Girls and young women in Sub-Saharan Africa are disproportionately affected by HIV

Prevalence of HIV among 15-24 year old females and males

**FEMALES**
- Kenya: 3%
- Malawi: 4%
- Uganda: 3%
- Zambia: 6%

**MALES**
- Kenya: 2%
- Malawi: 3%
- Uganda: 1%
- Zambia: 1%

Girls in Sub-Saharan Africa also experience high rates of sexual violence

% of females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18
- Kenya: 32%
- Malawi: 22%
- Uganda: 35%
- Zambia: 20%

% of females whose first experience of sexual intercourse was physically forced or coerced prior to age 18, among those who had sex before age 18
- Kenya: 24%
- Malawi: 38%
- Uganda: 20%
- Zambia: 26%

All data among 18-24 year-olds from the Violence against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS), led by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and funded by PEPFAR as part of the Together for Girls partnership.

Experiencing sexual violence both directly and indirectly increases one’s risk of contracting HIV.
For girls, experiencing sexual violence during childhood is associated with behaviors that increase the risk of contracting HIV

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Among 19-24 year-olds who ever had sex
*Statistically significant difference

Even when young survivors disclose their experience, they rarely seek or receive services, including post-rape care

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

% of females who told someone about an experience of sexual violence

- Kenya: 46%
- Malawi: 61%
- Uganda: 57%
- Zambia: 52%

% of females who sought services for sexual violence

- Kenya: 7%
- Malawi: 10%
- Uganda: 10%
- Zambia: 1%

% of females who received services for sexual violence

- Kenya: 3%
- Malawi: 9%
- Uganda: 8%
- Zambia: 0%

Kenya
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After experiencing sexual violence, every hour matters in preventing potentially lifelong health problems. Learn more at EveryHourMatters.org

For more information, visit: togetherforgirls.org