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 Tanzania, 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

27% sexual violence
12% physical violence
57% physical violence
53% sexual violence

For many youth, 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

31%^ of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 became pregnant

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

36% experienced sexual violence in childhood
19% did not experience sexual violence in childhood
61% reported multiple sex partners in last 12 months
31% reported multiple sex partners in last 12 months

All data among 18-24 year olds

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Age of first incident of physically forced or coerced completed sex among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

51% ages 14-15
39% ages 16-17
10% prior to age 13

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

Children who experienced sexual violence were more likely to

36% experienced sexual violence in childhood
19% did not experience sexual violence in childhood
61% reported multiple sex partners in last 12 months
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, 13 to 24, 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, as reported by 13-24 year olds who experienced childhood sexual violence.

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, as reported by 13-24 year olds who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

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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