

VIOLENCE IN WOMEN'S LIVES

Violence may be perpetrated against any individual, but across the world, women and girls are the populations most at risk and most severely impacted. Violence in women's lives impacts the health of women and their children; it is a violation of human rights and a barrier to economic development. Demographic and Health Surveys collected data on aspects of violence in the lives of women age 15-49 in 34 countries during the years 2000-2012.

Intimate Partner Violence

In every country, at least 10% of ever-married women experience physical or sexual violence. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the prevalence is as high as 64%.



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In 14 countries, more than 1/3 of ever-married women experience physical or sexual violence from their husband or partner.

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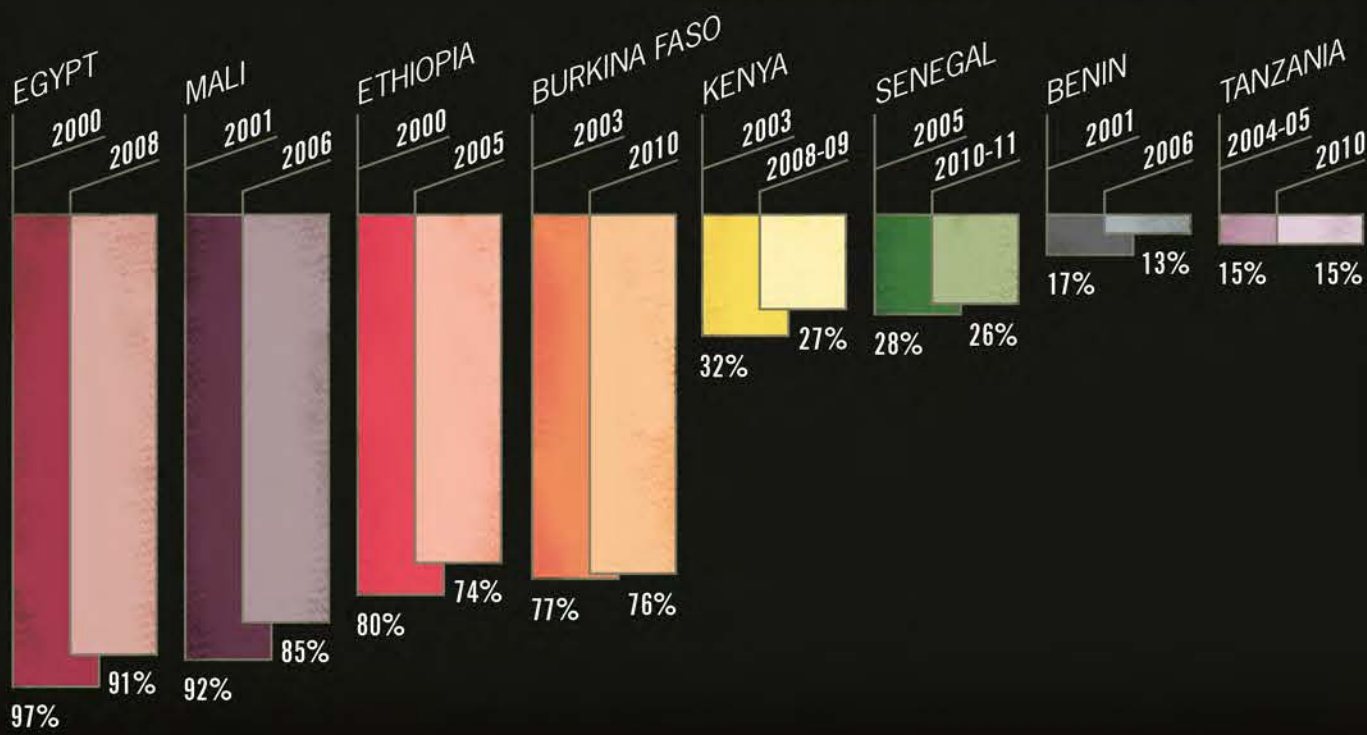
More than 10% of women report physical violence during their pregnancy in 6 countries. In Uganda, the prevalence is as high as 16%.

Nearly 1/2 of ever-married women in 6 countries experience physical violence.

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Female Genital Cutting

Female genital cutting (FGC) continues to be a problem for many women in Africa. Prevalence of FGC among women age 15-49 has changed little in the last several years.

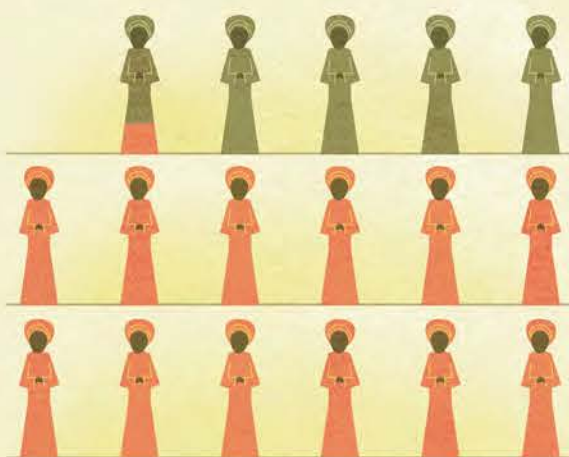


Seeking Help

In 17 countries, more than 1/3 of women who experience violence report seeking help.

Higher percentages of women report seeking help after violence in Sub-Saharan African countries than other regions.

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Read full report, *Women's Lives and Challenges: Equality and Empowerment since 2000*, at <http://measuredhs.com/publications/publication-OD66-Other-Documents.cfm>

Data from the following Demographic and Health Surveys: Azerbaijan, 2006; Bangladesh, 2007; Benin, 2001, 2006; Bolivia, 2003; Burkina Faso, 2003, 2010; Cambodia, 2000, 2005, 2010; Cameroon, 2004, 2011; Colombia, 2000, 2005, 2010; Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2007; Dominican Republic 2002, 2007; Egypt, 2000, 2005, 2008; Ethiopia, 2000, 2005; Ghana, 2003, 2008; Guinea, 2005; Haiti, 2000, 2005-06; Honduras, 2005-06; India, 2005-06; Jordan, 2007; Kenya, 2003, 2008-09; Liberia, 2007; Malawi, 2004, 2010; Mali, 2001, 2006; Moldova, 2005; Nepal, 2011; Nigeria, 2003, 2008; Philippines, 2008; Rwanda, 2005, 2010; Senegal, 2005, 2010-11; Tanzania, 2004-05, 2010; Timor-Leste, 2009; Uganda, 2006, 2011; Ukraine, 2007; Zambia, 2001-02, 2007; Zimbabwe, 2005-06, 2010-11

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