

A force to be reckoned with

community-based women's organizations as **sustainable** and **empowered** service providers for survivors of gender-based violence in eastern DRC

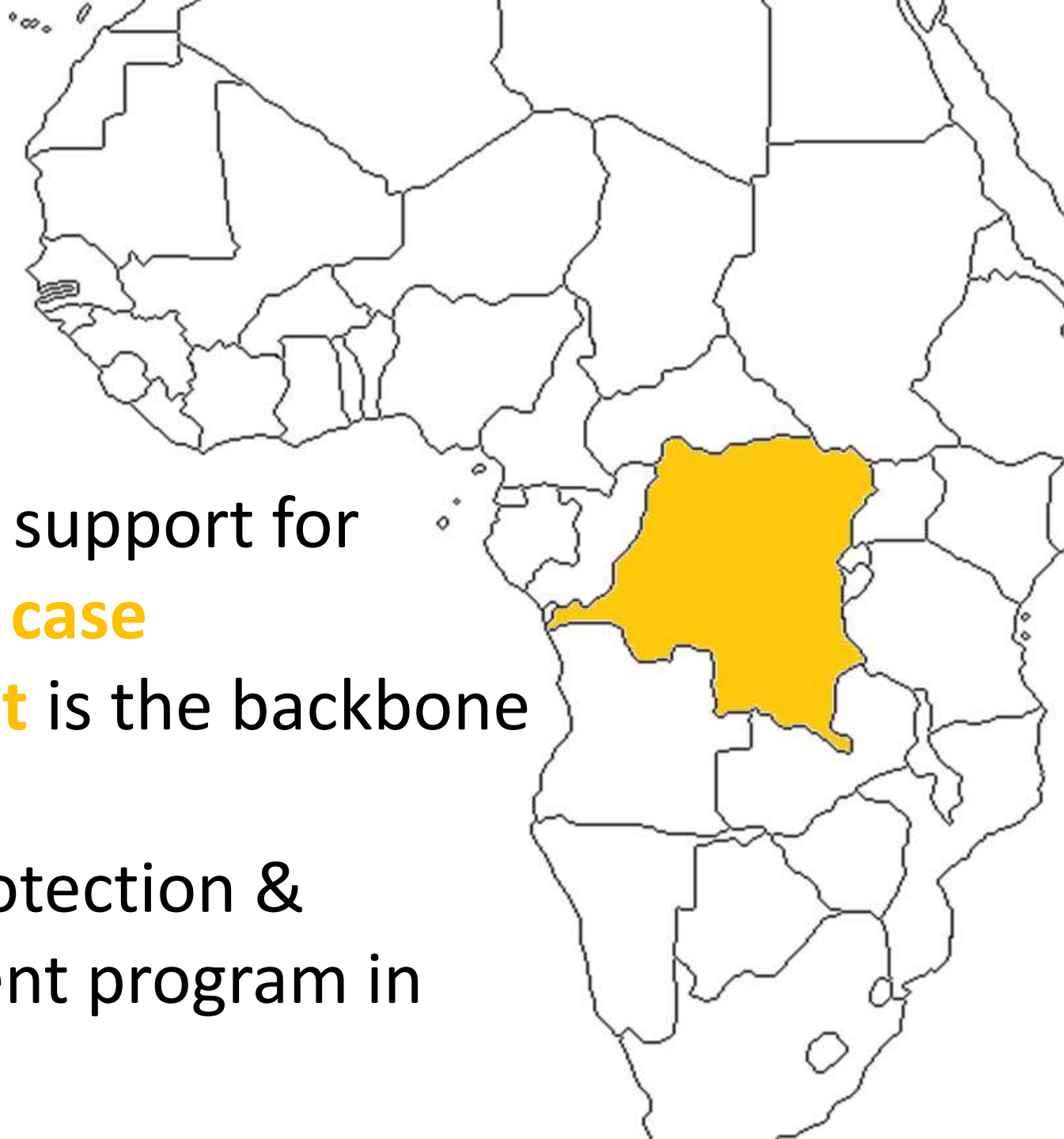


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responses

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Psychosocial support for survivors via **case management** is the backbone of the IRC's Women's Protection & Empowerment program in the **Congo**

**Quality
services**

**Case
management**

Sustainability

**Community
accountability**

Local
NGOs



CBOs
community-based
organizations



Local NGOs

2013

- + higher education level
- + counseling experience
- + employed
- external to community
- depend on external funding

CBOs

community-based
organizations

- low education level
- no counseling experience
- ? volunteer
- + embedded in community
- + potential for economic
autonomy



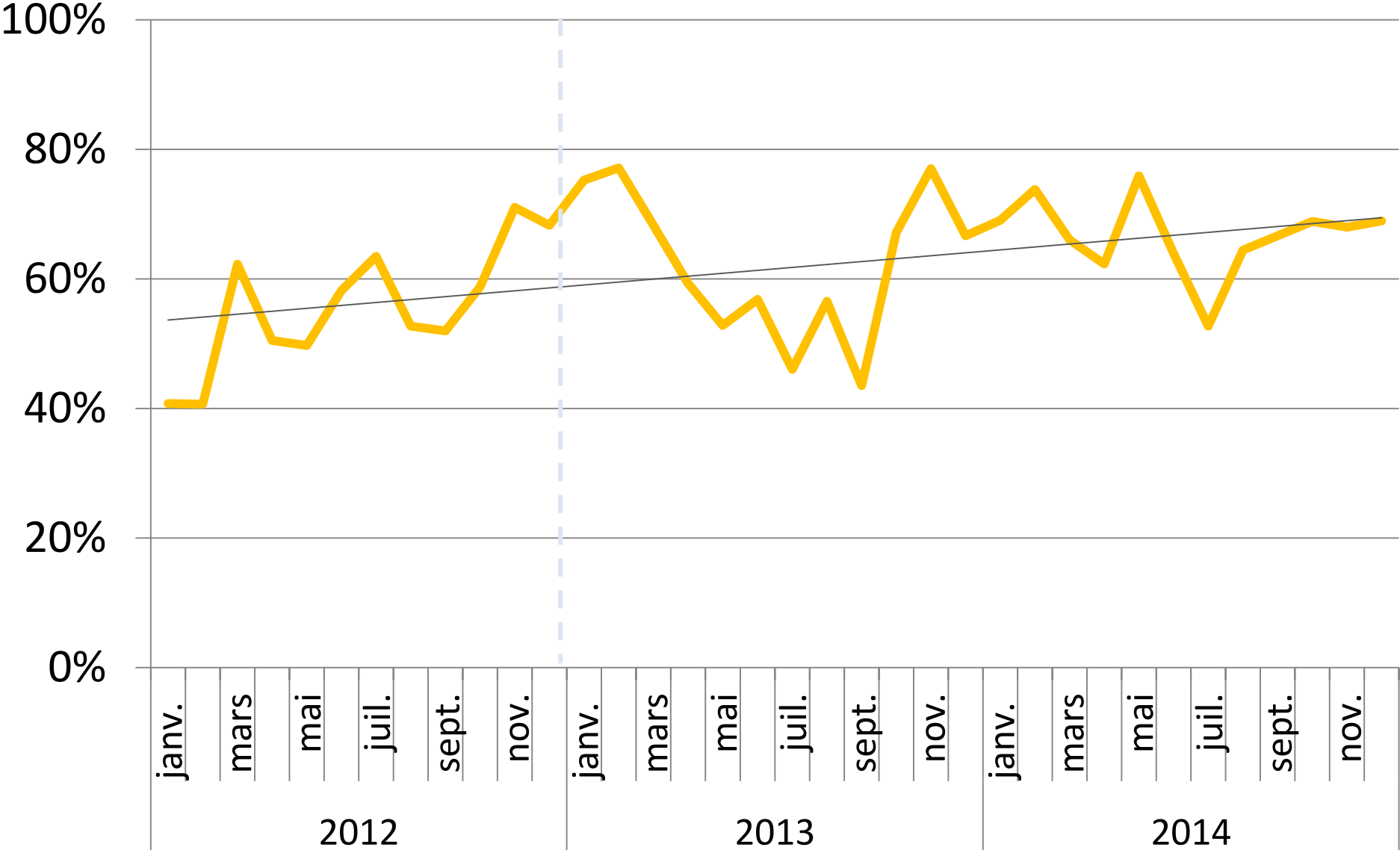
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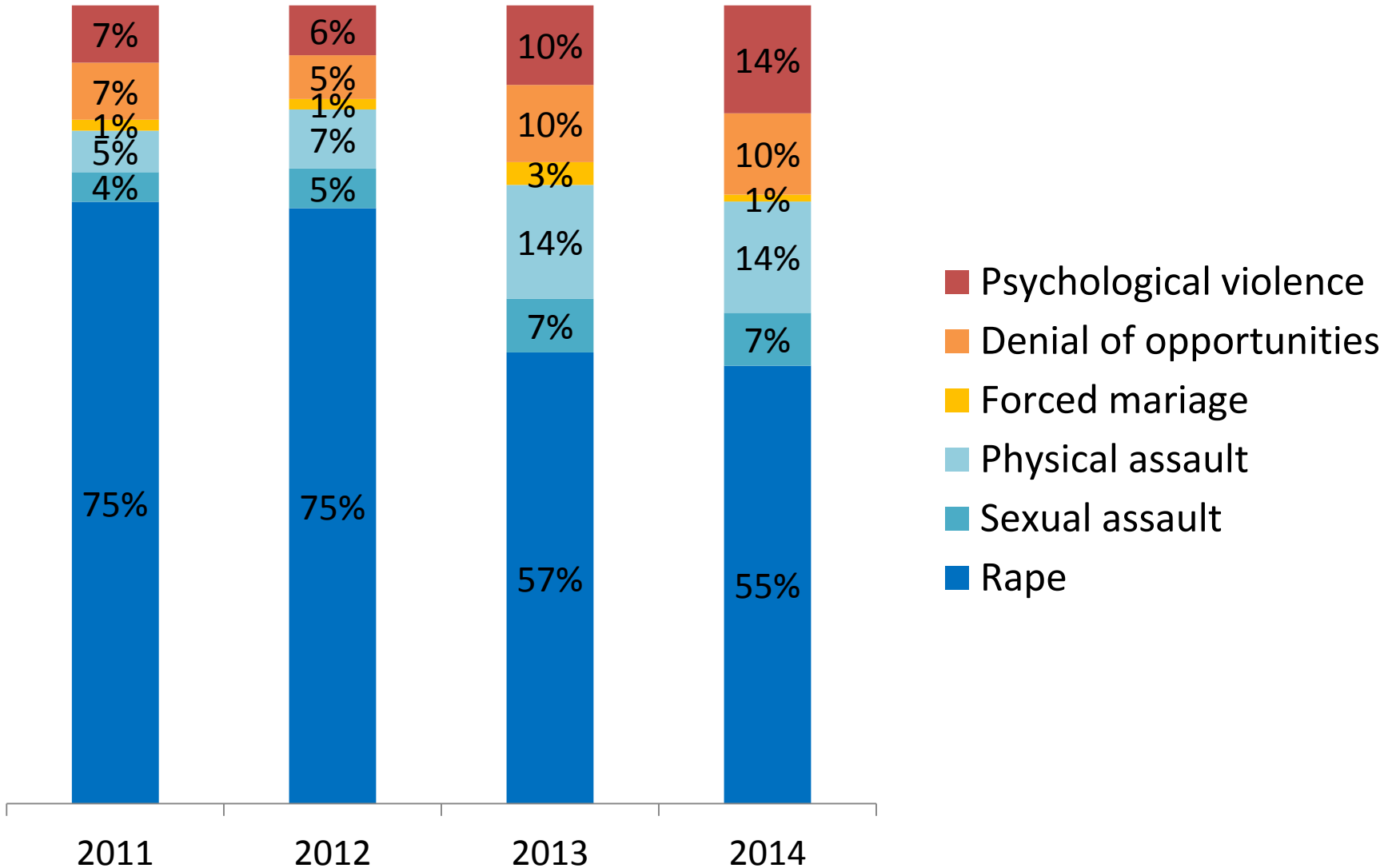
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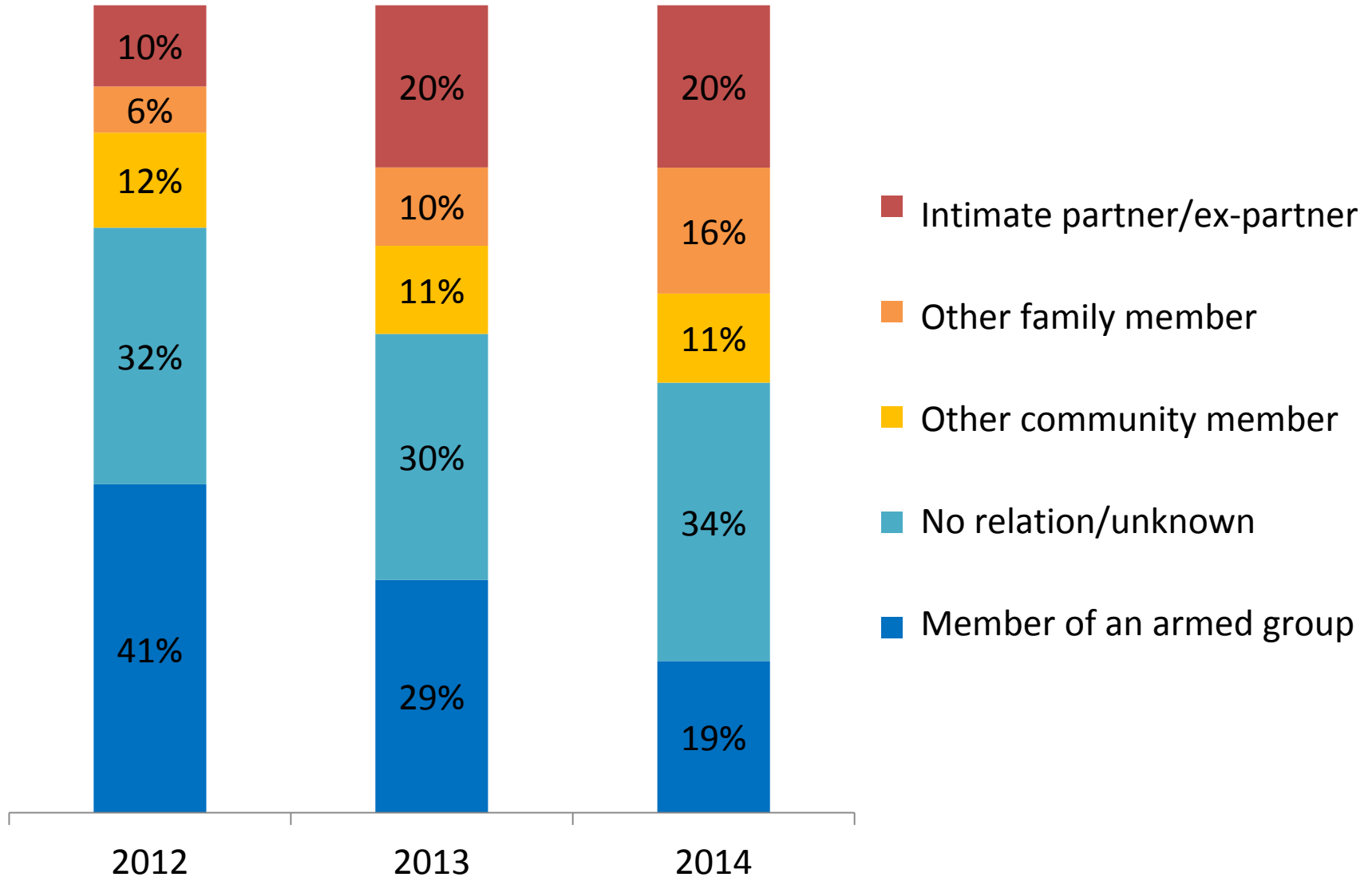
Cases of rape reported to NGO/CBO partners within 72 hours of the incident



Type of GBV reported to NGO/CBO partners, 2011 - 2014



Perpetrators reported to NGO/CBO partners, 2012 - 2014



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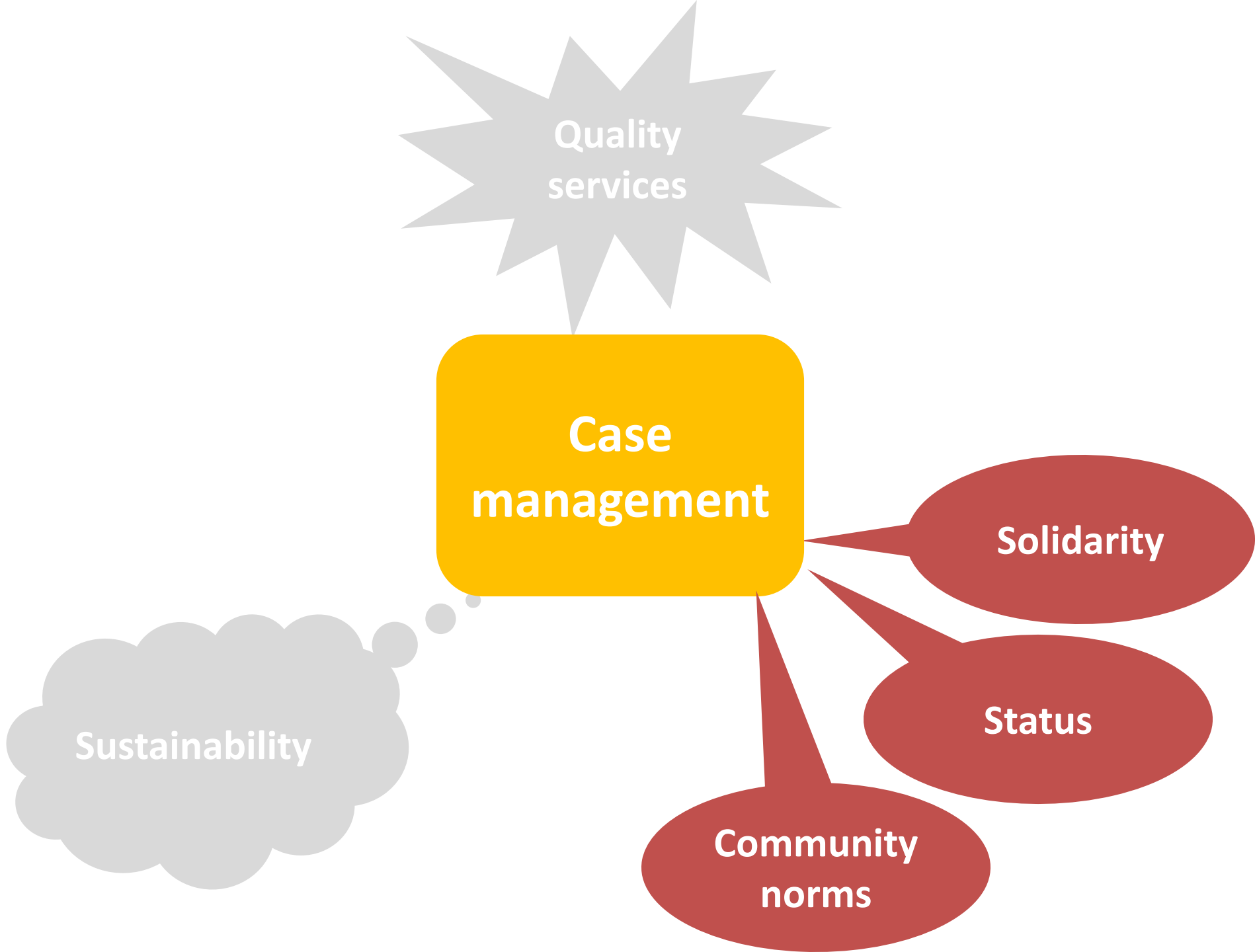
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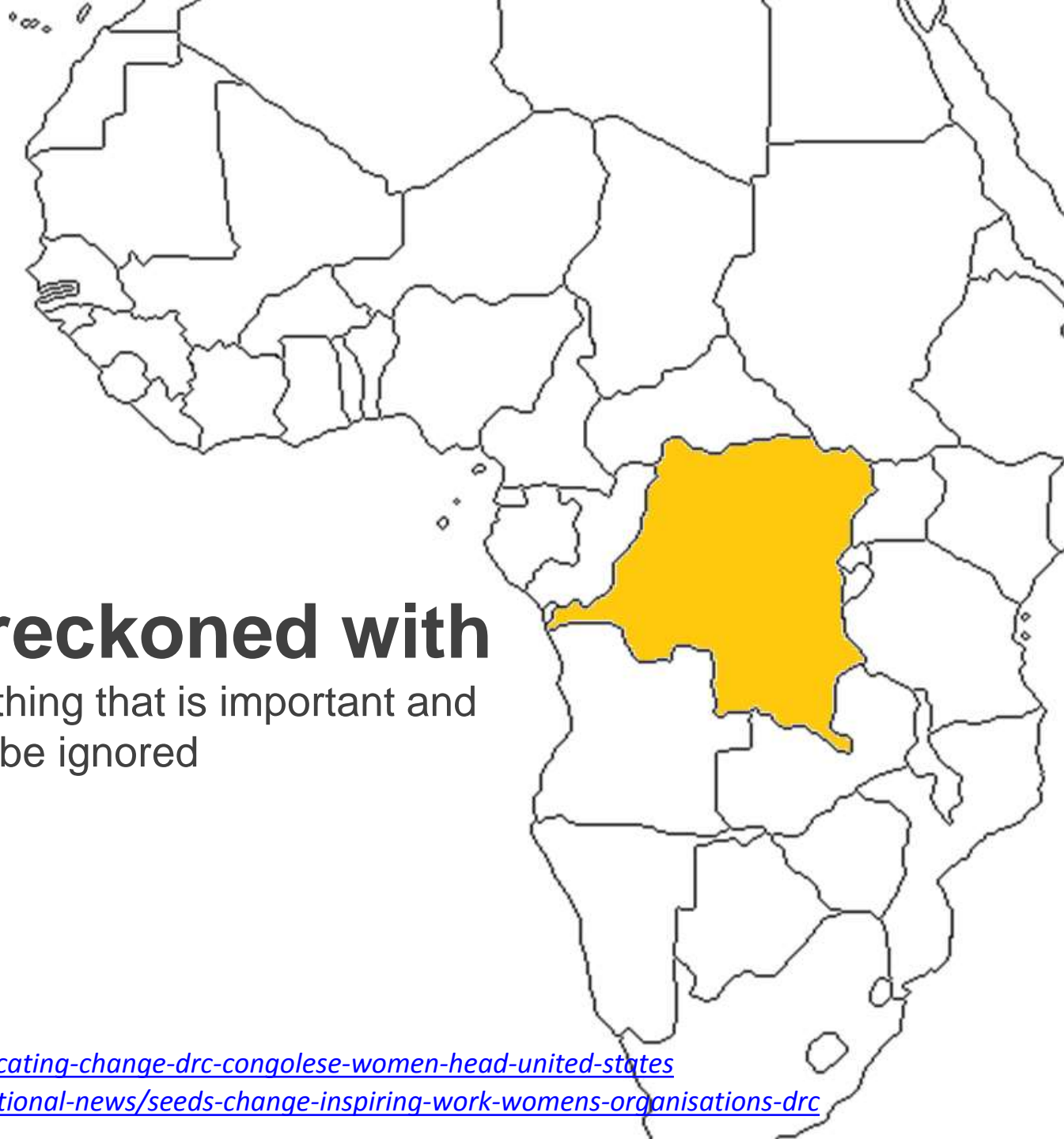


Evidence & Scale-Up: Next Steps



- Develop and test theory of change

- Document and operationalize the process toward sustainability



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Fig. someone or something that is important and powerful and must not be ignored

<http://www.rescue.org/defy>

<http://www.rescue.org/blog/advocating-change-drc-congolese-women-head-united-states>

<http://www.rescue-uk.org/international-news/seeds-change-inspiring-work-womens-organisations-drc>