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

- **SEXUAL VIOLENCE**
  - 14%
  - 3%

- **PHYSICAL VIOLENCE**
  - 22%
  - 19%

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

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

- **10%**
- **1%**

Age of first experience of physically forced or coerced sex among those who experienced physically forced or coerced sex* before age 18

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

- **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

*Estimate may be unreliable

*Coerced sex includes sex through verbal pressure, harassment, threats/tricks or when person was too drunk to say no

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

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**: 73%
- **Sought services**: 16%
- **Received services**: 15%

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

- **Home environment**: 70%
- **Other location**: 31%

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

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.

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