In Botswana, 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:
  - Females: 9%
  - Males: 28%

- Physical violence:
  - Females: 6%
  - Males: 43%

For many youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

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

6% of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 became pregnant

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

- 43% of females and males who ever thought of suicide experienced sexual violence in childhood
- 16% did not experience sexual violence in childhood
- 11% of females and males who ever thought of suicide did not experience sexual violence in childhood

In order to create a world where every child, adolescent and young person is safe, protected and thriving, we must first know the facts.
Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the child or adolescent

Most common perpetrators of first incident of physically forced sex as reported by females who experienced physically forced sex prior to age 18

*Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner

68% TOLD SOMEONE
48%

21% SOUGHT SERVICES
3%

18% RECEIVED SERVICES
3%

INTIMATE PARTNER* 25%
FRIEND/CLASSMATE 6%
NEIGHBOR 7%
STRANGER 51%
FAMILY MEMBER 5%

Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

Location of first incident of physically forced sex experienced by females prior to age 18

HOME* 65%
LAKE, RIVER OR OTHER BODY OF WATER 3%
ON A ROAD OR STREET 19%
SOMEONE ELSE’S HOME 2%

*Respondent’s and/or perpetrator’s home

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

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

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