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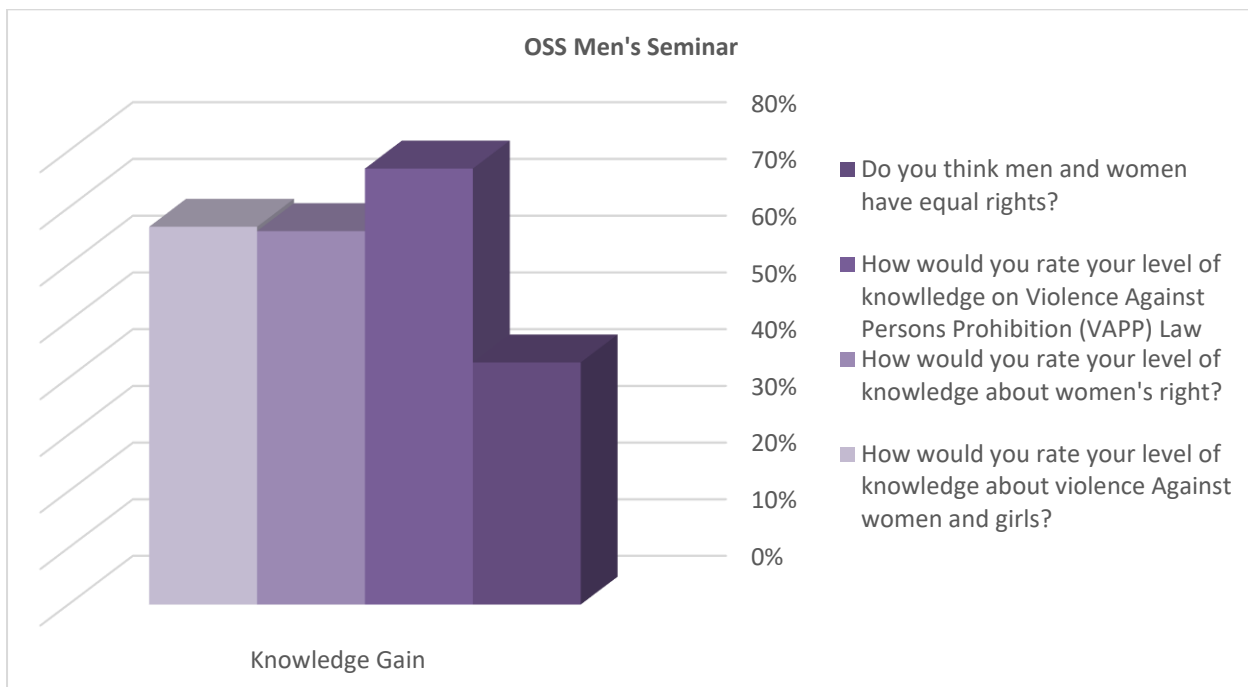


OSS Men's Seminar Pre & Post Test Analysis

Globally, it is estimated that one in three women experience either physical or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. These figures are mirrored in Nigeria, with 30 per cent of girls and women aged between 15 and 49 reported to have experienced sexual [abuse](#).

Men and boys over time have been called out as main perpetrators of gender-based violence especially due to patriarchy and toxic masculinity. Thus, it is important to ensure that men and boys are involved in activities/programmes tailored towards ending violence against women and girls.

The OSS Men's Seminar became necessary as a result of the increase in GBV during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.



Findings from the Men's OSS Seminar indicated that:

- 43% of the 112 participants felt men and women have equal rights and this shows an increase in knowledge gain attained after the seminar.
- 77% of the participants had an increased rate in the levels of knowledge on the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Law. The participants were enlightened more on the provisions of the Law and its implications.
- 66% of the participants had increased levels of knowledge about women's rights, what the law says and the importance of respecting women's rights.
- 67% of the participants had increased levels of knowledge about violence against women and girls.