

GET THE FACTS ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Framework

UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW, 1979	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CEDAW.aspx
UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 1993	https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/ViolenceAgainstWomen.aspx
CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, Istanbul Convention, 2011	coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/convention-violence/brief_en.asp

Facts

35 percent of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
30 percent of women who have been in a relationship report that they have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence by their partner.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
36 percent of all U.S. women report experiencing intimate partner violence including rape, physical violence, and/or stalking.	http://kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/hiv-intimate-partner-violence-and-women-new-opportunities-under-the-affordable-care-act/
Globally, 38 percent of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
Worldwide, up to 50 percent of sexual assaults are committed against girls under 16.	http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html
The first sexual experience of some 30 percent of women was forced. 45 percent of those under 15 at the time of their sexual initiation report the experience was forced.	http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html

<p>Violence can result in physical, mental, sexual, reproductive health and other health problems, and may increase vulnerability to HIV.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>80 percent of the estimated 800,000 people trafficked across national borders annually are women and girls, with the majority (79 percent) trafficked for sexual exploitation. Many more women and girls are trafficked within countries, often for purposes of sexual exploitation or domestic servitude.</p>	<p>http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html</p>
<p>55 percent of women living with HIV report intimate partner violence in the U.S.</p>	<p>http://kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/hiv-intimate-partner-violence-and-women-new-opportunities-under-the-affordable-care-act/</p>
<p>One study in Europe found that 60 percent of trafficked women had experienced physical and/or sexual violence before being trafficked, pointing to gender-based violence as a push factor in the trafficking of women.</p>	<p>http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html</p>
<p>Sexual violence, particularly during childhood, can lead to increased smoking, drug and alcohol misuse, and risky sexual behaviors.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>A study found that women who had been physically or sexually abused were 1.5 times more likely to have a sexually transmitted infection and, in some regions, HIV, compared to women who had not experienced partner violence.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>Several studies conducted in international settings have found that male perpetrators of IPV engage in behavior that puts their partners at greater risk for HIV.</p>	<p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3274697/</p>
<p>Children who grow up in families where there is violence may suffer a range of behavioral and emotional disturbances. These can also be associated with perpetrating or experiencing violence later in life.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>Around 120 million girls worldwide (slightly more than 1 in 10) have experienced forced intercourse or other forced sexual acts at some point in their lives.</p>	<p>https://www.unicef.org/mena/press-releases/nearly-one-in-four-adolescent-girls-experience-physical-violence</p>
<p>It is estimated that more than 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation in the countries where the practice is concentrated. Beyond extreme physical and psychological pain, girls</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/fgm/prevalence/en/</p>

<p>who undergo FGM are at risk of prolonged bleeding, infection (including HIV), infertility, complications during pregnancy and death.</p>	
<p>Women and girls are disproportionately affected by modern slavery, accounting for 28.7 million, or 71 percent of the overall total.</p>	<p>https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_575479.pdf</p>
<p>Women in urban areas are twice as likely as men to experience violence, particularly in developing countries.</p>	<p>https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/focus-areas/end-violence-against-women/evaw-facts-and-figures</p>
<p>Among ever-married girls, current and/or former intimate partners are the most commonly reported perpetrators of physical violence in all the countries with available data.</p>	<p>https://www.unicef.org/publications/files/A_Statistical_Snapshot_of_Violence_Against_Adolescent_Girls.pdf</p>
<p>A 2014 study based on interviews with 42,000 women across the 28 Member States of the European Union revealed that only 14 percent of women reported their most serious incident of intimate partner violence to the police, and 13 percent reported their most serious incident of non-partner violence to the police.</p>	<p>https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2014-vaw-survey-main-results-apr14_en.pdf</p>
<p>Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were married as children. More than 1 in 3 – or some 250 million – were married before 15. Girls who marry before they turn 18 are less likely to remain in school and more likely to experience domestic violence. Young teenage girls are more likely to die due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth than women in their 20s; their infants are more likely to be stillborn or die in the first month of life.</p>	<p>https://www.unicef.org/media/media_74524.html</p>
<p>If current trends on child marriage continue, 150 million more girls will be married in childhood by 2030, with devastating consequences for the whole world.</p>	<p>https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/about-child-marriage/</p>
<p>Globally, girls who marry before 15 are 50% more likely to face physical or sexual violence from a partner.</p>	<p>https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/themes/violence-against-girls/</p>

See more at:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures>

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