In Uganda, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of physical, sexual, and emotional violence. Violence can occur in the home, community, and at school.

% of females and males who experience physical, sexual, or emotional violence prior to age 18

- **Physical Violence**: 59% of females, 68% of males
- **Sexual Violence**: 35% of females, 17% of males
- **Emotional Violence**: 34% of females, 36% of males

SCHOOL-RELATED PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE IMPACTS MANY STUDENTS IN UGANDA

% of students who experienced one or more forms of physical and sexual violence* perpetrated by teachers and/or classmates

- **Female Students**: 45% - 2,139,684
- **Male Students**: 54% - 2,523,623

While school environments can enable violence, they also have a critical role to play in violence prevention and response. Schools can serve as protective spaces for children, acting as an important arena for broader social change to end violence both in and out of the schoolyard.

*Sexual violence is defined by four types of acts: unwanted sexual touching, attempted physically forced or attempted coerced sex, completed physically forced sex, and completed coerced sex.


All data among respondents in Uganda (13-24 year-olds) from the 2016 Government of Uganda Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS), led by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the Together for Girls partnership.
**STUDENTS EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY TEACHERS**

Overall, male teachers perpetrate more violence against students.

% of students who experienced physical violence perpetrated by a **male teacher**

- Female: 16%
- Male: 30%

% of students who experienced physical violence perpetrated by a **female teacher**

- Female: 16%
- Male: 20%

**STUDENTS ALSO EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY CLASSMATES**

Physical violence among classmates is most likely to occur between the same sexes. Overall, male students are more likely to perpetrate violence against a classmate.

% of students who experienced physical violence perpetrated by a **male classmate**

- Female: 17%
- Male: 7%

% of students who experienced physical violence perpetrated by a **female classmate**

- Female: <1%
- Male: 6%

**FEMALE AND MALE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Students experience similar rates of sexual violence perpetrated by classmates. Female students are more likely to experience sexual violence perpetrated by teachers.

% of students who experienced one or more forms of sexual violence perpetrated by **classmates**

- Female: 7%
- Male: 6%

% of students who experienced one or more forms of sexual violence perpetrated by **teachers**

- Female: 2%
- Male: <1%
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE CAN HAVE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES

Students are twice as likely to experience physical consequences from violence perpetrated by male teachers. Consequences of violence include bruises, cuts, scratches, sprains, dislocations, blistering, broken bones, permanent injury and/or disfigurement.

### TEACHERS

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### CLASSMATES

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<td>% of students who experienced physical consequences of violence perpetrated by a male classmate</td>
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### MANY STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE SUBSEQUENTLY MISS SCHOOL

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<td>Among students who experienced sexual violence, % of students who missed school due to the violence</td>
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<td>Among students who experienced physical violence by classmates, % of students who missed school due to the violence</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Among students who experienced physical violence by teachers, % who missed school due to the violence</td>
<td>27%</td>
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Students who experience violence in school settings are not getting the support and services they need

Few students who experience violence in school settings disclose their experiences, fewer seek services, and only a small proportion receive services.

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<td>Sought services for physical violence</td>
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The Uganda Violence Against Children Survey Report

The Government of Uganda launched their Violence Against Children and Young Women Survey (VACS) Report in 2018. The VACS are nationally representative household surveys of children and young adults ages 13 to 24 years that measure the prevalence and circumstances surrounding emotional, physical, and sexual violence against males and females in childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. Through USAID’s Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN), AidData conducted a secondary analysis of the (VACS) data to identify the prevalence of school-related gender-based violence, as well as details on violence perpetration, victimization risk, and post-violence behaviors for girls and boys in Uganda.