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**IMPACT ON CHILDREN**

- 44% of women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence said their children witnessed the violence.

- Children of women who ever experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence were more likely to having nightmares, bedwetting, being withdrawn, and being aggressive than children of never women who never experienced partner violence.

- Children of women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence were almost 3 times more likely to have stopped or dropped out of school than children of women who never experienced partner violence.

**INTERGENERATIONAL ASPECTS OF PARTNER VIOLENCE**

Experiencing partner violence in childhood is associated with experiencing partner violence in adulthood:

- The proportion of women who reported their mother was beaten by a husband was higher among women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence than among never abused women.

- The proportion of women who reported their partner’s mother was beaten by a partner was triple among women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence.

- The proportion of women who reported their partner was beaten in childhood was nearly triple among women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence.

**VIOLENCE BY NON-PARTNERS**

- 8% of women in the FSM have experienced sexual violence by a person other than a partner since the age of 15.

- The most common act of sexual non-partner violence since age 15 was an attempted rape or other unwanted sexual acts (14%).

- 14% of women experienced child sexual abuse (before the age of 15).

- The most common perpetrators for non-partner sexual abuse before and since the age of 15 were male relatives.

**OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS**

- 35% of ever-abused women had not told anyone about the violence. Those who did tell someone mostly confided in parents and friends.

- 64% of women who experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence never left home despite the violence, mostly because they thought the violence was normal.

- 89% of women who experienced partner violence did not seek help from formal services or authorities.

- The most common reasons for not seeking help were: believing that partner violence is normal and being embarrassed or afraid of not being believed.

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