MALAWI

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

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

The Government of Malawi conducted the VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN SURVEY in 2013 with support from PEPFAR and other partners.

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

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

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

All data among 18–24 year olds

33% of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 became pregnant
Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the child or adolescent

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

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

Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

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

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

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

*Respondent's and/or perpetrator's home

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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