

# GLOBAL STATUS REPORT ON PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN 2020

## MAGNITUDE

**1** out of **2** children or  
**1 billion children** suffer some  
form of violence each year



**Nearly 3 in 4** children  
or **300 million children**  
aged 2–4 years regularly suffer  
physical punishment and/or  
psychological violence  
at the hands  
of parents &  
caregivers



**1 in 4** children  
aged under 5 years live with  
a mother who is a victim  
of intimate partner  
violence



**1 in 3** students  
aged 11–15 years suffered  
bullying in the past month:

Boys 35%  
Girls 30%



**1 in 3** students  
aged 13–15 years were in a  
physical fight in the past year:

Boys 45%  
Girls 25%



**120 million**

girls and young women under 20 years of age  
have suffered some form of forced sexual contact

## CONSEQUENCES



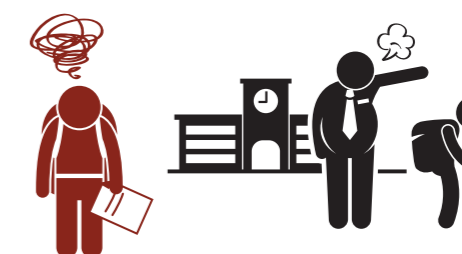
**40 150 deaths**

per year in children  
0–17 years of age: Boys 28 160  
Girls 11 990



Children aged 11–15 years who  
are bullied at school are:

**13% less likely to**  
**graduate from school**



Adults who experienced 4 or more Adverse Childhood  
Experiences (including physical, sexual & emotional abuse) are:

**7X** more likely to be involved  
in interpersonal violence  
as a victim or perpetrator

**30X** more likely  
to attempt  
suicide



Adults who were physically & sexually abused as children are:

**Men**  
**14X** more likely to  
perpetrate physical  
& sexual intimate  
partner violence

**Women**  
**16X** more likely to suffer  
physical & sexual  
intimate partner  
violence



Economic costs per year of the lifetime consequences  
of violence against children:

USA,  
child maltreatment only:

**US\$ 228 billion**

South Africa,  
all forms of violence against children:

**US\$ 13.5 billion** (4.3% of GDP)



<http://www.who.int/global-status-report-on-violence-against-children-2020>