OVERVIEW OF DATA ON VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS

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Fact n. 1

Violence is a leading cause of injuries and death among children – Girls are mostly killed by people they know
Fact n. 2

The most common form of violence against children occurs at home.
Fact n. 3

Bullying, fights and physical attacks are common occurrences – Girls are more likely to become victims of psychological bullying
Fact n. 4

120 million girls have been subjected to forced sexual intercourse and other forced sexual acts.
Fact n. 5

Young brides are at heightened risk of violence.
Fact n. 6

Most victims never disclose their experiences
Fact n. 7

Condoning attitudes and social norms place children, and particularly girls, at risks.
REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA
Availability of comparable data

Proportion of countries with no data or insufficient trend data

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Main findings

- Highly fragmented sector
- Differences in definitions - Key terms defined on an ad-hoc basis
- Absence of a theoretical research framework and of rationale behind chosen study design or data collection efforts
- Most studies conducted only once
- Lack of coordination among actors collecting data on VAC
- Limited attention given to ethical protocols
Ongoing data work on VAC

• **Toolkit** on quality and availability of administrative data on VAC

• Development of **new survey module** on sexual violence

• Development of **guidelines** (ethical and methodological) on the measurement of VAC

• **Statistical classification** on VAC
THANK YOU

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