Violence against children and youth in the Northern Triangle
VACS REPORTS FOR HONDURAS & EL SALVADOR

The Governments of Honduras & El Salvador launched their VACS reports in 2019
SPECIAL MODULES & QUESTIONS

Migration – Honduras, El Salvador & Guatemala
- Participants’ experiences of migration
- Mother/father migrated (ever lived away for 6 months or more, at what age, where)
- Remittances (received any remittances in past 3 years)

Sexual orientation – Honduras & Guatemala

Community violence – Honduras, El Salvador & Guatemala

Weapons carrying – Honduras and Guatemala

Bullying – Honduras, El Salvador & Guatemala
Violence in Honduras & El Salvador
THE MAGNITUDE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

% of youth who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18 as reported by 18-24 year olds

Honduras
- Girls: 16%
- Boys: 10%

El Salvador
- Girls: 14%
- Boys: 3%
Honduras - sexual violence in childhood in urban areas

Prevalence of sexual violence before age 18, among 18-24-year-olds

Statistically significant difference between males and females (national)
Statistically significant difference females (national vs. Urban)
VACS report only includes urban area data if there is a statistically significant difference with national data
THE MAGNITUDE OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

% of youth who experienced physical violence prior to age 18 as reported by 18-24 year olds

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Boys vs. Girls
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Honduras - physical violence by parent/caregiver in urban areas

Physical violence before age 18 by parent/caregiver, among 18-24-year-olds

![Bar chart showing physical violence by parent/caregiver, with data for males and females for national and urban areas.](chart.png)

- National females: 22%
- National males: 15%
- Urban areas females: 30%
- Urban areas males: 23%

Statistically significant difference between males and females
Statistically significant difference between national and urban areas
THE MAGNITUDE OF EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

% of youth who experienced emotional violence prior to age 18 as reported by 18-24 year olds

- Honduras: 15% (Girls: 8%, Boys: 4%)
- El Salvador: 12% (Girls: 8%, Boys: 4%)
Prevalence of emotional violence before age 18, among 18-24-year-olds

Statistically significant difference between males and females
Females in urban areas more likely to experience emotional violence
SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

% of 13-17 year old females & males who experienced sexual violence in the last 12 months

El Salvador
- Girls: 3%
- Boys: 7%

Honduras
- Girls: 5%
- Boys: 6%
WITNESSING VIOLENCE IN CHILDHOOD

% of youth who witnessed physical violence in the home prior to age 18 as reported by 18-24 year olds

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**GIRLS ARE AT RISK FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENCE**

Age of first incident of sexual violence in childhood, reported by 18-24 year old females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

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BOYS ARE AT RISK FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENCE

Age of first incident of sexual violence in childhood, reported by 18-24 year old males who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

Honduras
- 13 and under: 30%
- 14 to 15: 27%
- 16 to 17: 44%

El Salvador
- 13 and under: 13%
- 14 to 15: 19%
- 16 to 17: 68%

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**EL SALVADOR – PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Perpetrators of the first incidents of sexual violence, among 18-24 year-olds who experienced sexual violence before age 18

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¹ Intimate partner includes current or previous spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend or romantic partner.
² Others includes teacher, police/security person, employer, community/religious leader, stranger, or gang member.
Perpetrators of the first incidents of sexual violence, among 18-24 year-olds who experienced sexual violence before age 18

**Girls**

- **Intimate partner**: 22% (18%)
- **Family member**: 46%
- **Authority figure**: 1% (1%*)
- **Neighbor**: 12%
- **Classmate/Schoolmate**: 4%
- **Friend**: 11%
- **Gang member**: 1% (1%*)
- **Stranger**: 14%

**Boys**

- **Intimate partner**: 4%* (18%)
- **Family member**: 4%* (4%)
- **Authority figure**: 7%* (4%*)
- **Neighbor**: 16%
- **Classmate/Schoolmate**: 44%
- **Friend**: 4%* (4%*)
- **Gang member**: 0%* (0%)
- **Stranger**: 15%

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2 Authority figure includes teacher, police/security person, employer, neighborhood/religious leader.
IN HONDURAS, CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE NOT GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED

Females and males in Honduras who told someone, sought and/or received help for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence before 18.

- **Females**
  - Told someone: 64%
  - Sought help: 8%
  - Received help: 6%

- **Males**
  - Told someone: 34%
  - Sought help: 4%
  - Received help: 1%*

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IN EL SALVADOR, CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE NOT GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED

Females and males in El Salvador who told someone, sought and/or received help for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence before 18.

**Females**
- Told someone: 73%
- Sought help: 16%
- Received help: 15%

**Males**
- Told someone: 51%
- Sought help: 0%
- Received help: 0%

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Consequences of violence
16%* of girls in Honduras & 9% of girls in El Salvador experienced coerced, alcohol-facilitated or forced sex before age 18 and became pregnant.

Data Among 13-24 year old females

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### SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Percentage of males & females ages 18-24 who reported thoughts of suicide, by whether they did or did not experience sexual violence prior to age 18 years

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In Honduras, 18-24 year olds who were exposed to 3 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences, including violence, had:

6.4 Greater odds of suicide ideation
3.9 Greater odds of getting STI
1.7 Greater odds of early pregnancy

1Comparison group: 18-24 year olds who were not exposed to any ACEs.
2ACEs include the following experiences before age 18: 1) sexual violence, 2) physical violence, 3) emotional violence, 4) witnessed physical violence in the home, 5) witnessed physical violence in the community, 6) orphan status, and 7) parental migration.
3Adjusted for age, food insecurity, and educational attainment.
4p-values<0.05 for all data

VICTIMIZATION & PERPETRATION

Perpetration of physical violence among 18-24 year olds by experience of childhood sexual violence

- **El Salvador**
  - **Girls**: 30% SV in childhood, 5% No SV in childhood
  - **Boys**: 11%* SV in childhood, 2% No SV in childhood

- **Honduras**
  - **Girls**: 28% SV in childhood, 10% No SV in childhood
  - **Boys**: 18% SV in childhood, 4% No SV in childhood

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Gender attitudes & beliefs

Together for girls
**ENDORSEMENT OF TRADITIONAL GENDER AND SEXUAL NORMS**

% of males & females ages 18-24 who endorsed beliefs about gender, sexual practices, and intimate partner violence

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Includes participants who endorsed one or more of the following: men decide when to have sex; men need more sex than women; men need other women; women who carry condoms are “loose;” women should tolerate violence to keep the family together.
% of males & females ages 18-24 who endorsed attitudes about the acceptability of domestic violence

**El Salvador**
- Boys: 5%
- Girls: 4%

**Honduras**
- Boys: 9%
- Girls: 9%

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1 Includes participants who endorsed one or more of the following: it is acceptable for a husband to beat his wife if she: goes out without telling him; neglects the children; argues with him; refuses to have sex with him; is suspected of having an affair
Honduras – Experiences of migration

Migration and parental migration before age 18, among 18-24 year-olds

- **Mother migrated:**
  - Females: 25%
  - Males: 19%

- **Father migrated:**
  - Females: 44%
  - Males: 38%

- **Child migrated:**
  - Females: 2%
  - Males: 5%

Average age of child when parent migrated:
- Mother: 11 years
- Father: 8 years
- Child: 14 years

Average age of child when parent migrated:
- Male: 10 years
- Female: 7 years

Average age of child when parent migrated:
- Male: 17 years
- Female: 14 years
Honduras – Experiences of migration

Migration and parental migration before age 18, among 13-17 year olds

- Mother migrated: 9 years (20%), 8 years (15%)
- Father migrated: 6 years (41%), 5 years (33%)
- Child migrated: 9 years (2%), 10 years (1%)

Average age of child when parent migrated.
El Salvador – Experiences of migration

Migration and parental migration before age 18, among 18-24 year olds

- **Mother migrated**: 7 years (14% females, 8% males), 10 years (30% females, 18% males)
- **Father migrated**: 6 years (14% females, 30% males), 8 years (18% females, 13% males)
- **Child migrated**: 13 years (3% females, 4% males), 17 years (4% females, 5% males)

Average age of child when parent migrated
El Salvador – Experiences of migration

Migration and parental migration before age 18, among 13-17 year olds

- **Mother migrated**
  - Females: 7 years, 9%
  - Males: 8 years, 8%

- **Father migrated**
  - Females: 5 years, 27%
  - Males: 5 years, 22%

- **Child migrated**
  - Females: 5 years, 1%
  - Males: 13 years, 1%

Average age of child when parent migrated
Any violence in childhood, by whether one or both parents migrated or were displaced for 6 months, as reported by 18-24 year olds in Honduras.
% of youth who received money or goods from the United States in the past 3 years

Among:

18-24 year olds

El Salvador:
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- Males: 13%

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13-17 year olds

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