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 Zimbabwe, 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:

- Sexual violence: 9% females, 1% males
- Physical violence: 17% females, 23% males

For many girls, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced (among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18):

- 17% of 13-24-year-olds who experienced physically forced or coerced sex became pregnant

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

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Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes:

- Among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18:
  - 31% became pregnant
  - 11% ever thought of suicide

Age of first incident of sexual violence among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18:

- 21% ages 14-15
- 20% ages 13 or younger
- 59% ages 16-17

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**Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the girl or adolescent**

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

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

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

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

- **Told Someone**: 61%
- **Sought Services**: 17%
- **Received Services**: 14%

**Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations**

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

- **Home**: 69%
- **School**: 4%
- **Other Location**: 29%

*Home includes the participant’s home, the perpetrator’s home, or another home

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