MOZAMBIQUE

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 Mozambique, both girls and boys experience high rates of sexual and physical violence

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

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

For many girls, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced/pressured

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

Percentage of females and males who experienced mental distress in the past 30 days

All data among 18-24 year olds, unless otherwise indicated

*Unreliable estimate † Includes sex when victim was too drunk to say no
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 current or previous spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, or romantic partner
* Unreliable estimate
** Unstable estimate, estimate is suppressed

Other includes: family member, neighbor, stranger or other
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Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations
Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by females and males prior to age 18

† Home includes: Respondent’s, perpetrator’s or someone else’s home
‡ Outdoor area includes: on a road, lake, river, other water bodies, field or other natural area
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Girls and boys who experience sexual violence in childhood do not often disclose their experiences

Females and males who told someone, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

32% TOLD SOMEONE
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The Violence Against Children Surveys are nationally representative household surveys led by national governments, with technical support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-USA) as part of the Together for Girls Partnership.

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