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### IMPACT OF PARTNER VIOLENCE ON HEALTH
- 22% of women who reported experiencing physical and/or sexual partner violence were injured at least once as a result of partner violence.
- 28% of ever-injured women lost consciousness at least once and 18% needed health care because of the injuries.
- The most common injuries were scratches, abrasions, and bruises (72%) and cuts, punctures, and bites (47%).
- Women who experienced partner violence were more likely to report a fair or poorer health (37%) than women who never experienced partner violence (22%).
- Women who ever experienced partner violence were more likely to attempt suicide (6%) than women who never experienced partner violence (3%).
- Women who experienced partner violence were more likely to report most emotional distress symptoms (7%) than women who never experienced partner violence (2%).

### VIOLENCE BY NON-PARTNERS
- 13% of women in the RMI 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 forced intercourse (10%).
- 11% of women experienced sexual abuse in childhood (i.e., before the age of 15).
- The most common perpetrators of non-partner sexual abuse before and after the age of 15 were male family members.

### OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS
- 54% of ever-abused women had not told anyone about the violence. Those who did tell someone mostly confided in friends (20%) and parents (15%).
- 51% of women who experienced partner violence left home at least once due to the violence.
- 91% 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 the violence was normal (47%) and being afraid of more violence if they spoke out (14%).

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