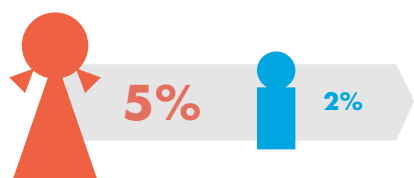


# LAO PDR

**In order to create a world where every child, adolescent and young person is safe, protected and thriving, we must first know the facts.**

**In Lao PDR, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence**

Percentage of **females** and **males** who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18

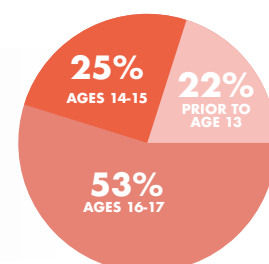


**For many youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced**

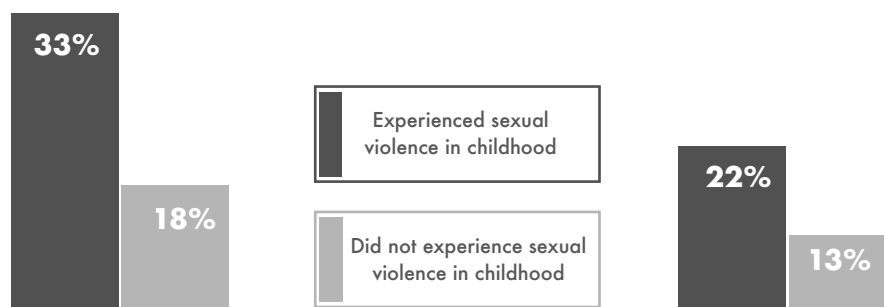
(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

**Girls face particularly high risks of sexual violence, often with devastating consequences**

Age of first incident of sexual violence among girls who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18



**Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes**



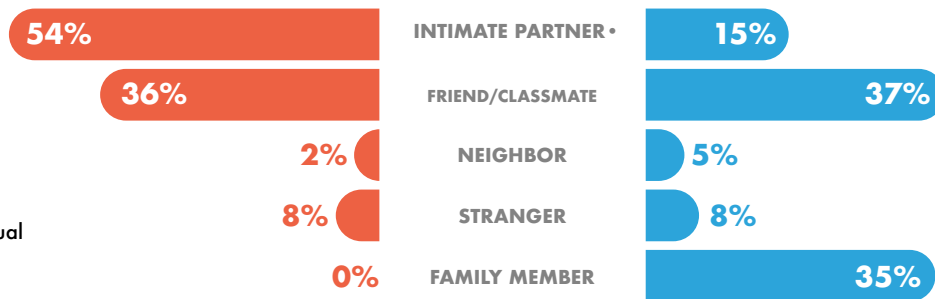
Percentage of **females** and **males** who reported **mental distress in the past 30 days**

All data among 18–24 year olds



## Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the child or adolescent

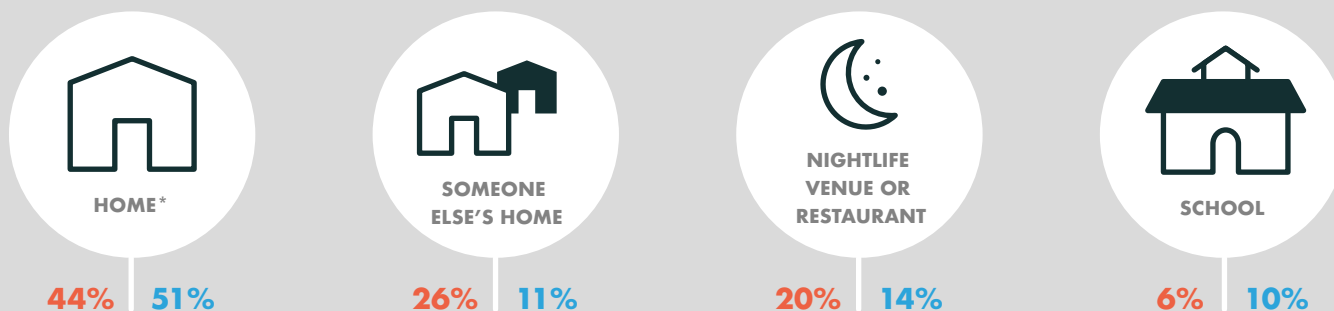
Most common perpetrators of first incident of sexual violence as reported by **females** and **males** who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18



\*Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner

## Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations

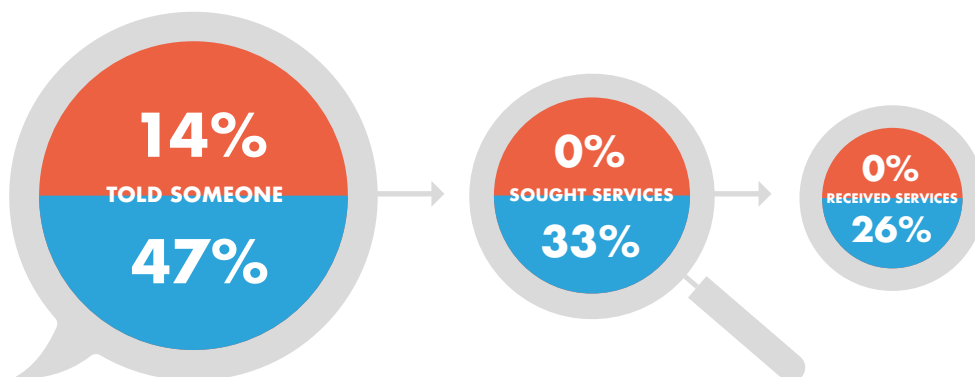
Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by **females** and **males** prior to age 18



\*Respondent's and/or perpetrator's home

## Girls and boys who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

**Females** and **males** who told someone, sought and/or received services for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18



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STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

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