



# KENYA

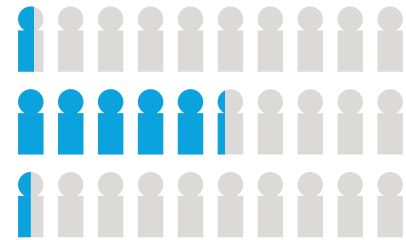
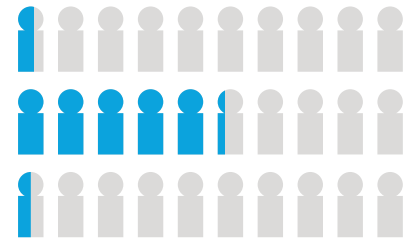
**In order to create a world where every child, adolescent and young person is safe, protected and thriving, we must first know the facts.**

**In Kenya, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual, physical, and emotional violence**

Percentage of **females** and **males** who experienced sexual, physical or emotional violence prior to age 18.



16%	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	6%
39%	PHYSICAL VIOLENCE	52%
7%	EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE	5%



The Government of Kenya launched the **VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN SURVEY** in 2020 with support from partners.

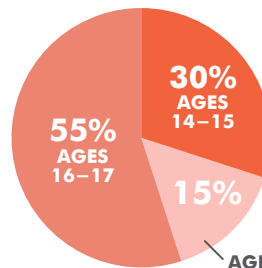


**9%**

**For many girls, 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**



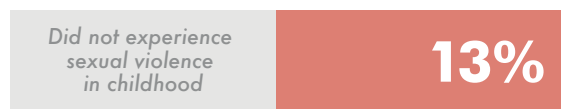
Age of first incident of physically forced or pressured sex, among those who experienced physically forced or pressured sex prior to age 18.

**Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes**

Percentage of **females** who have ever thought of suicide

**8%**

of 13-24 year old girls and women who experienced physically forced or coerced sex\* became pregnant

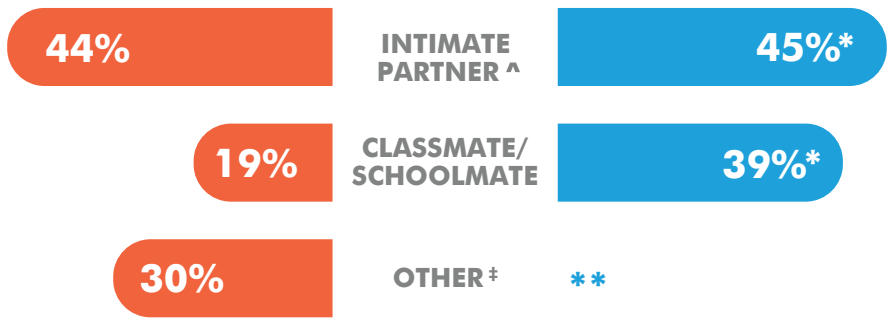


All data among 18-24 year olds, unless otherwise indicated.

\*Coerced sex includes sex through verbal pressure, harassment, threats/tricks or when the person 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



\*Unreliable estimate.

\*\*Unstable estimate, estimate is suppressed.

<sup>^</sup>Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner.

<sup>‡</sup>Includes family member, teacher, police/security person, employer, neighborhood/religious leader, neighbor, friend, or stranger.

## Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by **females** prior to age 18

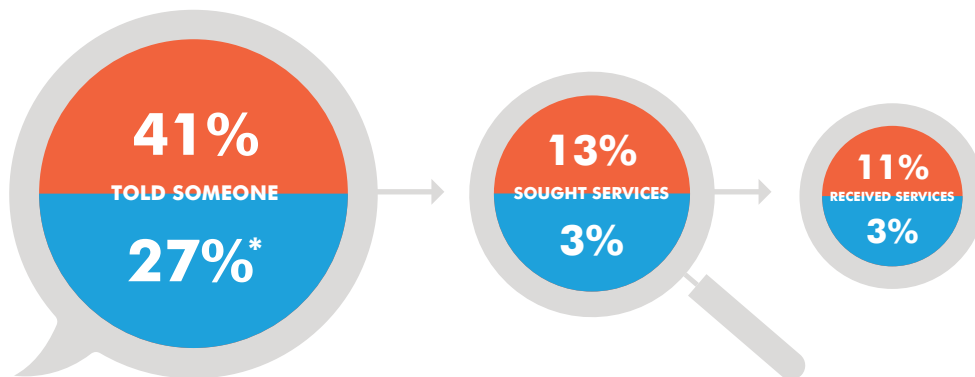


\*Locations with unreliable and suppressed estimates not reflected here.

<sup>^</sup>Outside location includes: on a road/street, market/shop, school, lake/river or other body of water, and field/other natural area.

## Girls and boys who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

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



\*Unreliable estimate.



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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