In Malawi, 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: 42% females, 65% males
- Sexual violence: 22% females, 15% males
- Emotional violence: 20% females, 29% males

SCHOOL–RELATED PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE IMPACTS MANY STUDENTS IN MALAWI

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

- 32% female students: 622,085
- 47% male students: 909,590

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.

FEMALE AND MALE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY TEACHERS

Overall, male teachers perpetrate more violence against students. Male students experience higher rates of violence at the hands of teachers.

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Female students are more likely to experience sexual violence perpetrated by teachers.

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.

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Male students experience higher rates of violence at the hands of teachers.

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.

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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**

- % of students who experienced physical consequences of violence perpetrated by a male teacher: 2% for female, 4% for male.
- % of students who experienced physical consequences of violence perpetrated by a female teacher: <1% for both genders.

**CLASSMATES**

- % of students who experienced physical consequences of violence perpetrated by a male classmate: <1% for both genders.
- % of students who experienced any physical consequences of violence perpetrated by a female classmate: <1% for female, <1% for male.

**MANY STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE SUBSEQUENTLY MISS SCHOOL**

- Among students who experienced sexual violence, % of students who missed school due to the violence: 22% for female, 4% for male.
- Among students who experienced physical violence by classmates, % of students who missed school due to the violence: 10% for female, 12% for male.
- Among students who experienced physical violence by teachers, % who missed school due to the violence: 21% for female, 14% for male.
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.

**The Malawi Violence Against Children Survey Report**

The Government of Malawi launched their Violence Against Children and Young Women Survey (VACS) Report in 2015. 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 Malawi.

**Solutions to Prevent SRGBV**

SRGBV impacts children around the world, but it doesn’t have to be this way. For more research and evidence-based interventions to prevent school-related gender-based violence, visit: togetherforgirls.org/schools