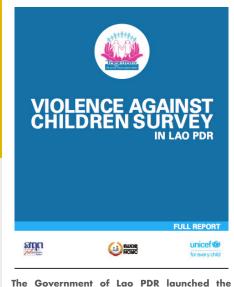


In order to create a world where every child, adolescent and young person is safe, protected and thriving, we must first know the facts.

In Lao PDR, 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



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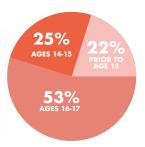


For many youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

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

Age of first incident of sexual violence among girls who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

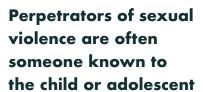


## Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

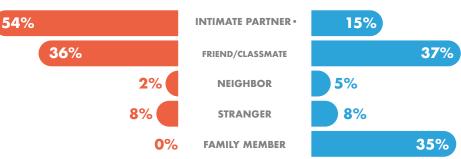




Percentage of females and males who reported mental distress in the past 30 days



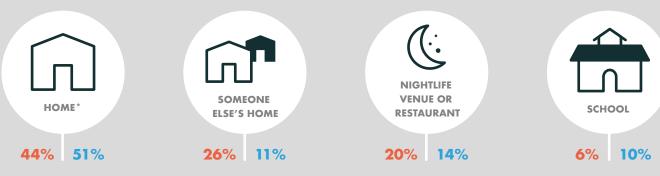




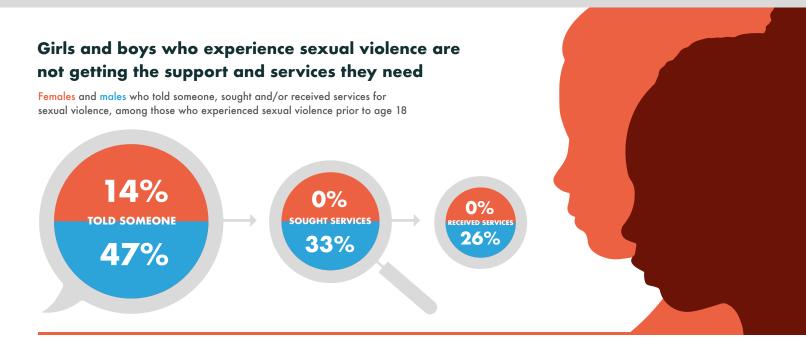
<sup>\*</sup>Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner

## Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

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



<sup>\*</sup>Respondent's and/or perpetrator's home





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.