ZIMBABWE II

In order to create a world where every child, adolescent and young person is safe, protected and thriving, we must first know the facts

Young Adult Survey of Zimbabwe
A Violence Against Children Study, 2017
Ministry of Health and Child Care Zimbabwe
October 2019

The Government of Zimbabwe launched their second VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN SURVEY REPORT in 2019 with support from CDC, PEPFAR, UNICEF and other partners. Zimbabwe launched its first VACS Report in 2013.

In Zimbabwe, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18

	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	
9%		1%
	PHYSICAL VIOLENCE	
17%		23%

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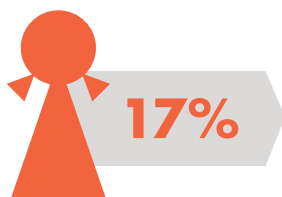
For many girls, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

**Girls face particularly high risks of sexual violence, often with devastating consequences**

21% AGES 14—15
20% AGE 13 OR YOUNGER
59% AGES 16—17
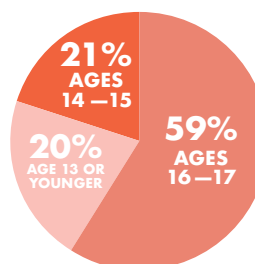
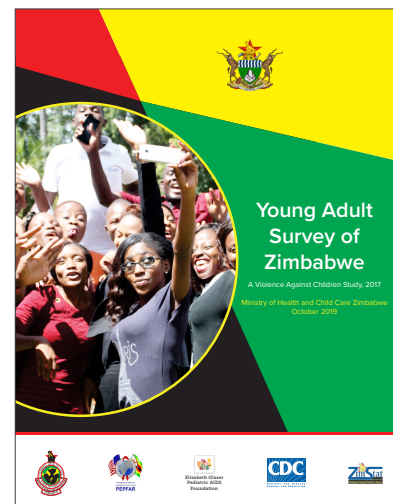Age of first incident of sexual violence among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

23%

of 13- 24-year-olds who experienced physically forced or coerced sex became pregnant

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

Experienced sexual violence in childhood	31%
Did not experience sexual violence in childhood	11%
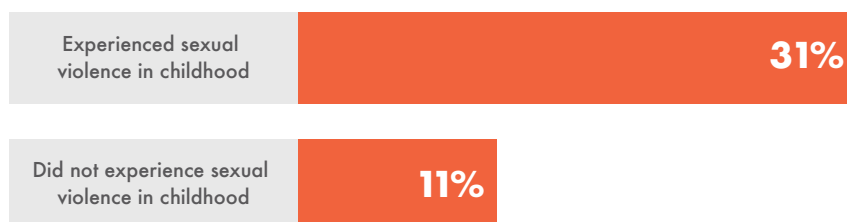
Percentage of females who have
ever thought of suicide

All data among 18- 24-year-olds

Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the girl or adolescent

Most common perpetrators of first incident of sexual violence as reported by females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, or romantic partner

INTIMATE PARTNER • **56%**

FAMILY MEMBER **14%**

NEIGHBOR **7%**

OTHER **8%**

FRIEND/CLASSMATE /SCHOOLMATE **8%**

Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by females prior to age 18

HOME*
69%

SCHOOL
4%

OTHER LOCATION
29%

*Home includes the participant's home, the perpetrator's home, or another home

Girls who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

Females who told someone, sought and/or received services for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

61% TOLD SOMEONE

17% SOUGHT SERVICES

14% RECEIVED SERVICES

Together for girls
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

The Violence Against Children Surveys are nationally representative household surveys led by national governments, with technical support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the Together for Girls partnership.

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