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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

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18

14% SEXUAL VIOLENCE
22% PHYSICAL VIOLENCE
3%

For some youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced, coerced or facilitated by alcohol

(10% among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

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

32% AGES 14 - 15
33% AGES 16 - 17
35% PRIOR TO AGE 13

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

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

31% Experienced sexual violence in childhood
6% Did not experience sexual violence in childhood

13% Percentage of females and males who ever thought of suicide

All data among 18-24 year olds
*Estimate may be unreliable

The Government of El Salvador launched the VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND YOUTH SURVEY in 2019 with support from IOM, USAID, CDC and other partners.
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

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<th>Perpetrator Type</th>
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*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

- **Home Environment**
  - Females: 70%
  - Males: 56%

- **Other Location**
  - Females: 31%
  - Males: 49%

*Home environment includes: the participant’s home, the perpetrator’s home, or someone else’s home.

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

- **Told Someone**
  - Females: 73%
  - Males: 51%

- **Sought Services**
  - Females: 16%
  - Males: 0%

- **Received Services**
  - Females: 15%
  - Males: 0%

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Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys are nationally representative household surveys led by national governments, with technical support from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the Together for Girls Partnership.

For more information visit togetherforgirls.org