OSCE-LED SURVEY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF WOMEN

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

RESULTS REPORT
A quantitative survey was conducted among a representative sample of women aged 18 to 74 living in Bosnia and Herzegovina. A total of 2,321 interviews were conducted face-to-face between April and August 2018 (1,163 in FBiH and 1,019 in RS). Data have been weighted to the known population profile. The results presented below are for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**HIGH PREVALENCE OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

640,000* women have experienced some form of sexual harassment, stalking, intimate partner violence, or non-partner violence (including psychological, physical or sexual violence) since the age of 15.

134,000* women have experienced intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence.

106,000* have experienced non-partner physical and/or sexual violence.

6% who contacted the police directly following the most serious incident of violence.

**LOW LEVELS OF REPORTING TO POLICE**

% who suffered one or more physical consequences due to... Sex harassment Stalking

VIOLENCE AND ARMED CONFLICT

Q: To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Partner fought in an armed conflict
- Partner did not fight in conflict

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

% of women who have experienced non-partner physical and/or sexual violence.

**LOW LEVELS OF REPORTING AND AWARENESS**

MANY WOMEN DO NOT FEEL INFORMED ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF THEY EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE

- Very well informed
- Well informed
- Somewhat informed
- Not well informed
- Don’t know at all what to do
- Refused/Not applicable

**IMPACT OF THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS**

VIOLENCE CAUSES PHYSICAL SUFFERING

This translates into 76,500 women* who were left with an injury or physical consequence, considering only the most severe cases they identified during their adult lifetime.

**SILENCING AND VICTIM-BLAMING ATTITUDES**

Q: Would your friends generally agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Domestic violence is a private matter and should be handled within the family
- Violence against women is often provoked by the victim
- Domestic violence is a private matter and should be handled within the family

**ONE IN TEN WOMEN HAS EXPERIENCED NON-PARTNER PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Base: All women aged 18-74 (2,321)

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**SILENCING AND VICTIM-BLAMING ATTITUDES**

Q: Would your friends generally agree or disagree with the following statements?

- **16%** Totally/Tend to agree
- **33%** Somewhat agree
- **36%** Neither agree nor disagree
- **13%** Somewhat disagree
- **10%** Totally/Tend to disagree

**LOW LEVELS OF REPORTING AND AWARENESS**

**LOW LEVELS OF REPORTING TO POLICE**

- **66%** who contacted the police directly following the most serious incident of violence
- **48%** who contacted the police directly following the most serious incident of violence

**PUBLIC AWARENESS**

- **30%** Very well informed
- **30%** Somewhat informed
- **38%** Not well informed
- **2%** Don’t know at all what to do
- **2%** Refused/Not applicable

**IMPACT OF THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS**

- **66%** Intimate partner or non-partner physical and/or sexual violence
- **36%** Sexual harassment
- **48%** Stalking

**VIOLENCE AGAINST ARMED CONFLICT**

- **64%** Of those who currently have a partner, 35% say their partner has fought in an armed conflict.
- **9%** Partner fought in conflict
- **5%** Partner did not fight in conflict

**BASE: All women aged 18-74 who identify a most serious incident of each form of violence - current partner (271), previous partner (121), non-partner (114), sexual harassment (437), stalking (83).**
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