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 Zimbabwe, 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

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

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

34% of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 became pregnant

All data among 18–24 year olds
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 spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner

Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by females and males prior to age 18.

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

Together for girls

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) as part of the Together for Girls partnership.

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