home are not aware of you being Escort, can you tell us the reason?

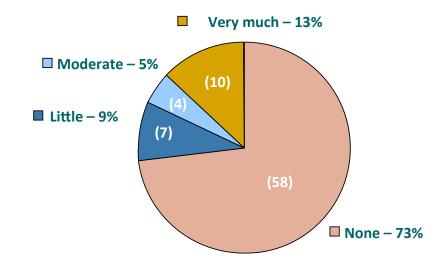


Baseline Study 79 Escort young men in MumbaiImpact Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai• My family will kill me (16)What has changed since starting work (Cafe Coffee Day)• My family will call me a homo and whore (30)• Gained self respect (79)• I will loose my respect/society will reject me/make fun of me/humiliate me (27)• Now I don't want to lie with anyone (79)• Now I don't want to lie with anyone (79)• Now I am a responsible person, Feel life starts somewhere (79)









13% responded very much

of those 27% who responded to the earlier question that it did affect their personal relationships





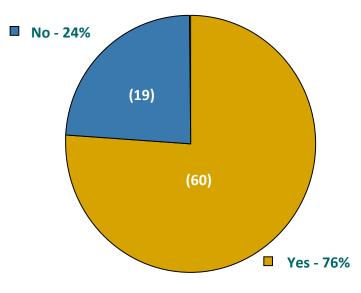
- Family will loose their credibility & respect which will affect my relationship (79)
- I will not be seen as a Man
- My friends will not want to be friends with such a person who sells his body (3)
- My mother will commit suicide or / and my family will either disown me or kill me or throw me out
- My girlfriend will leave me (9)
- No girl would like to marry a man like this who sleeps with other men for money, she girls also cannot get married and they are known as prostitutes and I am a male prostitute (1)



3 f:- Have you got a best friend?

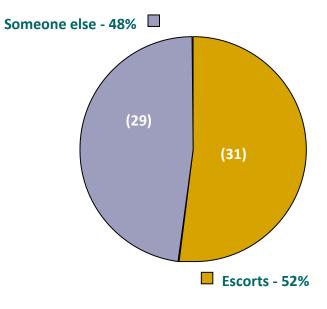


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76% respondents said Yes, that they got best friend.24% respondents said No, that they did not get best friend





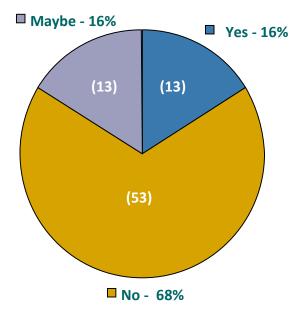
52% respondents said their best friends are Escorts.48% respondents said their best friends are someone else.

3 h: - Would you ever recommend a family member (brother/nephew/cousin/son) to do this job?



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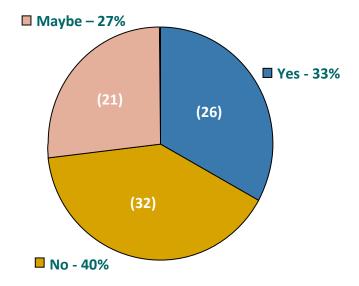
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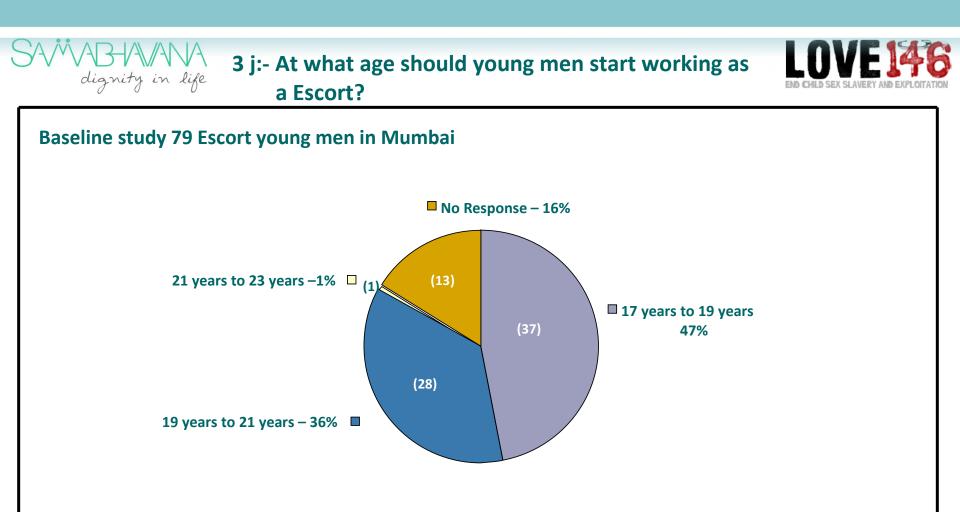
68% respondents would never recommend a family member to do this job.16% respondents said Yes, they would recommend a family member to do this job.16% respondents said they may recommend a family member to do this job.

dignity in life 3 i:- Would you ever recommend a person you know (friend/ neighbour/ acquaintance or from the village) to do this job?





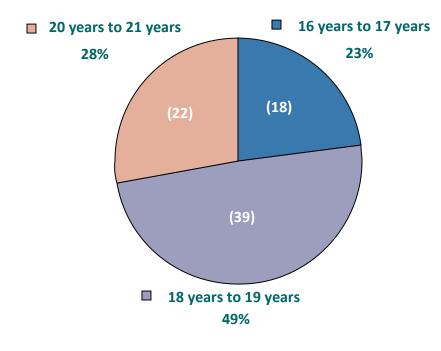
33% respondents said they would recommend a person to do this job.40% respondents said they would not recommend a person to do this job.27% respondents said they may recommend a person to do this job.



47% respondents said 17 year to 19 years is the age to start working as a Escort. 36% respondents said 19 years to 21 years is the age to start working as a Escort. 1% respondents said 21 years to 23 years is the age to start working as a Escort. 16% respondents did not respond.



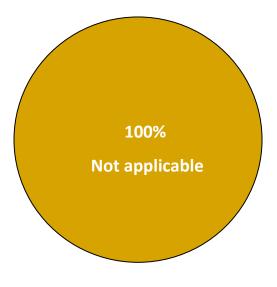




23% respondents started work as a Escort at 16 years to 17 years age49% respondents started work as a Escort at 18 years to 19 years age28% respondents started work as a Escort at age 20 years to 21 years age

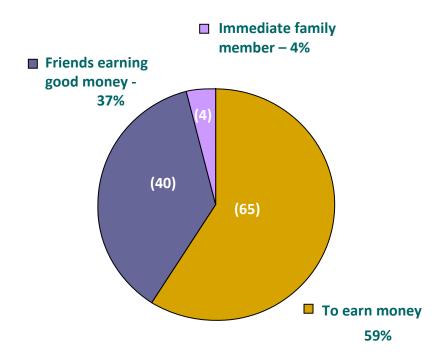






100% respondents are domicile of Mumbai since birth





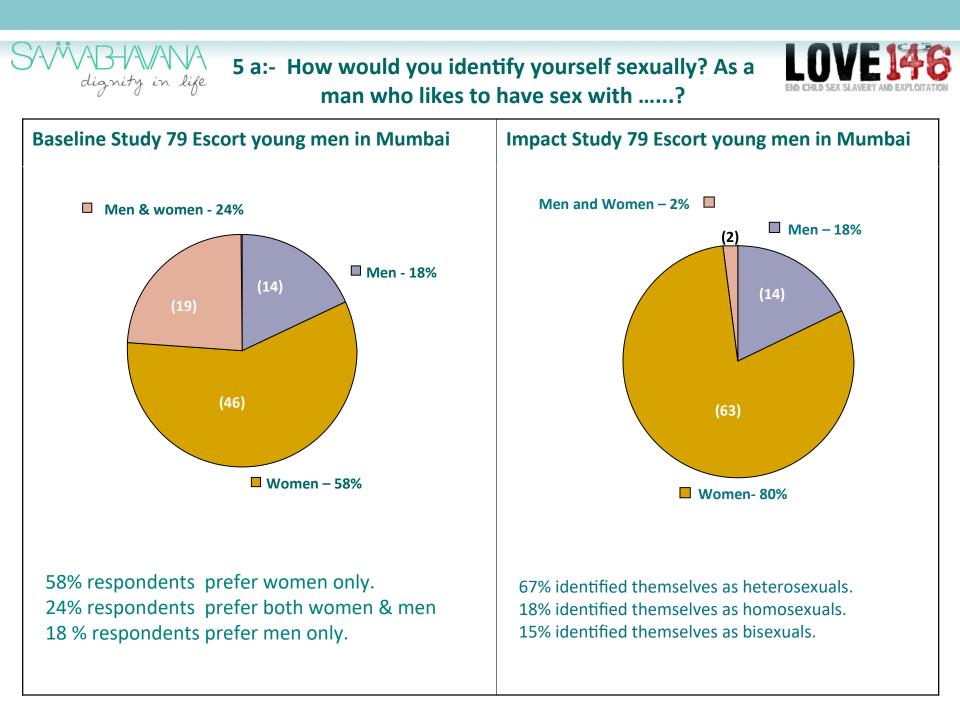
96% respondents where introduced by friends into the trade by their friend/relative(immediate/distant) out of which **59%** respondents got in to the trade to earn money.

4% were introduced by immediate family members



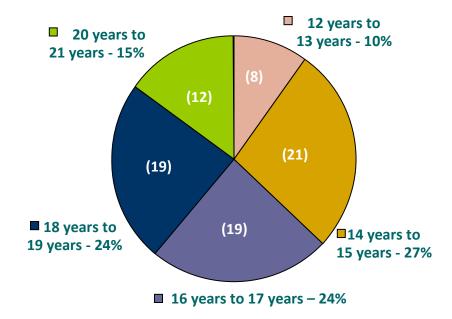


- •To earn money to support my family (37)
- •Easy money (37)
- •I failed in school. I met a old friend who was in this job. So with his help I got into this job. (2)
- Tried many places to get job, but due to lack of qualifications could not, hence knew a friend who was doing this work, got into it to make money(2)









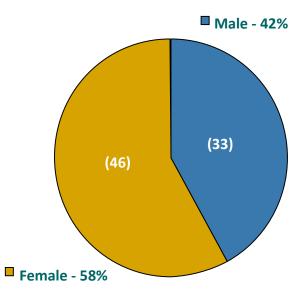
10% experienced at 12 years to 13 years age first sexual experience 27 % experienced at 14 years to 15 years age first sexual experience 24% experienced at 16 years to 17 years age first sexual experience 24% experienced at 18 years to 19 years age first sexual experience 5% experienced at 20 years to 21 years age first sexual experience



6b :- Who was your first sexual experience with?

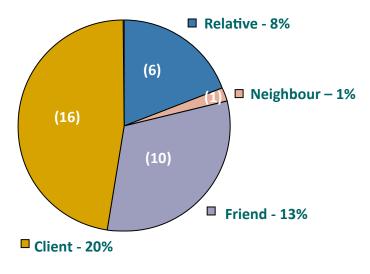


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42% - first sexual experience was with Male 58% - first sexual experience was with female

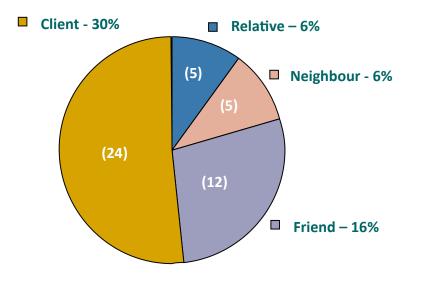




Out of 33 Escort young men:

20% respondents first experience was with a male client13% respondents first experience was with a male friend.8% respondents first experience was with a male relative.1% respondents first experience was with male neighbour.

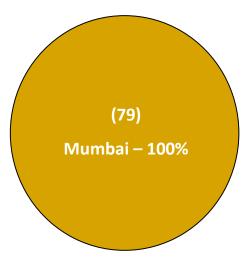




30% respondents first experience was with a female client 16 % respondents first experience was with a female friend 6% respondents first experience was with a female relative 6 % respondents first experience was with a female Neighbour







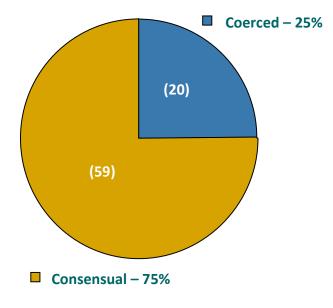
100% of the respondents had their first sexual experience at Mumbai



6 f:- Was your first sexual encounter...?



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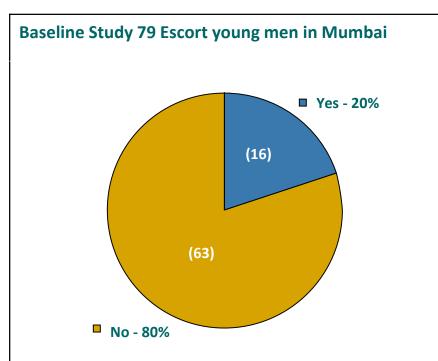


75% of the respondents said their first sexual experiences were consensual , most of them were paid for sexual intercourse and they may not always see payment as a form of coercion.

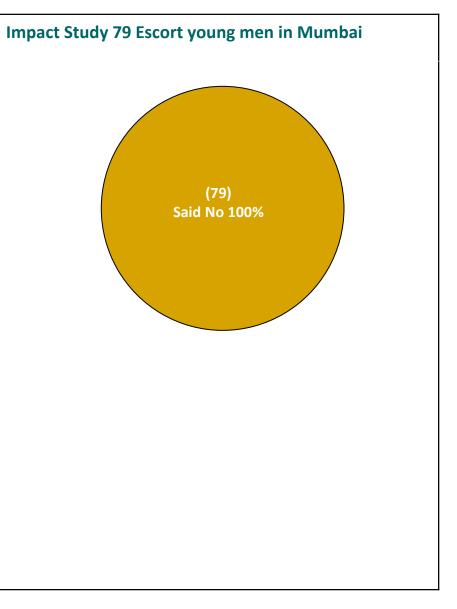
25% said that they were coerced into this as the sexual acts required to perform were against their wishes, hence they conceive it as coercion In reality it may therefore be a higher percentage of coercion

6 g:- Any rashes, ulcerations or lumps in the genital area/anus/mouth in past 6 months?





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80% respondents said that they did not had rashes, ulceration or lumps in the genital area/anus/mouth in past 6 month.

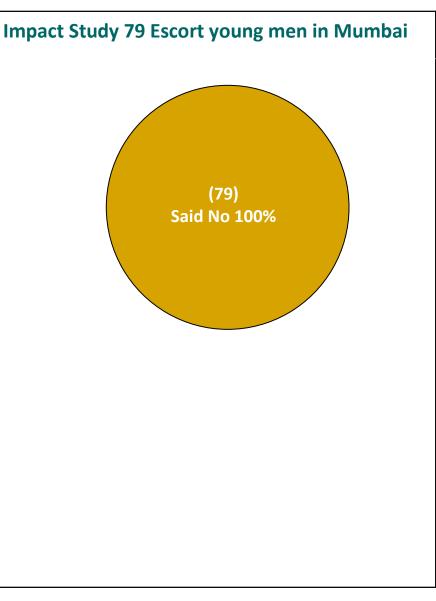
20% respondents said that they had rashes, ulceration or lumps in the genital area/anus/mouth in past 6 month.

6 h:- Had any urethral discharge, difficulty passing urine, pain in your testicles in past 6 months?



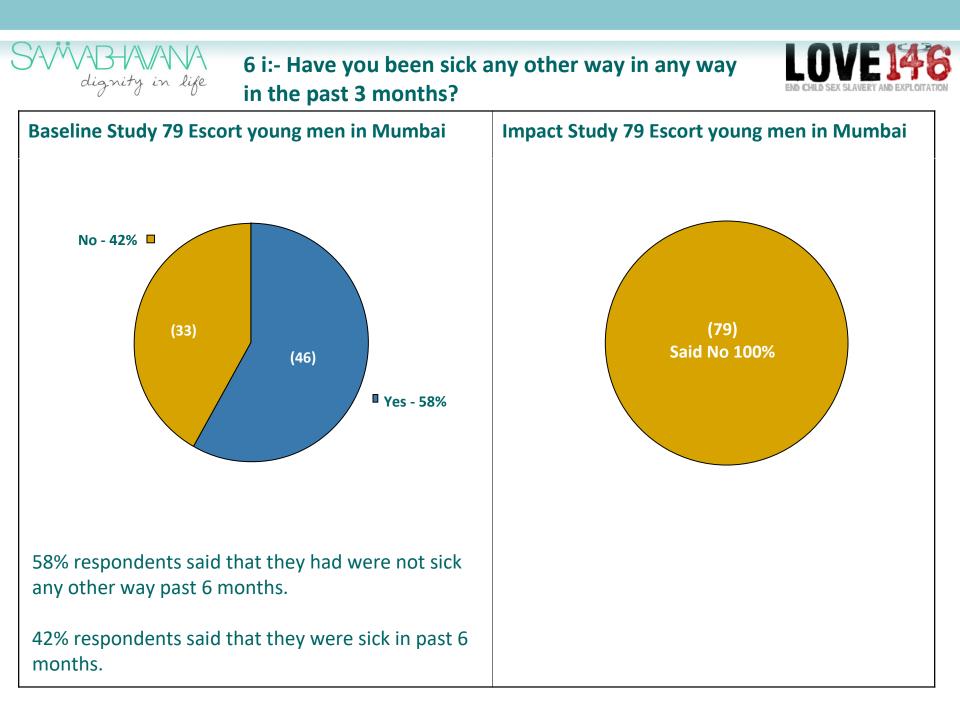


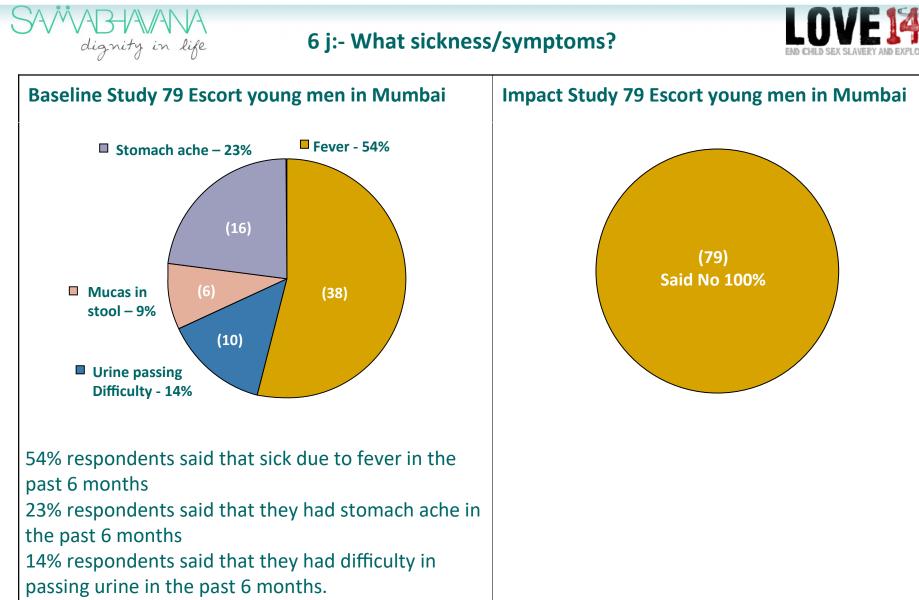
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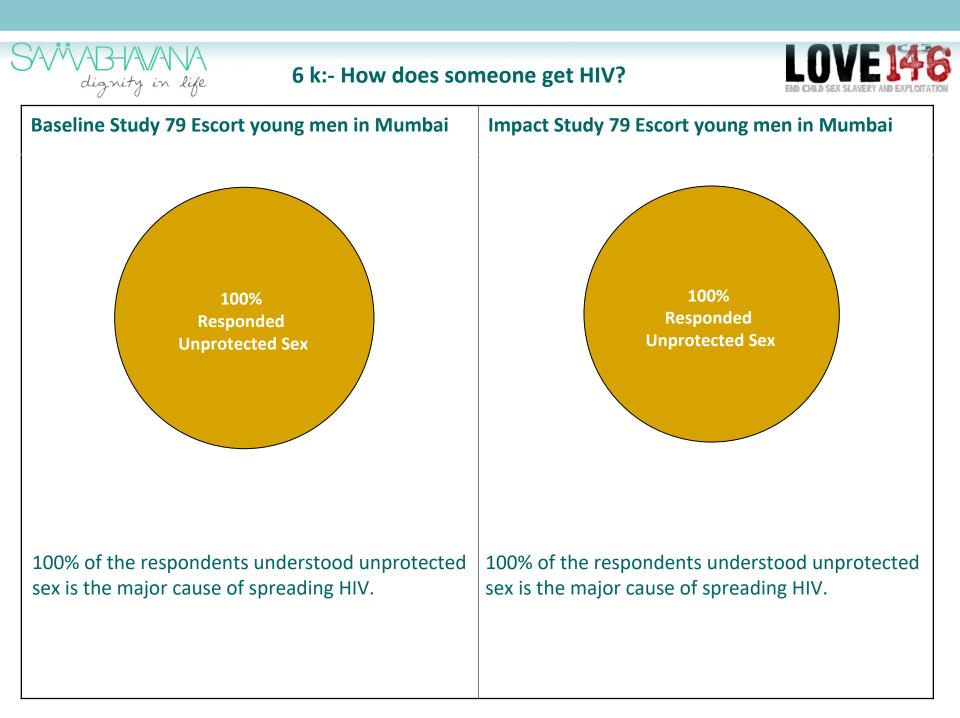
85% respondents said that they did not had any urethral discharge, difficulty passing urine, pain in testicles in past 6 months.

15% respondents said that they had urethral discharge, difficulty passing urine, pain in testicles in past 6 months.





9% respondents said that they had mucas symptoms in stool in the past 6 months.

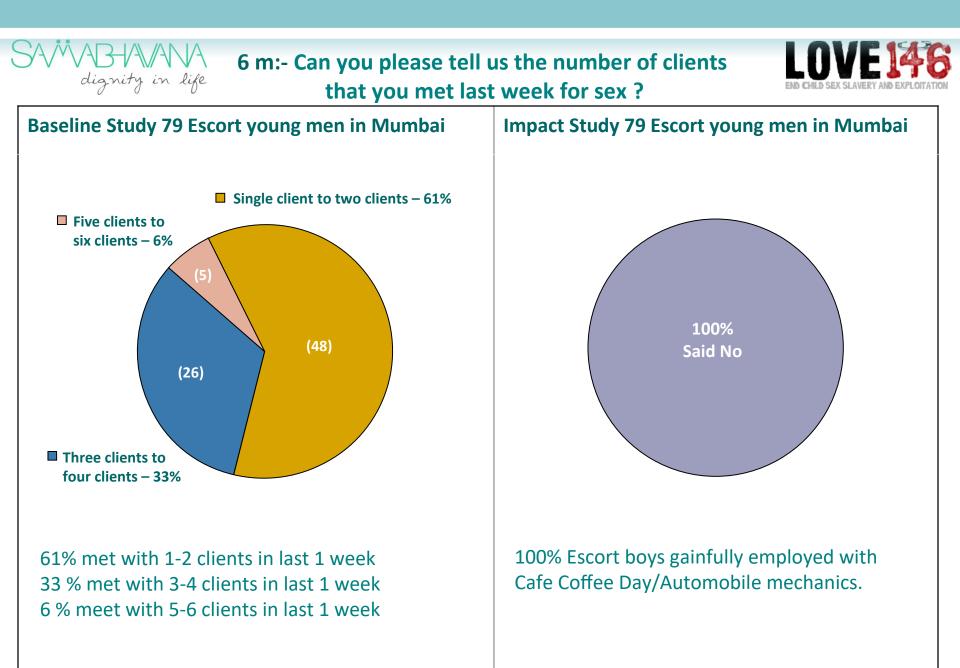


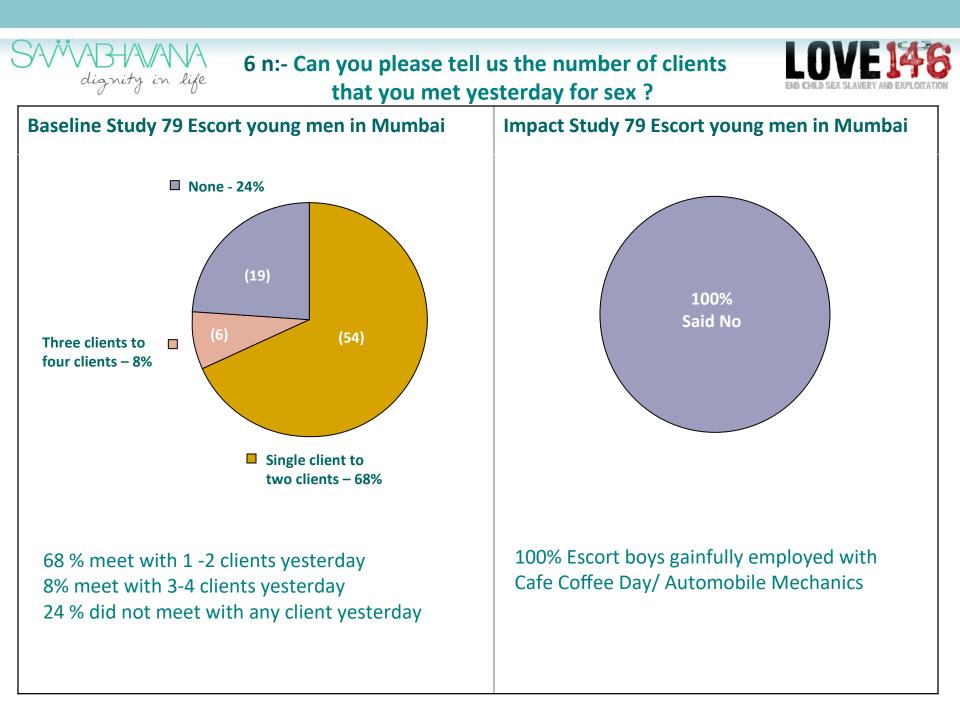


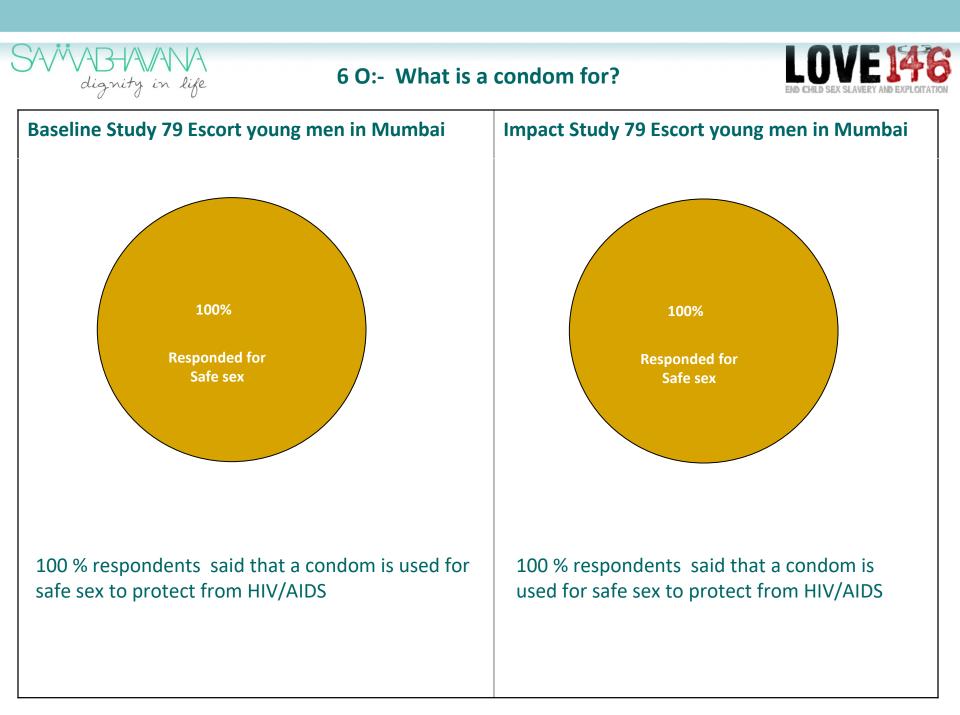
6 I:- Do you Know anyone with HIV/AIDS?



Baseline study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai **Yes - 13%** (10) (69) **No - 87%** 13% respondents said that they knew someone with HIV/AIDS 87% respondents said that they did not know any one with HIV/AIDS



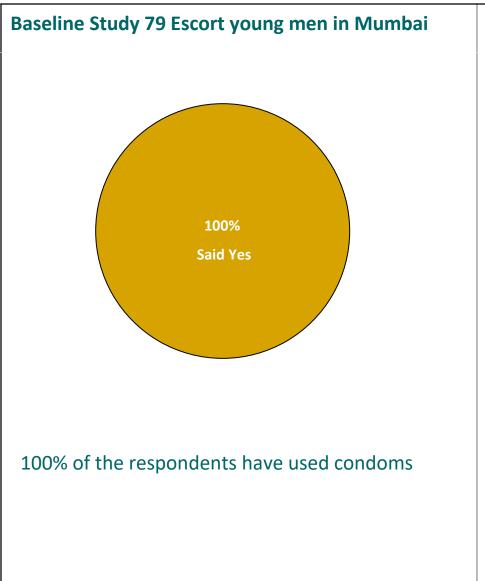


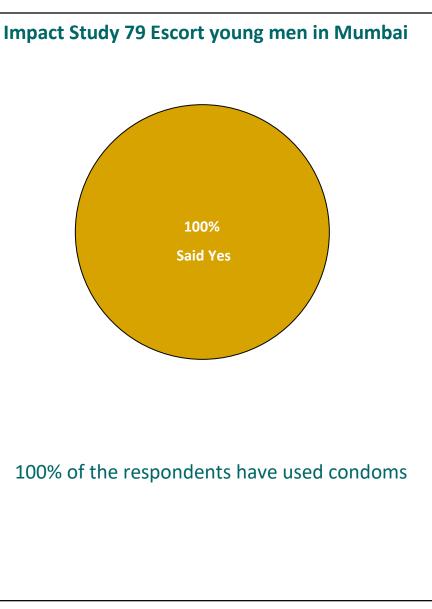




6 p:- Have you ever used condoms?





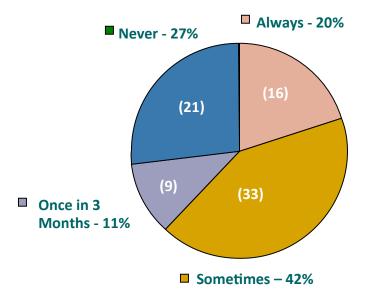


6 r :- How often have you had sex with more than one client at the same time in past 3 months?



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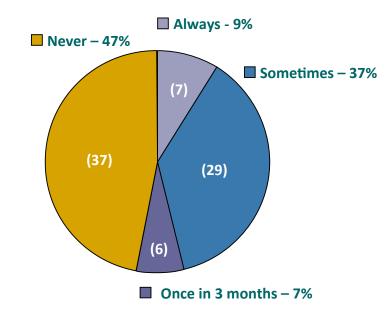


20% respondents always have sex with more than one client at the same time in past 3 months 42% respondents sometimes have sex with more than one client at the same time in past 3 months 11% respondents once in 3 months have sex with more than one client at the same time in past 3 months 27% respondents never had sex with more than one client at the same time in past 3 months.





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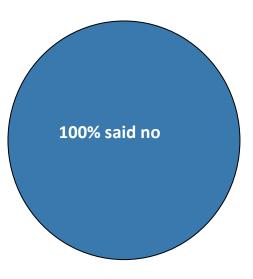
47% did not have sex with another boy and a client
37% sometimes had sex with another boy and a client
9% always had sex with another boy and a client
7% once in a 3 months had sex with another boy and a client



6 t :- Have you ever visited a female sex worker?



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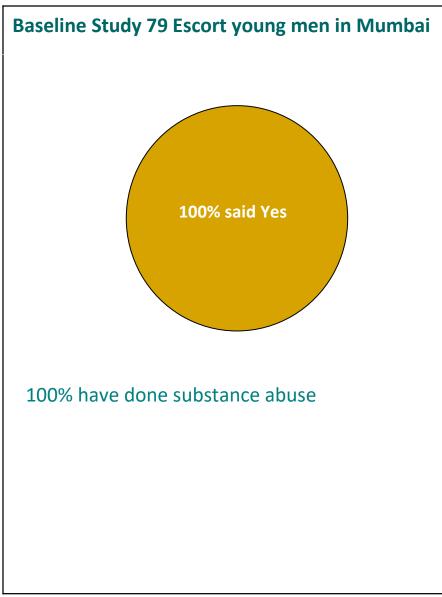


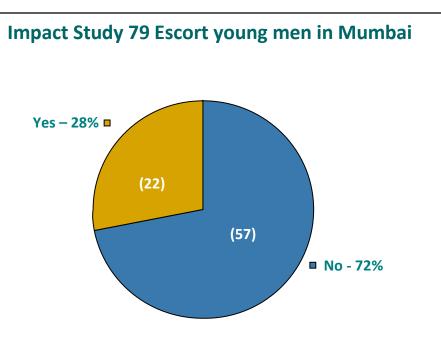
100% respondents said no they never visited female sex worker.



7 a :- Have you ever done substance abuse?



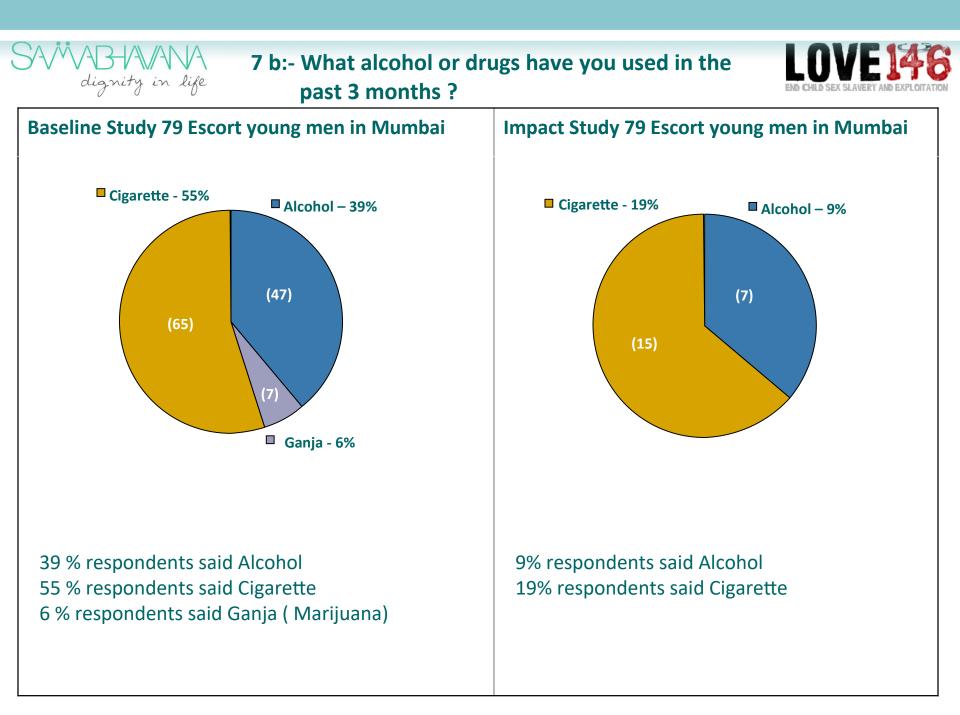




28% respondents had the habit of using one or the other of substance like Alcohol or Cigarettes.

72% respondents do not have the habit of using any form of substance.

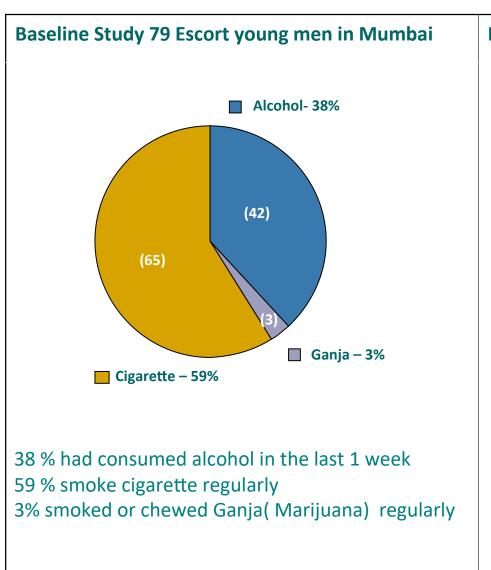
They all have reported stopping use of narcotics and reduce excessive use of Alcohol or Cigarettes which is now more on weekends only.

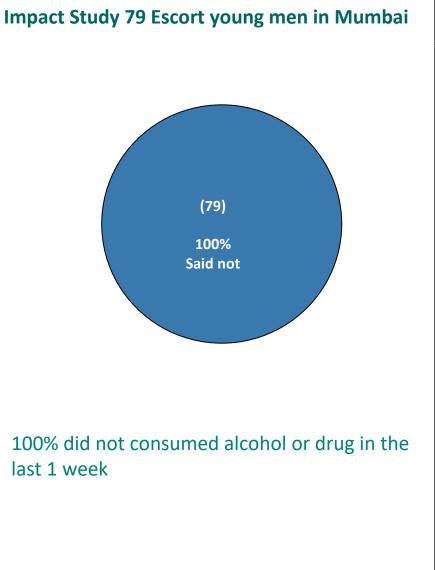


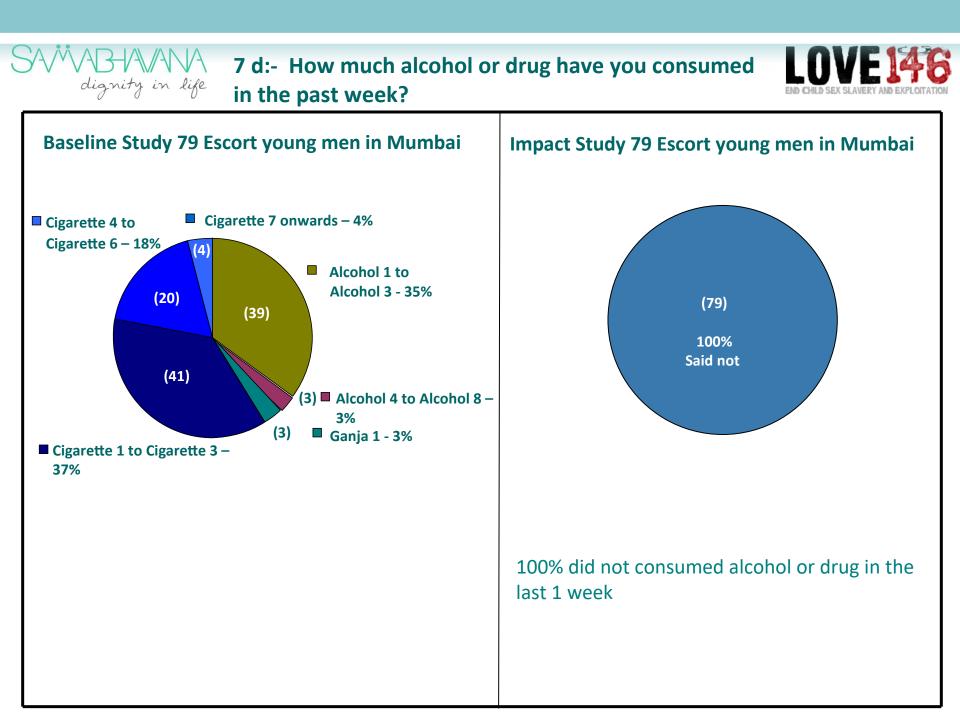


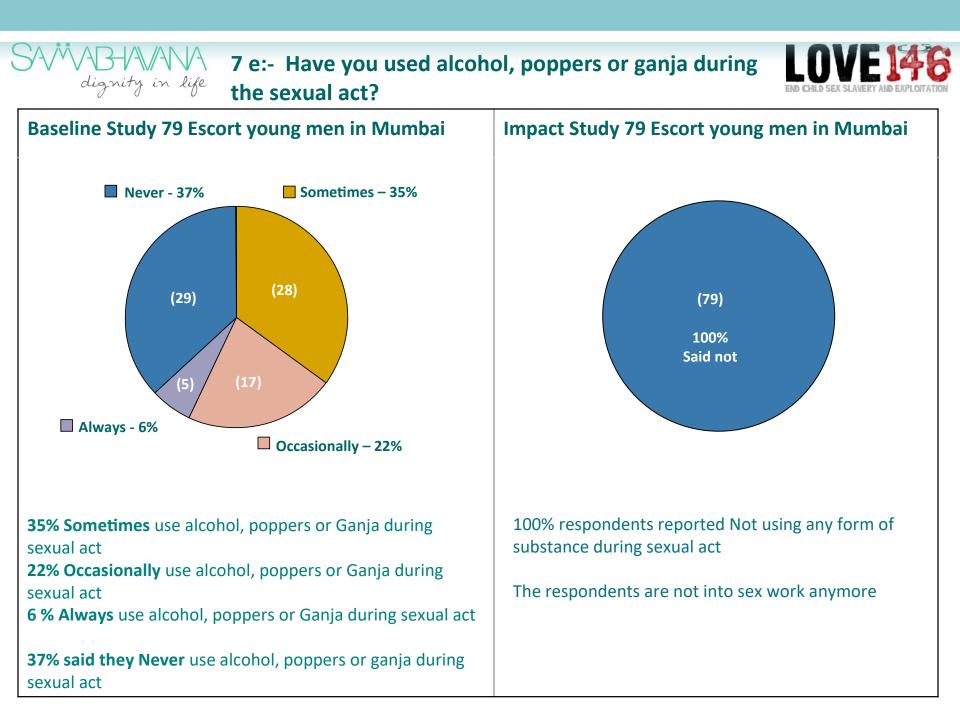
7 c:- What alcohol or drugs have you used in the last one week?





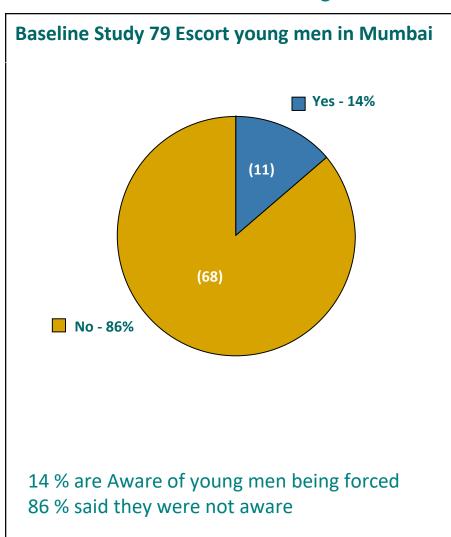


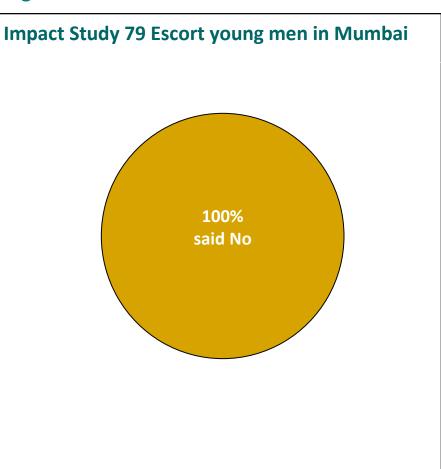




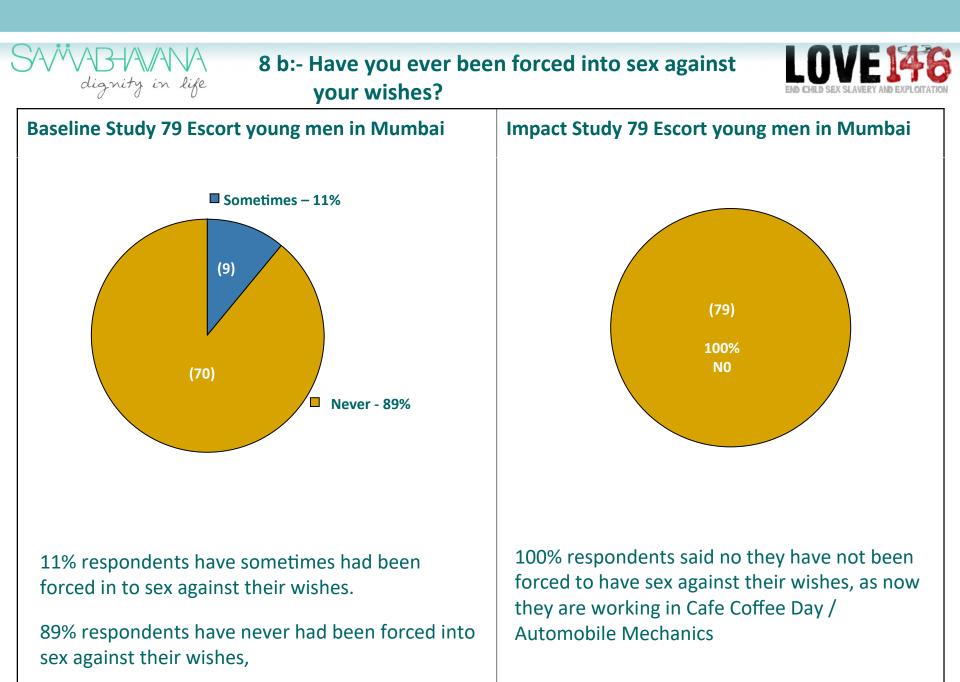








100% respondents said No, they are now out of the influence area





8 c :- Would you mind sharing about these experiences even though it may be painful? Can you please tell us what happened?



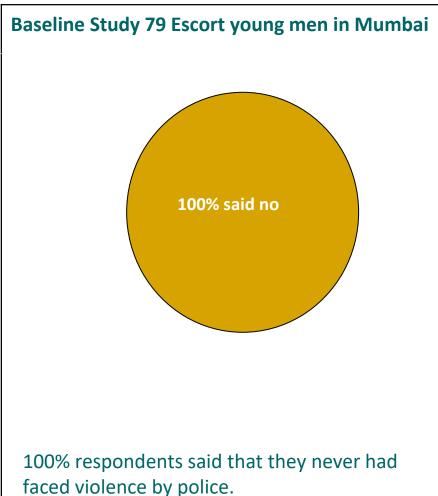
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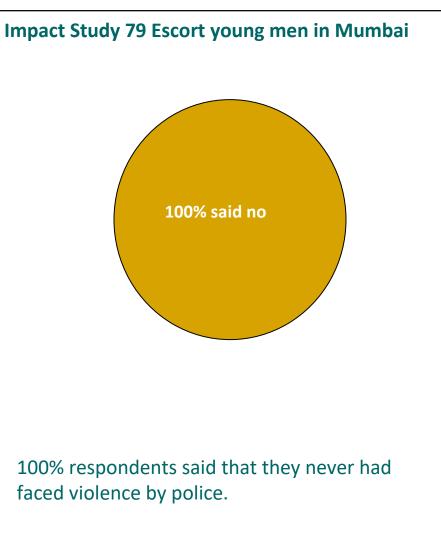
- I was forced by one of my client to have sex with his friends who were rough with me. Physically I was hurt (21)
- I was sometimes forced to have sex without condoms (38)

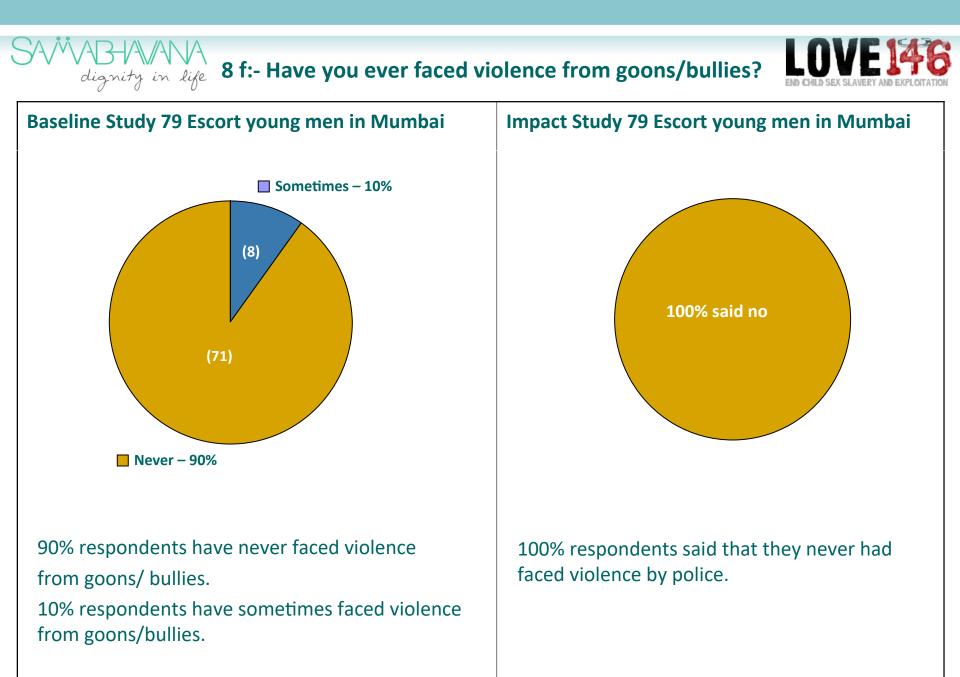


8 e:- Have you ever faced violence by police?











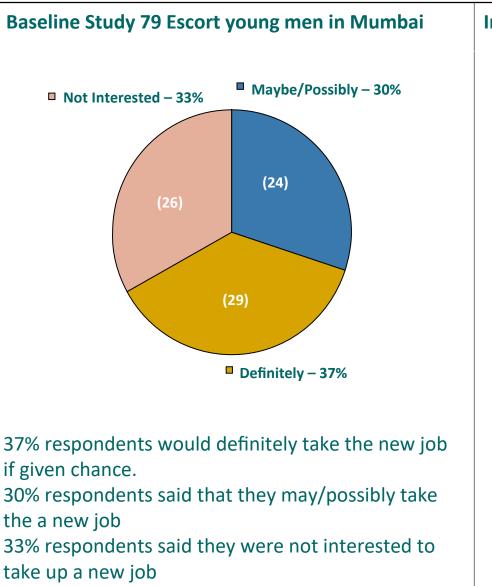
100% respondents said that they never had faced violence by community members.

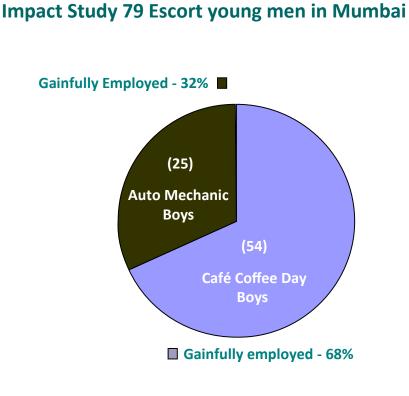
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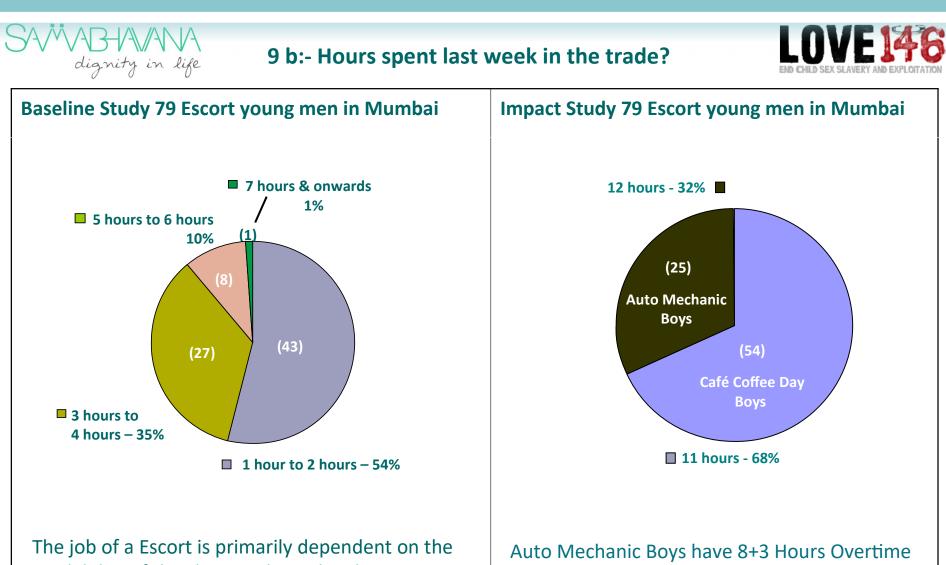
9 a :- Given a chance would you take up a new job?



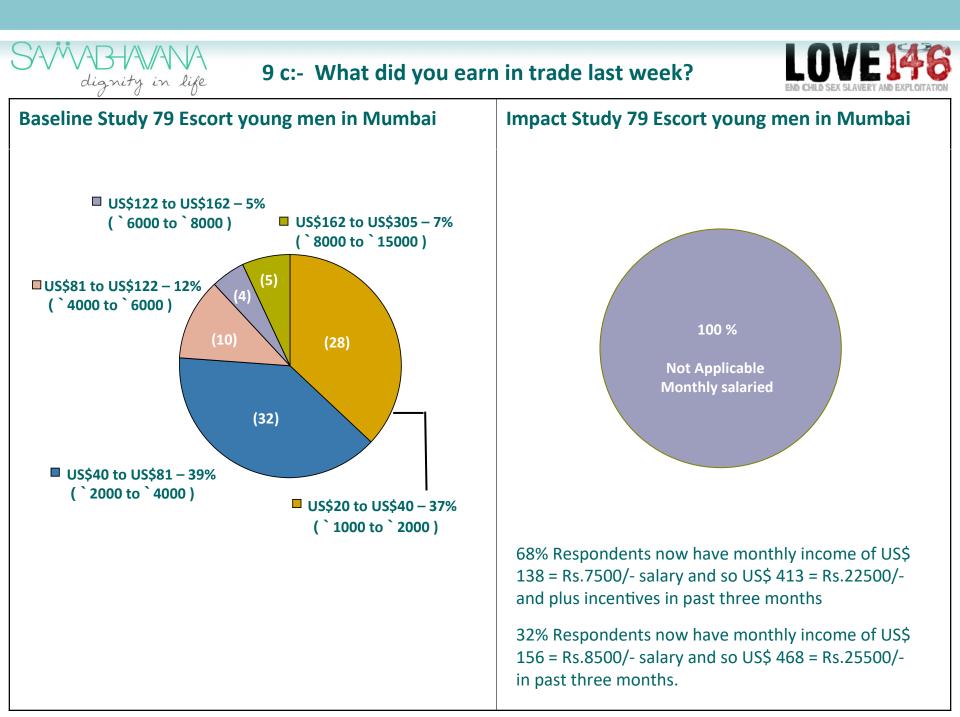


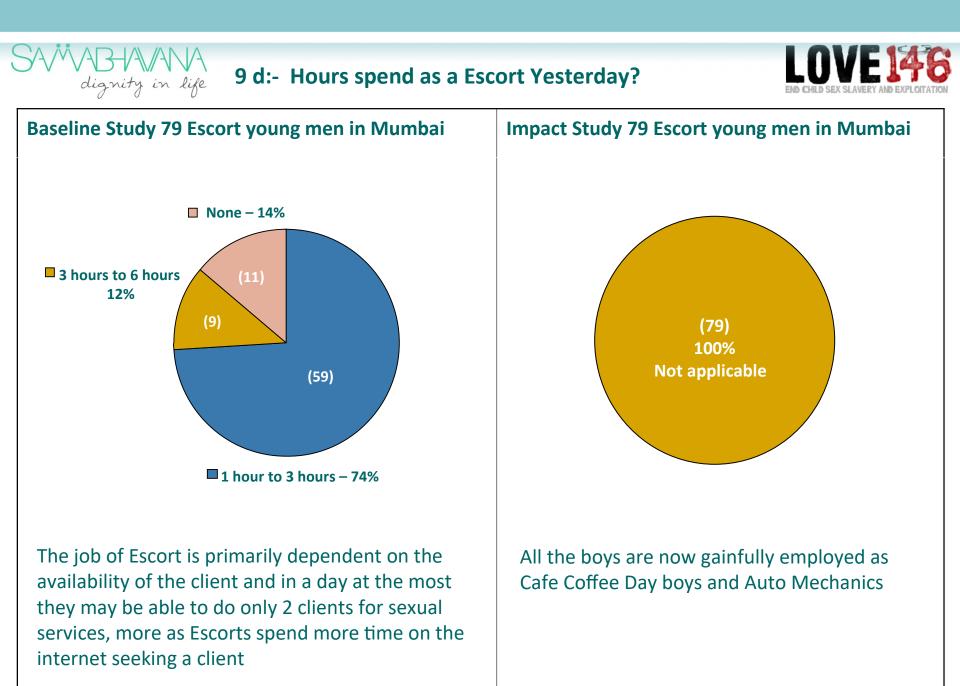


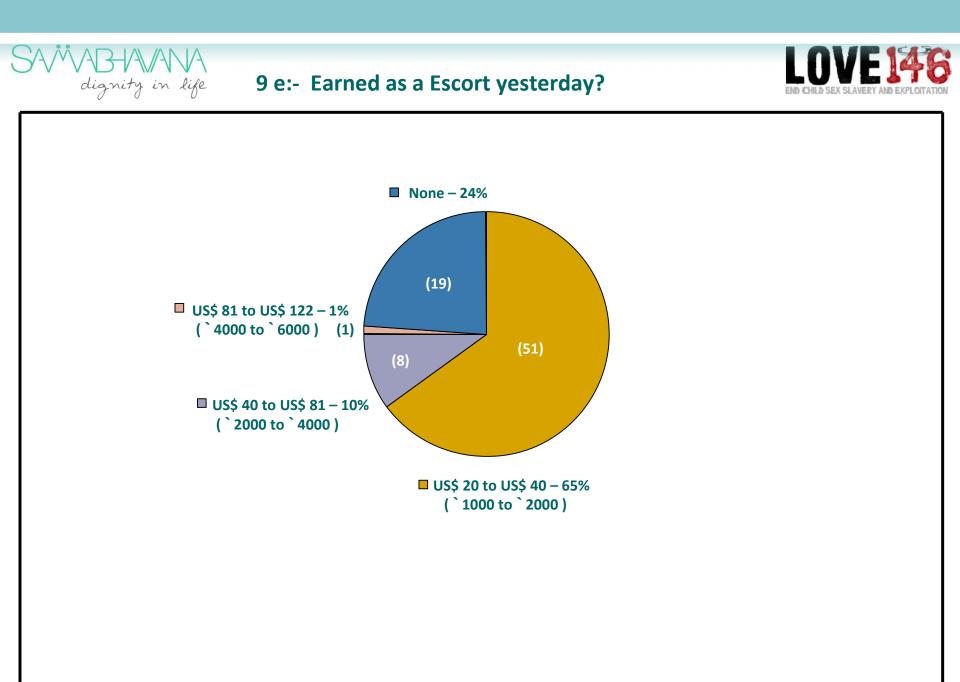
All the boys are now gainfully employed, even though some had said they were possibly/not interested, when they were offered the program.



availability of the client and in a day the Escort may be only able to see 1 or 2 clients for sexual services through seeking clients on the internet. shift a day Café Coffee Day Boys have 8+2 Hours Overtime shift a day.

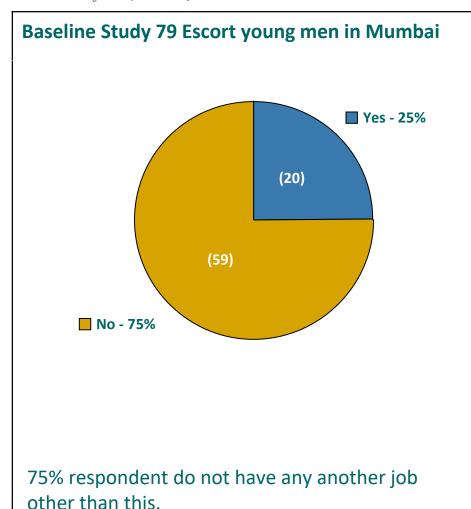




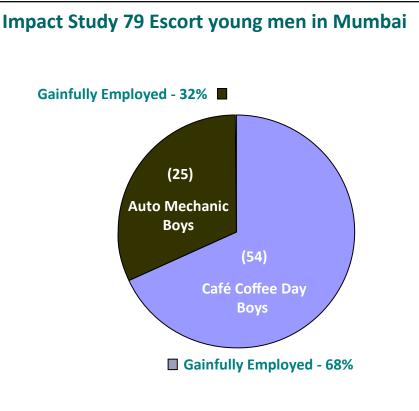








25% respondent have another job other than this.



All the boys are now gainfully employed as Cafe Coffee Day boys and Auto mechanics.



9 g:- If yes, explain the nature of the job



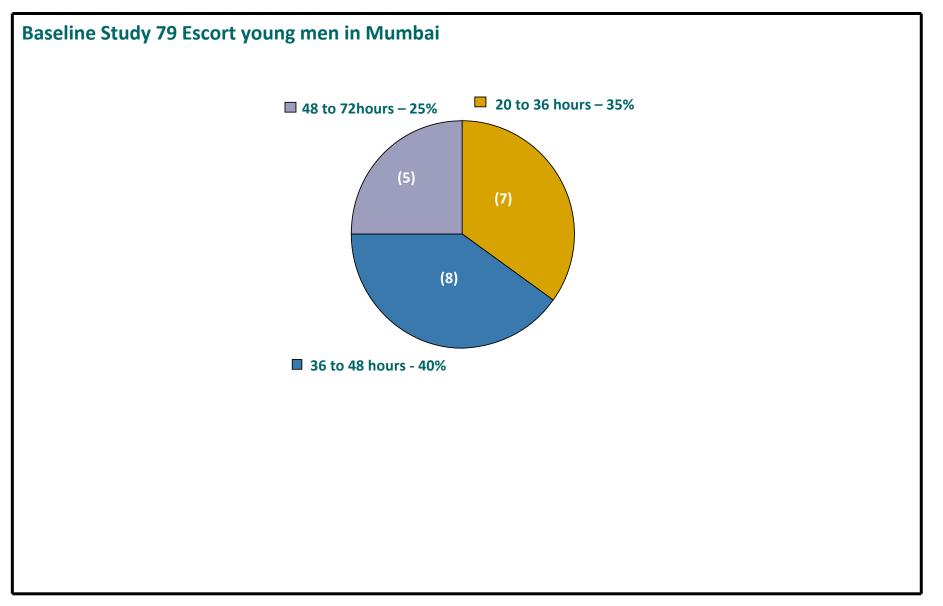
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- •Gym Instructor
- •BPO Staffer
- Courier boy
- •Extra in film industry
- •Waiter in a night club



9 h:- Hours spend in the last week in other job?







9 i:- Earned last week in other job?



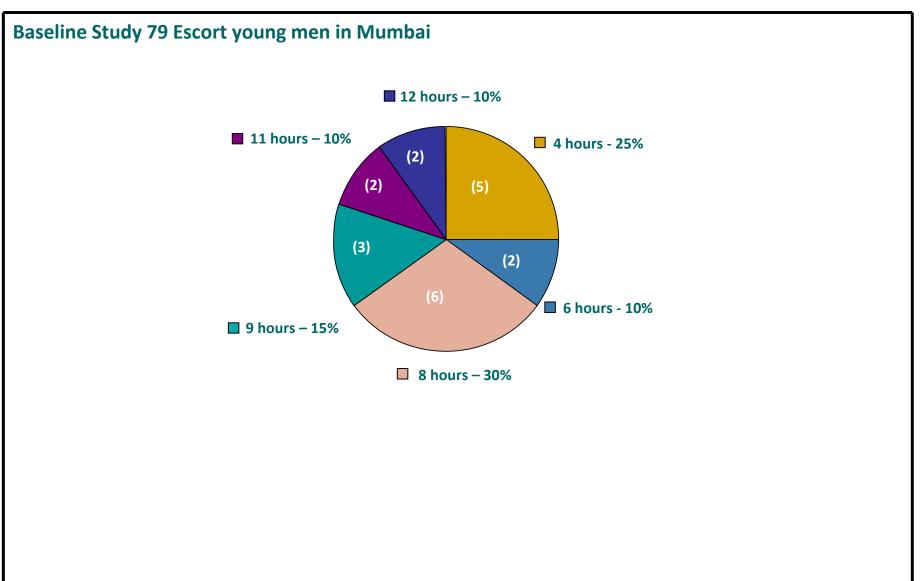
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Not applicable as they get paid monthly



9 j:- Hours spend yesterday in other job?







9 k:- Did you earn yesterday in other job?



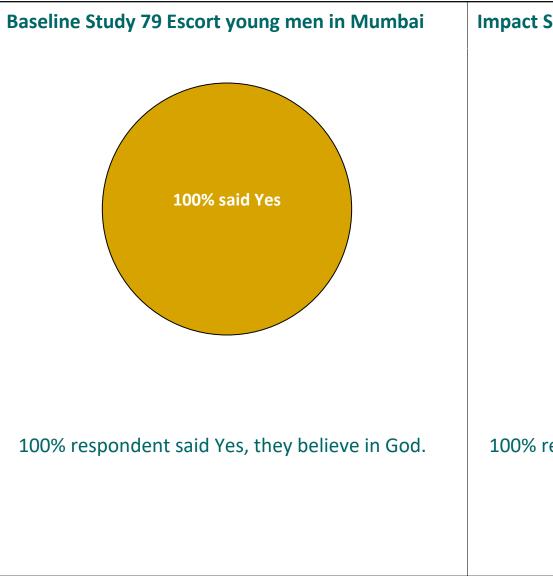
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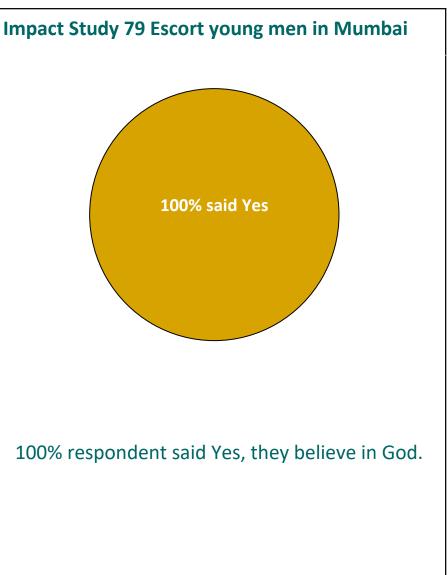
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10 a:- Belief in God..?



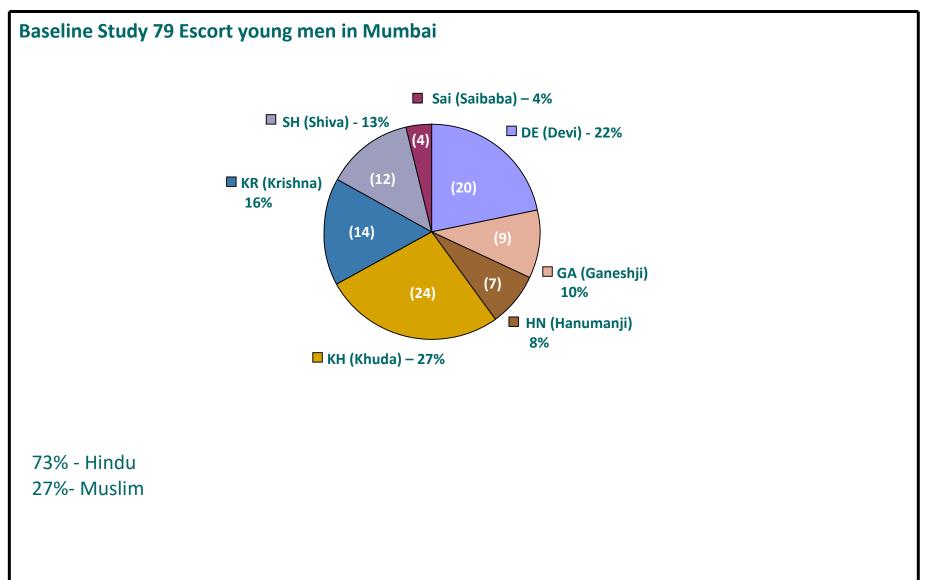






10 b:- Which God do you worship?

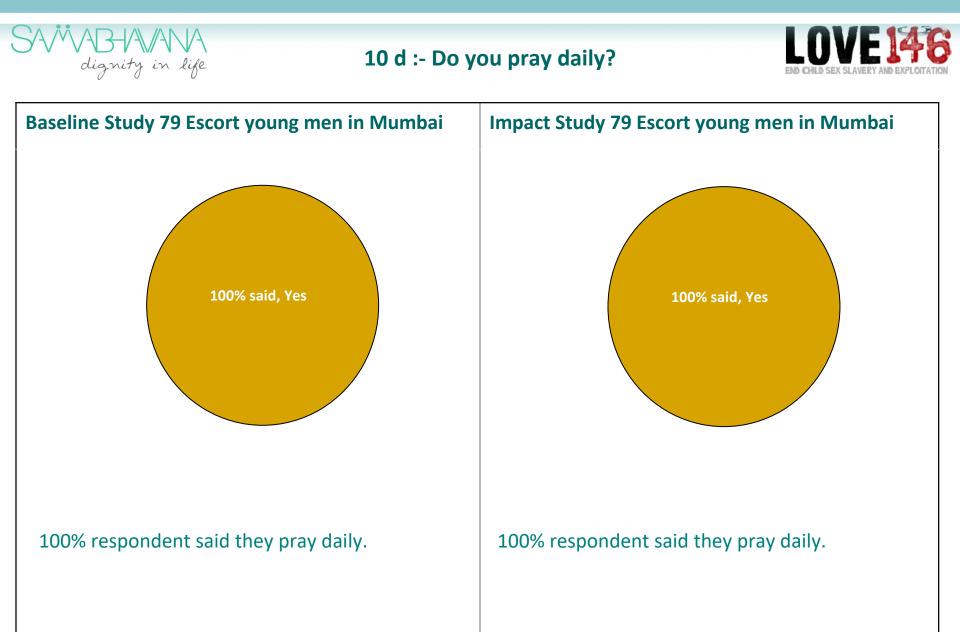






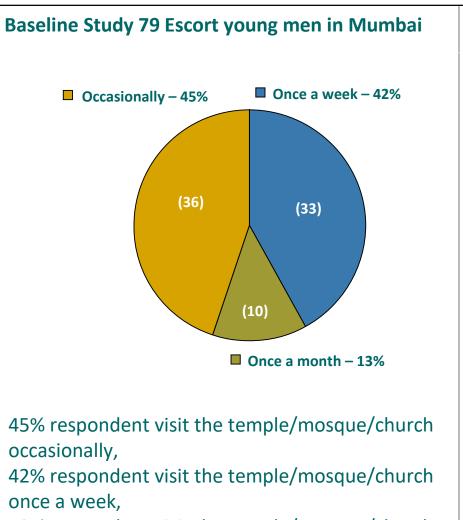


Baseline Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai Impact Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai Thanks to him I got this opportunity (10) •I have faith (68) • I got my path to see future in positive, leads • Praying is a habit (27) to success (14) •He is everything (33) • Praying has now become a habit, so my faith • Everybody known to me believe in Him. So I do reinforced(79) (38)• Praying daily keep mind settle which leads to •To become successful (36) success, which keeps soul in peace (68) God care for us (5)



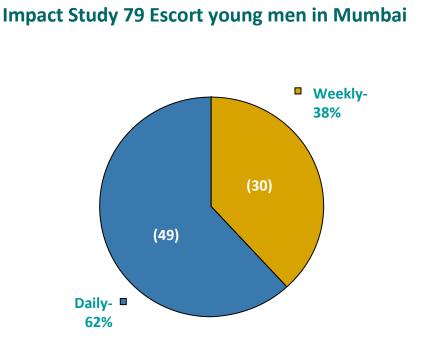
10 e:- How often do you visit the temple /mosque/church?





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13% respondent visit the temple/mosque/church once a month.



62% of the respondents visit the temple Daily, 38% of them visit Once a Week.





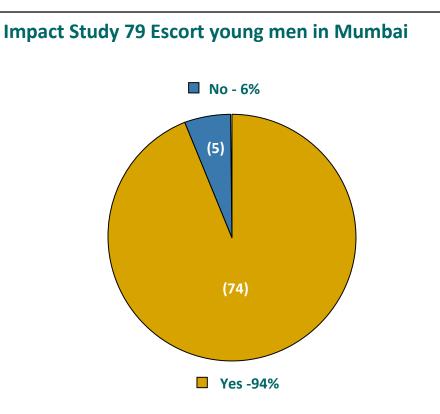
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 Relaxed (73) Feels Good (19) Makes me feel more faithful (7) Habit (73) 	 I feel prayer restrains us from shameful and unjust deeds (19) Prayer relieves stress (8) blessed, Peaceful and happy (79) As we confess to the God, feel relaxed(18) I ask him to care me, confident(8)

dignity in life 10 g :- Do you go alone to the temple/mosque/church?



72% respondent said Yes they do go with peers to temple/mosque/church

28% respondent said No they do not go with peers to temple/mosque/church



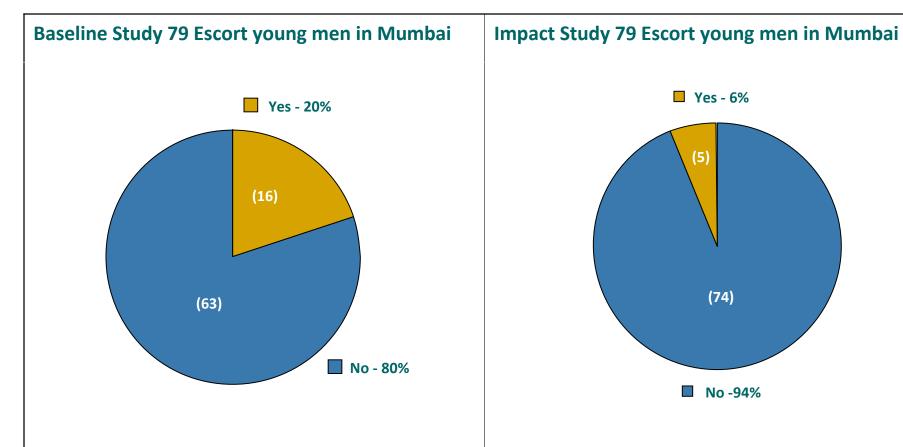
94% respondent said Yes they do go with peers to temple/mosque/church

6% respondent said No they do not go with peers to temple/mosque/church



10h :- Do you go with peers to Temple/mosque/church ?





20% respondent said Yes they do go with peers to temple/mosque/church

80% respondent said No they do not go with peers to temple/mosque/church

6% respondent said Yes they do go with peers to temple/mosque/church

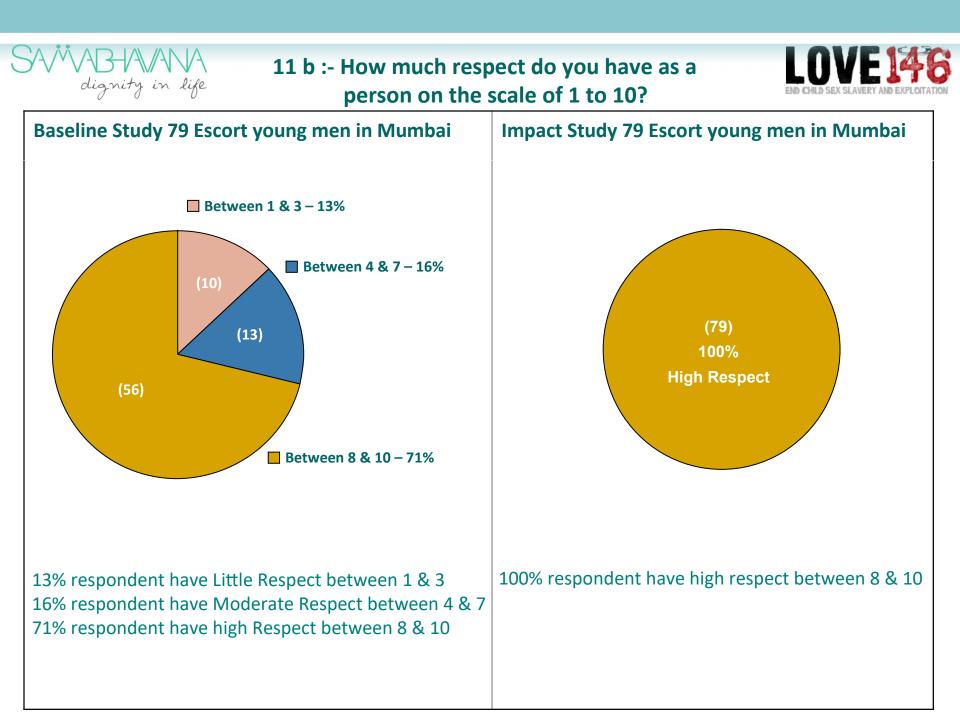
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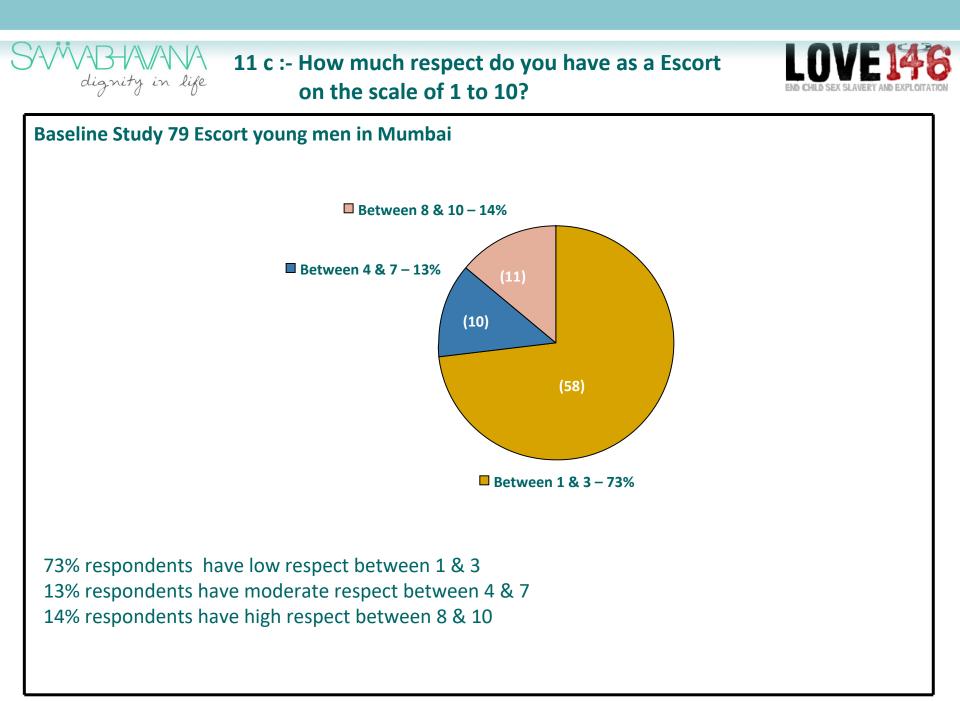




Baseline Study 79 Escort young men in MumbaiImpact Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai• Money is respect (79)• I feel good when someone treated me
equally (45)• Credibility is respect (12)
• Respect is something given to parents (9)• My responsibility is Key element for respect
I getting (27)• My performance at workplace gives me
respect (68)

• Now I understood well about giving and receiving respect (18)









Impact Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai

- •Have to get into some better job which will pay well. (59)
- Doing some thing different than this job (4)
- By studying (2)
- •I should give lot of respect to elders & take respect from them (2)
- To leave this job (2)

- There is a long way to go more, as I would need to do more hard work and grow in life (79)
- Encourage my self by express my opinions and my ideas which creates potential to my industry(49)
- Share the work load of my colleague and encourage him in his task to complete(79)
- being a responsible son, brother, friend (19)





- •In a good respectable job in Mumbai (25)
- Not having any idea. I have to think (4)
- •Complete Graduation(2)
- Be a successful person who has lots of money (41)

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- To have got promotion in the current job (79)
- To have saved money (79)
- To become a owner of a café shop (franchisee) (54)
- Repay the loan (3)
- To have complete graduation by correspondence (2)





- •I have to get a better job. For that I have to learn a new skill. (9)
- •I want to set up my own clinic. For that I have to learn the art . I have to work with somebody to understand the work better (9)
- •I have to study at least from an open university though I have to forego my sleep (5)
- •May be I should undergo training in some job which will interest me for which I have to know what are the interests I have (4)
- •I have to learn some other skill to become confident to leave this job (4)
- •Let me decide first what to do? Then I will start planning (4)

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- To get promotion in current job (79)
- To have reduced debt (2)
- To study more and get degree (2)
- To become a owner of a café shop (franchisee), I have to learn lot managerial skill to become confident (55)





:- Conclusions ...

Baseline Study 79 Escort young men in Mumbai

•Acknowledgement of this communities existence!

•young men are in hazardous and consistently violent situation.

•young men are earner for family but cannot discuss sex & sexuality, so double stigma.

•young men are exposed to multiple partners increasing risk of HIV and trauma

•Legal situation on young men and youth is ambiguous and more so for young men above the age of 18 yrs

•More and more younger young men are being brought into prostitution due to higher earning potential and little understanding the ramifications of prostitution on psycho-social and sexual health

•Religion may play a significant part in building up self esteem and psycho-social healing





•More funding needed to develop a model program at source and destination based on 'health care', poverty alleviation, savings and income generation.

•NGO communities who primarily work with girls need educating about the specific needs of young men and myths surrounding abuse and prostitution of young men – cultural understandings in itself needs researching

•Research needed on demand and supply of young men – who are clients and how do they access young men?

•Government and NGOs need to recognize the existence of such a population and developing programs at source and destination for income generation so as to reduce migration

•Connect this population (which has so far been neglected) to an HIV program primarily for MSM community.