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Project Report

Title:
Social Impact Measurement

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Executive Summary:
This report outlines a developed methodology to measure the social impact of Women's Community Shelters (WCS) within the LGAs of where the shelters are located. There are many ways to measure social impact. It is difficult to quantify factors that do not have a numerical value. This project has created one method and discusses the effect of other factors that play a role in impact.

To provide the WCS with a methodology, a time series regression model was concluded to be the best fit to look at actual and predicted rates of DV and SA. In comparing actual and predicted rates, the WCS can observe any increases or decreases in rates of DV and SA.

The majority of the DV rates had lower actual rates than predicted rates, varying in levels of decrease. However, the majority of the SA rates had higher actual rates than predicted rates. These results suggest the WCS has made a significant impact on women experiencing domestic violence and, more women have experienced SA are coming to the WCS. There are many other factors to consider in these results, including the number of other shelters available to women, the increase in awareness, the increase in 36 women speaking up about experiencing SA.

Introduction:
The WCS play a significant role in providing safety, support and shelter to women facing homelessness and domestic and family violence. Despite providing invaluable services, measuring the full extent of their social impact is difficult to do. This report will address this gap through implementing a method to evaluate the impact that the WCS has in reducing incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault.

A key aspect of this project involves analysing datasets related to domestic violence and sexual assault, focusing on trends among women who have interacted with WCS. By comparing predicted and actual incidents, the report seeks to develop a methodology that will allow WCS to quantify their effect and assess their broader impact on society. This report will not only provide WCS with a way to evaluate their contribution to local communities but also help in measuring the effectiveness of support services in general for vulnerable populations. External factors, including the amount of other shelters in that LGA and socioeconomic status of the area will be considered when evaluating overall impact.

Project Aims:
The aim of this report is to develop and implement a method to measure the social impact of the Women's Community Shelters. It will focus on analysing datasets of domestic violence and sexual assault amongst

women who have engaged with the WCS. Through comparison of predicted and actual incidents, this report will outline a methodology that can help WCS assess their effectiveness and significance in society.