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 El Salvador, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence.

For some youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced, coerced or facilitated by alcohol (among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18).

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

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes.

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18:
- Sexual violence: 14% (females), 3% (males)
- Physical violence: 22% (females), 19% (males)

Age of first experience of physically forced or coerced or alcohol-facilitated sex among those who experienced sex before age 18:
- Ages 13 or younger: 35%
- Ages 14 - 15: 32%
- Ages 16 - 17: 33%

13-24 year old girls and young women who experienced physically forced or coerced or alcohol-facilitated sex became pregnant: 9%

31% Experienced sexual violence in childhood
6% Did not experience sexual violence in childhood
13% Ever thought of suicide
2%
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 a familiar location

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

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