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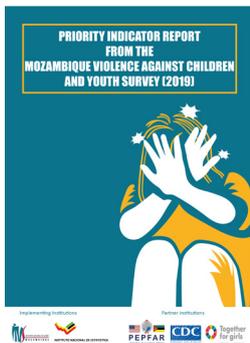
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## PREFACE

The Priority Indicator Report of the Mozambique Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS, 2019) provides information on demographic characteristics, socio-economic status, orphanhood, early marriage, and prevalence of sexual, physical and emotional violence among children aged 13 to 24. It also provides key data on the main perpetrators of violence experienced in childhood, location of violence, utilization of medical, psycho-social, legal and protective services available to children and youth who have been victims of violence. Finally, it reports HIV status among young men and women aged 18 to 24 years.

This information is important as it constitutes the basis of recommendations to the Government of Mozambique, through the relevant Ministries, UN agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations working to protect children. In addition, it contributes to the development, improvement, and reinforcement of the prevention and response strategies to combat violence against children and youth, as part of a broader, more comprehensive and multisectoral approach for child protection. The Mozambique VACS is the first survey of this type conducted in the country. It utilizes an internationally standardized methodology, which allows the collection of systematic data on violence against children and youth within Mozambique and can be compared to results from similar VACS around the world.

The Mozambique Violence Against Children and Youth Survey, 2019 is a result of a coordinated effort between national and international institutions, under the leadership of the Instituto Nacional de Saúde (INS), in collaboration with the National Directorate of Public Health (DNSP), the National Directorate of Medical Assistance (DNAM) from the Ministry of Health (MISAU), the National Directorate for Children from the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Action (MGCAS), the Instituto Nacional de Estatística (INE), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF-Mozambique), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This survey had technical and financial support from CDC, through a Cooperative Agreement between PEPFAR and INS.

We would like to thank all the national and international institutions that supported this survey and contributed to the high-quality standards of the information produced. In addition, we would like to extend a special thanks to all survey participants (parents, mothers, caregivers, children, community leaders) and all the collaborators who were involved in the 2019 Violence Against Children and Youth Survey implementation.

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## Priority Indicator Report

### Objectives

The Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS) measure the prevalence, nature and consequences of physical, emotional, and sexual violence against children and youth. They enhance countries' capacity to design, implement, and evaluate violence prevention programs and build successful child protection systems.

The Mozambique survey also included HIV testing. The key objectives of the Mozambique VACS are to:

- Estimate the national prevalence of physical, sexual, and emotional violence perpetrated against girls and boys, including unwanted sexual touching, attempted forced sex, physically forced sex, and pressured or coerced sex prior to turning age 18 and within the past 12 months;
- Estimate prevalence of HIV among adolescents and young female adults 18-24-years-old in order to better understand the association between violence and HIV;
- Identify risk and protective factors for physical, sexual, and emotional violence against children and youth to inform stakeholders and guide prevention efforts;
- Identify the health and social consequences associated with violence against children;
- Assess the knowledge and utilization of medical, psychosocial, legal, and protective services available for children who have experienced sexual, emotional, and/or physical violence;
- Identify areas for further research; and
- Make recommendations to relevant ministries in Mozambique, UN Agencies and international and national non-governmental organizations on developing, improving, and enhancing prevention and response strategies to address violence against children as part of a comprehensive, multi-sectoral approach to child protection.

### Methods

The 2019 Mozambique VACS is a nationally representative household survey of 13-24-year-old females and males. The survey was conducted between July and September 2019, in 385 randomly selected primary sampling units (PSUs). The Mozambique VACS over-sampled females in Gaza and Zambezia, which are both priority regions for the PEPFAR program DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe).

VACS uses a standardized methodology to measure physical, emotional, and sexual violence in childhood (before age 18) and in the 12 months prior to the survey. After obtaining consent, the head

of household participates in a short household questionnaire to collect data on the socioeconomic status of the household. One eligible 13-24 year old participant is selected per household and provides assent/consent to participate in the respondent questionnaire, which includes questions covering demographics; socioeconomic status; parent relationships; education; general connectedness to family, friends, and community; marital status and relationships; sexual behavior and practices; transactional sex; pregnancy; HIV/AIDS service history; experiences of physical, sexual, and emotional violence; health problems associated with exposure to violence; and utilization of services for violence.

Mozambique VACS also included HIV testing for 18-to-24-year-olds who consented for rapid blood tests and had never previously tested positive for HIV using the national rapid HIV testing algorithm and country counseling guidelines.

In order to further ensure the confidentiality of survey responses, males and females were interviewed in separate PSUs. A total of 6,462 households were sampled from 262 randomly selected PSUs for females, and 2,129 females completed the survey. The overall female response rate was 80.4% (91.9% household response rate and 87.5% individual response rate). A total of 2,973 households were sampled from 123 randomly selected PSUs for males, and 878 males completed the survey. The overall male response rate was 81.1% (93.3% household response rate and 86.9% individual response rate).

Additionally, of the 18-to-24-year-olds eligible for HIV testing, 293 males out of 412 eligible males (representing 71.1% of all eligible males) and 715 females out of 1091 eligible females (representing 65.5% of all eligible females) completed testing for HIV.

This Priority Indicator Report includes highlights of priority indicators from the VACS, focusing mostly on data from young adults' (ages 18-24) experiences in childhood (prior to age 18). Indicators for lifetime experience included in this report are from 13-24-year-olds or 18-24-year-olds (for HIV indicators) who experienced violence at any point in their lives. Data are also included for 13-17-year-olds' experiences of violence in the past 12 months. All analyses are accounted for in the survey design.

## Results

The presented results are subdivided into two sections: The first section provides background information and data on violence experienced in childhood (before age 18) among 18-24-year-olds, and the second section presents similar data in the past 12 months, among 13-17-year-olds.

### Section 1: Background Information and Violence Experienced Among 18-24-Year-Olds

Education Status for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% Confidence Interval [CI]) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Never attended school	1247	11.0 (8.4 - 13.7)	424	8.2 (5.1 - 11.3)
Completed primary or less	1247	53.1 (48.5 - 57.7)	424	47.6 (41.2 - 54.0)
Completed secondary school or higher	1247	35.8 (31.0 - 40.7)	424	44.2 (37.7 - 50.7)

Note: CI = confidence interval

<sup>1</sup>95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Orphan Status Before Age 18 for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Not an orphan before age 18	1152	76.2 (71.6 - 80.8)	411	72.8 (67.1 - 78.5)
Lost one or both parents before 18 years	1152	23.8 (19.2 - 28.4)	411	27.2 (21.5 - 32.9)

<sup>1</sup>95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Socioeconomic Conditions for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Worked for money or other payment in the past 12 months	1248	20.0 (16.2 - 23.8)	423	55.1 (49.2 - 61.0)
Experienced food insecurity	1228	59.4 (54.9 - 63.9)	422	58.5 (51.7 - 65.2)

<sup>1</sup>95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Relationship History for 18-24- Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Ever been married or lived with someone as if married	1247	77.8 (73.1 - 82.5)	424	43.4 (35.8 - 51.0)
Married or lived with someone as if married before age 18	1176	41.1 (36.4 - 45.8)	422	11.4 (7.8 - 14.9)

<sup>1</sup>95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Childhood <sup>1</sup> Violence for 18-24- Year-Olds	Females (n = 1248)	Males (n = 424)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Experienced any violence (physical, sexual, and/or emotional) <sup>3</sup> in childhood	32.1 (27.2 - 37.1)	40.3 (33.0 - 47.7)

<sup>1</sup> Prior to age 18.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

<sup>3</sup> Physical violence includes a 'yes' response to one or more of the following: 1) slapping, pushing, shoving, shaking, or throwing something to hurt; 2) punching, kicking, whipping, or beating with an object; 3) choking, smothering, tried to drown, or burned intentionally; 4) using or threatening with a knife, gun or other weapon.

Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

Emotional violence by a parent, caregiver, or other adult relative includes a 'yes' response to one or more of the following: 1) being told that you were not loved, or did not deserve to be loved; 2) being told they wished you had never been born or were dead; and 3) being ridiculed or put down, for example, being told you were stupid or useless.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Childhood <sup>1</sup> Sexual Violence <sup>2</sup> for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>3</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Experienced any sexual violence in childhood	1247	14.3 (10.8 - 17.8)	424	8.4 (5.8 - 11.0)
Unwanted sexual touching in childhood	1232	6.6 (3.9 - 9.3)	416	5.2 (3.3 - 7.0)
Attempted forced sex in childhood	1232	6.1 (3.5 - 8.7)	413	2.1 (0.3 - 3.8)*
Pressured/coerced sex in childhood	1221	5.6 (3.5 - 7.7)	416	2.1 (0.7 - 3.4)*
Physically forced sex in childhood	1231	3.5 (2.0 - 5.1)	418	1.8 (0.1 - 3.5)*

<sup>1</sup> Prior to age 18.

<sup>2</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

\*Unreliable estimate (relative standard error [RSE] is > 30% and <=50%), result should be interpreted with caution.

Prevalence of Pressured or Physically Forced Sex at First Sexual Experience for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females (n=1168)	Males (n=382)
	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	% (95% CI)
First sexual intercourse was pressured or forced, among those whose first sexual intercourse was before age 18	9.4 (6.4 - 12.4)	3.6 (1.4 - 5.9) *

<sup>1</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

\*Unstable estimate (RSE is > 30% and <=50%), result should be interpreted with caution.

Location of First Incident of Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> Among 18-24-Year-Olds Who Experienced Sexual Violence Before Age 18		
	Females (n=129)	Males (28)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Home <sup>3</sup>	73.1 (64.2 - 82.0)	60.9 (36.4 - 85.3)
School	13.1 (3.6 - 22.6) *	**
Outdoor area <sup>4</sup>	20.3 (12.2 - 28.4)	24.6 (5.9 - 43.4) *
Other <sup>5</sup>	**	**

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>3</sup> Home includes: Respondent's, perpetrator's or someone else's home

<sup>4</sup> Outdoor area includes: on a road, lake, river, other water bodies, field or other natural area

<sup>5</sup> Other includes: inside a car/bus, alcohol outlet (e.g., restaurant, bar, disco, club, etc.), church, office, market or shop

Note: Percentages may sum to >100% because some victims may have experienced multiple forms of sexual violence that may have happened at different locations.

\*Unreliable estimate (relative standard error [RSE] is > 30% and <=50%), result should be interpreted with caution.

\*\*Unreliable estimate (RSE is > 50%); estimate is suppressed.

Perpetrators of First Incident of Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> Among 18-24-Year-Olds Who Experienced Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> Before Age 18		
	Females (n=129)	Males (n=27)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Current or Previous Spouse/Boyfriend/Girlfriend or Romantic Partner	60.3 (47.6 - 73.0)	27.8 (7.7 - 47.9)*
Authority Figure <sup>3</sup>	**	<0.1 <sup>†</sup>
Friend, classmate, or schoolmate	20.1 (10.2 - 30.0)	34.9 (10.0 - 59.8)*
Other <sup>4</sup>	24.3 (11.9 - 36.7)	40.0 (13.8 - 66.2)*

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>3</sup> Authority figure includes teacher, police/security person, healthcare professional, employer, community/religious leader, political leader, and traditional healer.

<sup>4</sup> Other includes: Family member, neighbor, stranger or other

Note: Percentages may sum to >100% because some victims may have experienced multiple forms of sexual violence from different perpetrator types.

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<sup>†</sup>Zero percent prevalence (0.0%) are denoted as <0.1 and should be interpreted with caution. It should not be assumed that the prevalence of the item in the entire population is an absolute zero

Disclosure and Knowledge of Services Among 18-24-Year-Olds Who Have Experienced Any Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup>	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Told someone about an experience of sexual violence	219	32.2 (25.3 - 39.1)	67	28.7 (17.1 - 40.3)
Knew of a place to seek help about an experience of sexual violence	219	38.4 (29.0 - 47.8)	67	21.5 (12.1 - 31.0)

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Disclosure and Knowledge of Services Among 18-24-Year-Olds Who Have Experienced Any Pressured or Physically Forced Sex	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Told someone about pressured or physically forced sex	141	31.4 (20.1 - 42.6)	34	30.5 (8.0 - 53.0)*
Knew of a place to seek help about pressured or physically forced sex	141	26.3 (17.5 - 35.1)	34	26.6 (6.7 - 46.5)*

<sup>1</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

\*Unreliable estimate (relative standard error [RSE] is > 30% and <=50%), result should be interpreted with caution.

Childhood <sup>1</sup> Physical Violence <sup>2</sup> for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>3</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Experienced any physical violence in childhood	1248	23.9 (20.0 - 27.9)	424	34.1 (26.8 - 41.5)
Childhood physical violence by a parent, adult caregiver, or other adult relative	1227	15.3 (11.5 - 19.0)	414	24.8 (18.4 - 31.2)
Childhood physical violence by an adult in the community/neighborhood	1244	3.1 (1.4 - 4.7)	424	7.4 (4.7 - 10.2)
Childhood physical violence by an intimate partner, among those who were ever in a romantic relationship	1185	7.1 (4.9 - 9.2)	393	3.3 (1.1 - 5.6)*
Childhood physical violence by a peer	1244	6.0 (3.8 - 8.1)	418	14.0 (10.1 - 17.8)
Witnessed Physical Violence in Childhood for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	% (95% CI)		% (95% CI)	
Witnessed physical violence in the home in childhood	1242	27.5 (23.3 - 31.8)	423	38.2 (32.6 - 43.7)
Witnessed physical violence in the community/neighborhood in childhood	1242	45.9 (41.5 - 50.3)	419	66.7 (60.7 - 72.6)
Service Uptake and Disclosure among People who Experienced Physical Violence for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	% (95% CI)		% (95% CI)	
Disclosed to someone about any incident of physical violence	402	45.9 (38.1 - 53.6)	200	55.5 (46.1 - 65.0)
Sought services for any incident of physical violence	398	5.5 (1.8 - 9.3)*	200	8.3 (4.1 - 12.5)
Consequences of Physical Violence for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	% (95% CI)		% (95% CI)	
Missed school due to physical violence, among those who experienced physical violence	382	2.9 (0.5 - 5.2)*	191	4.2 (0.8 - 7.5)*

<sup>1</sup> Prior to age 18.

<sup>2</sup> Physical violence includes a 'yes' response to one or more of the following: 1) slapping, pushing, shoving, shaking, or throwing something to hurt; 2) punching, kicking, whipping, or beating with an object; 3) choking, smothering, tried to drown, or burned intentionally; 4) using or threatening with a knife, gun or other weapon.

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

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Childhood <sup>1</sup> Emotional Violence <sup>2</sup> for 18-24-Year-Olds	Females (n=1237)	Males (n=415)
	% (95% CI) <sup>3</sup>	
Experienced any childhood emotional violence by a parent, adult caregiver, or other adult relative	3.8 (2.0 - 5.6)	6.2 (3.5 - 8.8)

<sup>1</sup> Prior to age 18.

<sup>2</sup> Emotional violence by a parent, caregiver, or other adult relative includes: 1) being told that you were not loved, or did not deserve to be loved; 2) being told they wished you had never been born or were dead; and 3) being ridiculed or put down, for example, being told you were stupid or useless.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

Percent HIV Positive by Lifetime Experiences of Violence <sup>1</sup> Among 18-24-Year-Olds	Females (n=765)	Males (n=299)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Overall HIV positive <sup>3</sup>	7.6 (5.0 - 10.2)	2.3 (0.5 - 4.0)*
HIV status and lifetime sexual violence (SV)		
HIV positive, among those who experienced SV	9.4 (2.2 - 16.6)*	**
HIV positive, among those who never experienced SV	7.0 (4.4 - 9.6)	2.7 (0.5 - 4.9)*
HIV status and lifetime physical violence (PV)		
HIV positive, among those who experienced PV	6.1 (2.1 - 10.0)*	2.3 (0.1 - 4.5)*
HIV positive, among those who never experienced PV	8.6 (5.1 - 12.1)	**
HIV status and lifetime emotional violence (EV)		
HIV positive, among those who experienced EV	27.2 (9.6 - 44.9)*	**
HIV positive, among those who never experienced EV	5.9 (3.9 - 8.0)	1.6 (0.2 - 3.0)*

<sup>1</sup> Includes any experience of sexual, physical and emotional violence during the lifetime among 18-24-year-olds.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>3</sup> HIV positivity determined through HIV rapid test results, demonstrating proof of treatment, or self-report of a prior positive HIV test. HIV rapid testing was only offered to 18-24-year-old respondents who did not report a HIV positive result, using the national rapid HIV testing algorithm and country counseling guidelines.

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\*\*Unreliable estimate (RSE is > 50%); estimate is suppressed.

## Section 2: Background Information and Violence Experienced in the Past 12 Months Among 13-17-Year-Olds

Education Status for 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Never attended school	878	6.7 (4.1 - 9.2)	454	5.0 (2.5 - 7.6)
Completed primary or less	878	62.5 (57.6 - 67.4)	454	63.0 (55.6 - 70.4)
Completed secondary school or higher	878	30.8 (26.6 - 35.1)	454	32.0 (24.4 - 39.5)
Currently enrolled in school	816	65.5 (60.3 - 70.6)	425	80.3 (75.0 - 85.5)

<sup>1</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Current Orphan Status for 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Not an orphan	874	72.4 (67.9-77.0)	449	78.1 (72.5-83.7)
Lost one or both parents	874	27.6 (23.0-32.1)	449	21.9 (16.3-27.5)

<sup>1</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Socioeconomic Conditions for 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Worked for money or other payment in the past 12 months	878	7.3 (4.2 - 10.4)	452	22.0 (17.7 - 26.4)
Experiencing food insecurity	852	53.0 (48.1 - 58.0)	437	49.5 (42.9 - 56.2)

<sup>1</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

Relationship and Sexual History for 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Ever been married or lived with someone as if married	879	21.5 (16.7 - 26.2)	453	1.9 (0.4 - 3.4)*
Ever had sex <sup>2</sup>	876	37.0 (30.2 - 43.8)	447	36.5 (31.3 - 41.8)

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<sup>2</sup> Sex includes vaginal, oral, or anal intercourse.

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Prevalence of Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> in the Past 12 Months Among 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Any sexual violence in the past 12 months	874	11.7 (8.7 - 14.7)	453	5.8 (4.0 - 7.6)
Sexual touching in the past 12 months	867	7.6 (5.3 - 9.8)	448	3.0 (0.7 - 5.4)*
Unwanted attempted sex in the past 12 months	870	5.0 (2.7 - 7.2)	451	**
Pressured/coerced sex in the past 12 months	870	1.9 (0.4 - 3.5)*	447	1.2 (0.4 - 2.1)*
Physically forced sex in the past 12 months	871	2.0 (0.7 - 3.3)*	448	**

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

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Perpetrators of Most Recent Incidents of Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> Among 13-17-Year-Olds Who Experienced Sexual Violence in the Past 12 Months		
	Females (n=84)	Males (n=19)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Current or Previous Spouse, Boyfriend, Girlfriend or Romantic Partner	33.8 (18.0 - 49.7)	**
Authority Figure <sup>3</sup>	13.8 (7.1 - 20.5)	<0.1 <sup>†</sup>
Friend/Classmate/Schoolmate	40.1 (23.2 - 56.9)	59.7 (37.4 - 81.9)
Other <sup>4</sup>	2.2 (0.9 - 3.5)	1.1 (0.1 - 2.1)*

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

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n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>3</sup> Authority figure includes teacher, police/security person, healthcare professional, employer, community/religious leader, political leader, and traditional healer.

<sup>4</sup> Other includes: Family member, neighbor, stranger or other.

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<sup>†</sup>Zero percent prevalence (0.0%) are denoted as <0.1 and should be interpreted with caution. It should not be assumed that the prevalence of the item in the entire population is an absolute zero

Location of Most Recent Incident of Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup> Among 13-17-Year-Olds Who Experienced Sexual Violence in the Past 12 Months		
	Females (n=91)	Males (21)
	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	% (95% CI)
Home <sup>3</sup>	41.4 (26.1 - 56.7)	43.1 (27.4 - 58.9)
School	24.2 (13.3 - 35.0)	44.8 (27.7 - 62.0)
Outdoor Area <sup>4</sup>	32.2 (14.4 - 50.0)	**
Other <sup>5</sup>	12.5 (3.5 - 21.5)*	**

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

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<sup>3</sup> Home includes: Respondent's, perpetrator's or someone else's home.

<sup>4</sup> Outdoor area includes: on a road, lake, river, other water bodies, field or other natural area.

<sup>5</sup> Other includes: inside a car/bus, alcohol outlet (e.g., restaurant, bar, disco, club, etc.), church, office, market or shop.

Note: Percentages may sum to >100% because some victims may have experienced multiple forms of sexual violence that may have happened at different locations.

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Disclosure and Knowledge of Services Among 13-17-Year-Olds Who Have Experienced Any Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup>	n	Females % (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	n	Males % (95% CI)
Told someone about an experience of sexual violence	136	34.4 (22.9 - 45.9)	39	55.8 (31.4 - 80.3)
Knew of a place to seek help about an experience of sexual violence	135	30.9 (18.0 - 43.7)	39	**

<sup>1</sup> Sexual violence includes having experienced one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

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Disclosure Among 13-17-Year-Olds Who Have Experienced Any Pressured or Physically Forced Sex	n	Females % (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	Males % (95% CI)
Told someone about pressured or physically forced sex	41	36.9 (13.2 - 60.6)*	16	54.2 (24.2 - 84.3)

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Transactional Sex <sup>1</sup> Among 13-17-Year-Olds	n	Females % (95% CI) <sup>1</sup>	n	Males % (95% CI)
Transactional sex in the past 12 months	287	10.2 (6.1 - 14.4)	125	6.5 (2.1 - 10.9)*

<sup>1</sup> Transactional sex includes receiving money, gifts, food, or favors in exchange for sex.

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Physical Violence <sup>1</sup> in the Past 12 Months Among 13-17-Year-Olds	Females		Males	
	n	% (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	n	% (95% CI)
Physical violence in the past 12 months	878	21.1 (17.0 - 25.2)	454	23.2 (18.0 - 28.4)
Physical Violence in the Past 12 Months by Perpetrator, Among 13-17-year-olds				
Physical violence by a parent, adult caregiver, or other adult relative	875	9.4 (6.8 - 11.9)	454	8.3 (5.0 - 11.5)
Physical violence by an adult in the community/neighborhood	875	4.6 (2.2 - 6.9)	454	4.6 (1.2 - 8.0)*
Physical violence by an intimate partner, among those who were ever in a romantic relationship	381	10.1 (5.8 - 14.3)	171	**
Physical violence by a peer	877	8.2 (5.2 - 11.2)	453	16.8 (12.9 - 20.8)

<sup>1</sup> Physical violence includes: 1) slapping, pushing, shoving, shaking, or throwing something to hurt; 2) punching, kicking, whipping, or beating with an object; 3) choking, smothering, tried to drown, or burned intentionally; 4) using or threatening with a knife, gun or other weapon.

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no'

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Emotional Violence <sup>1</sup> in the Past 12 Months Among 13-17-Year-Olds	Females (n=876) % (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	Males (n=452) % (95% CI)
Experienced any emotional violence by a parent, caregiver, or other adult relative in the past 12 months	6.8 (3.4 - 10.2)	5.9 (3.4 - 8.4)

<sup>1</sup> Emotional violence by a parent, caregiver, or other adult relative includes: 1) being told that you were not loved, or did not deserve to be loved; 2) being told they wished you had never been born or were dead; and 3) being ridiculed or put down, for example, being told you were stupid or useless. n denotes the overall denominator and includes all individuals of the age group and sex with a valid response such as 'yes' or 'no.'

<sup>2</sup> 95% confidence interval: indicates the interval within which the true population parameter is expected to fall 95% of the time.

## Definitions

**Childhood** in the VACS mean anyone below the age of 18. This is based on the definition from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989, which defines the term “child” as “any human being below the age of 18 years, unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier” (United Nations General Assembly, 1989, article 1).

**Physical violence** includes a “yes” response to one or more of the following: 1) slapping, pushing, shoving, shaking, or throwing something to hurt; 2) punching, kicking, whipping, or beating with an object; 3) choking, smothering, tried to drown, or burned intentionally; or 4) using or threatening with a knife, gun or other weapon.

**Sexual violence** includes a “yes” response to one or more of the following: 1) unwanted sexual touching; 2) attempted forced sex; 3) pressured or coerced sex; 4) physically forced sex.

**Emotional violence** by a parent, caregiver, or other adult relative includes a “yes” response to one or more of the following: 1) being told that you were not loved, or did not deserve to be loved; 2) being told they wished you had never been born or were dead; and 3) being ridiculed or put down, for example, being told you were stupid or useless.

## Process

**Study Development & Implementation.** The survey development was led by a Mozambique VACS Steering Committee under the guidance of INS. This group consisted of multiple stakeholders that included Ministry of Child Protection, Gender and Social affairs, Instituto Nacional de Saúde, Instituto Nacional de Estatística and U.S. Government. INS was the implementing partner and conducted data collection, with technical support from CDC. The survey was entirely funded by PEPFAR through CDC Mozambique.

**Data Analysis & Dissemination.** CDC provided technical assistance for the quality control of data collection, data cleaning, statistical weighting of the data, and analyses. The Steering Committee led by INS is collaborating with CDC on writing and producing the final report. The Steering Committee, including many of the partners listed above, are collaborating on the Data to Action workshop, official launch of the report, data dissemination, and follow-up action plan. This report is intended to be used for preliminary planning and informing the development of the full Mozambique VACS report.

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