

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION OF PANDEMIC PROPORTIONS

Whether at home, on the streets or during war, violence against women is a HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION that takes place in PUBLIC and PRIVATE spaces.

FORMS OF VIOLENCE



Note: UN Women in Mozambique also recognizes other forms of violence such as economic and patrimonial violence.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



Are there laws to protect women?



SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexually violent acts can take place in different circumstances and settings. These include, for example:

- Rape (within marriage and relationships, by strangers, and during armed conflict)
- Unwanted sexual advances or sexual harassment, including demanding sex in return for favours
- Sexual abuse of children
- Forced marriage or cohabitation, including child marriage



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

“I wasn’t even allowed to cry. If even one tear fell they beat me. I used to think it was better to die than to live like this.”
— Meena Hasina, a survivor of sex slavery, India

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?



Human trafficking is the acquisition and exploitation of people, through means, such as force, fraud or deception. The practice ensnares millions of women and girls into modern-day slavery, many of whom are sexually exploited.

Fast Facts

4.5 million of the estimated 21 million people in forced labour are victims of sexual exploitation.

98% of them are women and girls.

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION/CUTTING

“Once you know that everyone has a right to be free from all forms of violence, and that you yourself have a responsibility to help them achieve that right, you don’t look back.”
— Sister Fa, Senegalese hip-hop star

WHAT IS FGM/C?

FGM/C includes procedures that intentionally alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. Beyond extreme physical and psychological pain, the practice carries many health risks, including death.



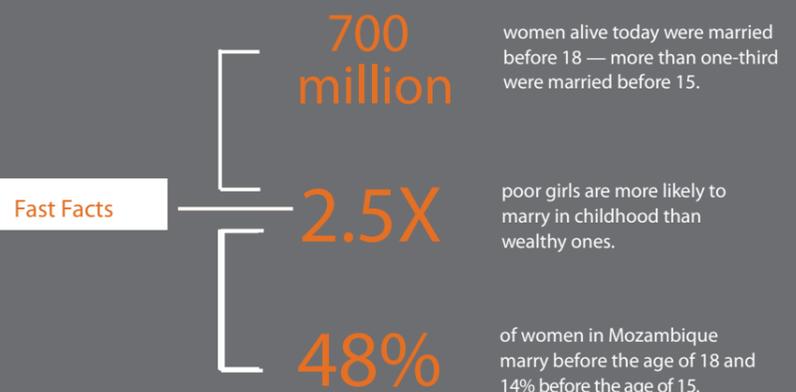
Fast Facts

At least **200 million** women and girls alive today have undergone FGM/C in 30 countries where representative data is available.

Age 5

In most of these countries, the majority of girls were cut before age 5.

CHILD MARRIAGE



WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF CHILD MARRIAGE?



Child marriage usually means an end to girl’s education, vocation and her right to make life choices. Research confirms that girls who marry in childhood are at greater risk for intimate partner violence than girls of the same age who marry later.