

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.	un.org/documents/ga/res/48/a48r104.htm
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

Violence can result in physical, mental, sexual, reproductive health and other health problems, and may increase vulnerability to HIV.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
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.	http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html
55 percent of women living with HIV report intimate partner violence in the U.S.	http://kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/hiv-intimate-partner-violence-and-women-new-opportunities-under-the-affordable-care-act/
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.	http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html
Sexual violence, particularly during childhood, can lead to increased smoking, drug and alcohol misuse, and risky sexual behaviors.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
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.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
Children who grow up in families where there is violence may suffer a range of behavioural and emotional disturbances. These can also be associated with perpetrating or experiencing violence later in life.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
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.	
Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were married as children (below 18 years of age). More than one in three—or some 250 million —were married before 15. Child brides are often unable to effectively negotiate safer sex, leaving themselves vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, along with early pregnancy. The fact that girls are not physically mature enough to give birth, places both mothers and their babies at risk. Poor girls are also 2.5 times more likely to marry in childhood than those living in the wealthiest quintile.	

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.

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.

More than **133 million** girls and women have experienced some form of female genital mutilation (FGM) in the 29 countries in Africa and the Middle East where the harmful practice is most common. Beyond extreme physical and psychological pain, girls who undergo FGM are at risk of prolonged bleeding, infection (including HIV), infertility, complications during pregnancy and death.

Nearly **55 percent** of the estimated 21 million victims of forced labor worldwide are represented by women and girls.

Women in urban areas are **twice as likely** as men to experience violence, particularly in developing countries.

Research conducted in different countries has documented associations between HIV and physical and/or sexual violence, both as a risk factor for HIV infection and as a potential consequence of being identified as living with HIV. A decade of cross-sectional research from African countries, including Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa and more recently, India, has consistently found women who have experienced partner violence to be more likely to be infected with HIV.

See more at:

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

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/>