

# The role of the Health Sector in facing violence against women

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## Legal Framework

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**Law nº 10.778, of 11/24/2003** – Mandatory notification of cases of violence against women at health services.

**Law nº 11.340, of 08/07/2006** – Maria da Penha Law. Creates mechanisms to restrain domestic and family violence against women.

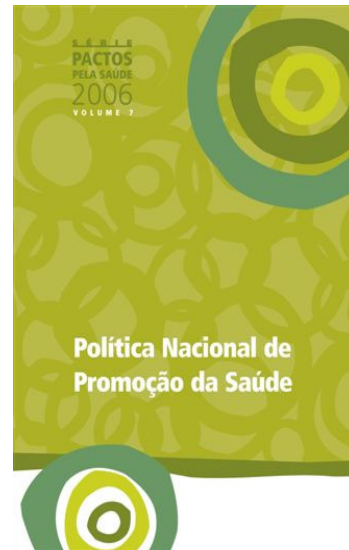
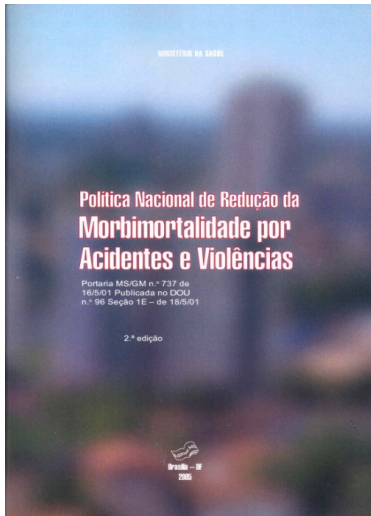
**Decree nº 7.958, of 03/13/2013** – Establishes guidelines for the care for victims of sexual violence.

**Law nº 12.845, of 08/01/2013** – Disposes on the compulsory and integral care for persons in sexual violence situation.

**2007:** National Pact to Face Violence Against Women.

**2013:** National Plan of Policies for Women 2013/2015

# SUS' Legal Framework



- **2001:** National Policy for the Reduction of Morbidity and Mortality by Accidents and Violence (Ordinance MS nº 737/2001)
- **2004:** National Network of Centers for Violence Prevention and Health Promotion (Ordinance MS nº 936/2004)
- **2006:** National Policy of Health Promotion (Ordinance MS nº 687/2006)
- **2006:** Violence and Accident Surveillance (VIVA) – Continuous Surveillance (VIVA SINAN) and Inquiry Surveillance (Sentinel Services)

**Domestic, sexual and/or other forms of violence compose the national compulsory notification list. It includes **Sexual Violence and Attempted Suicide on the immediate notification list.****

# Cases for Notification

## Suspected or confirmed cases

### Men and Women in all life cycles

domestic (intra family)

sexual

self inflicted

traffic of persons

slave labor

child labor

legal intervention

Community Violence  
(extra familiar)

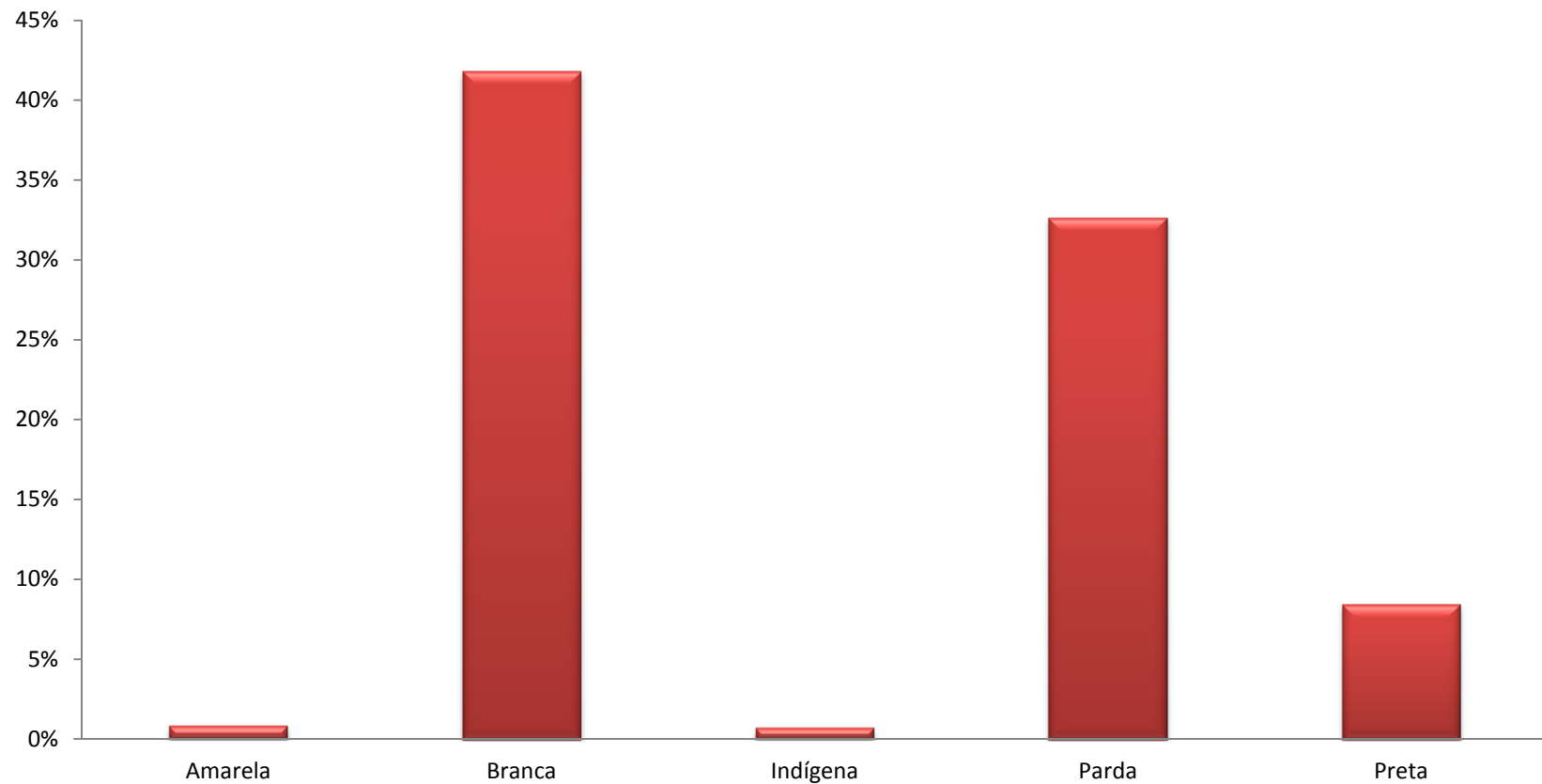


Situations foreseen in legislation:  
**Children,  
Adolescents, Women  
and the Elderly**

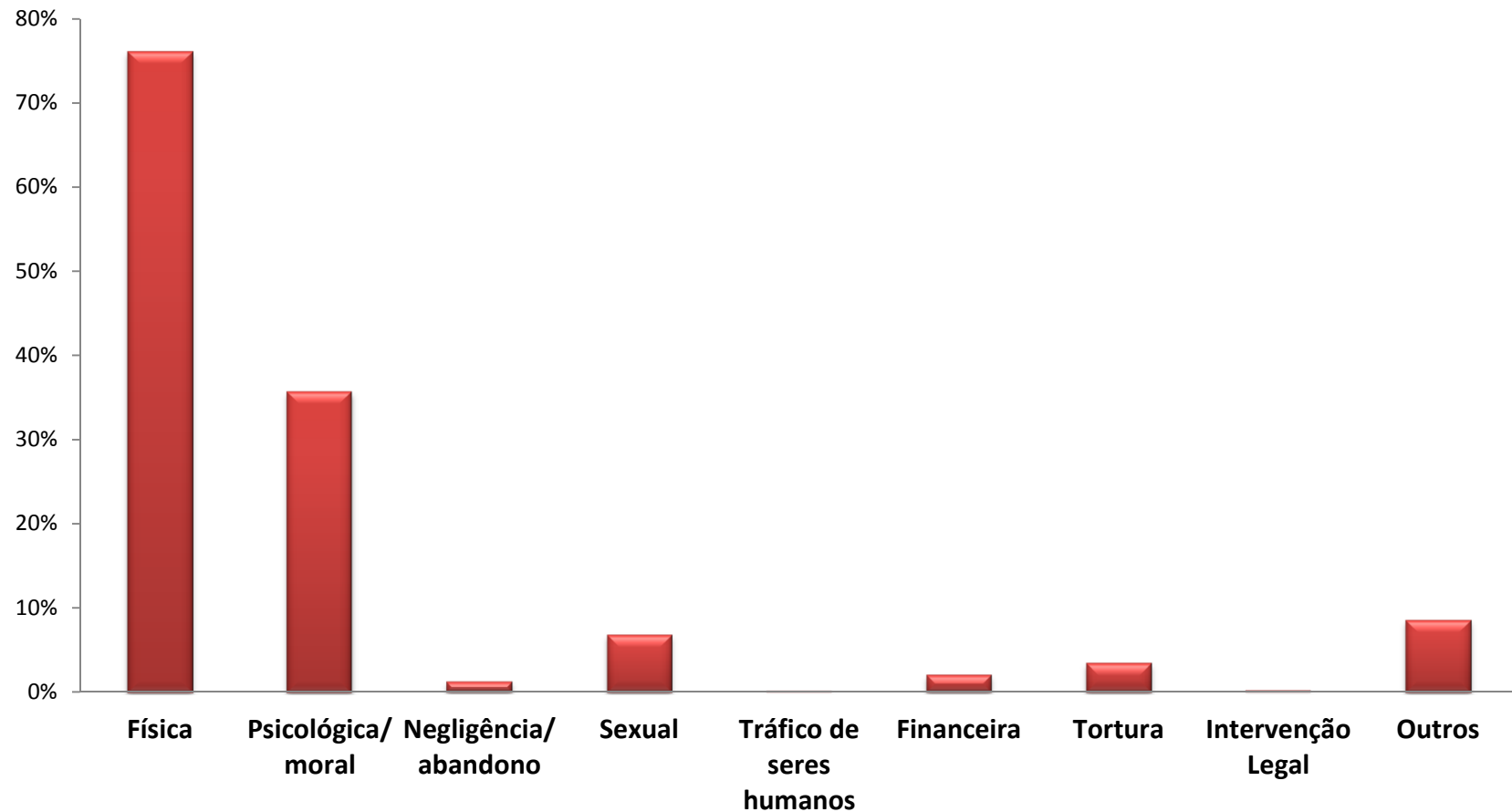
**Amount of Notifying Municipalities, Amount of Notifying Health Units and Amount of Notifications of Domestic, Sexual and other forms of violence. Brazil, 2013**

- 3.415 Notifying Municipalities
- 10.331 Notifying Units of Health
- 205.640 Number of Reports

## Notification of Domestic, Sexual and other forms of violence in adult women (20 to 59 years of age) according to race/color. Brazil, 2013.

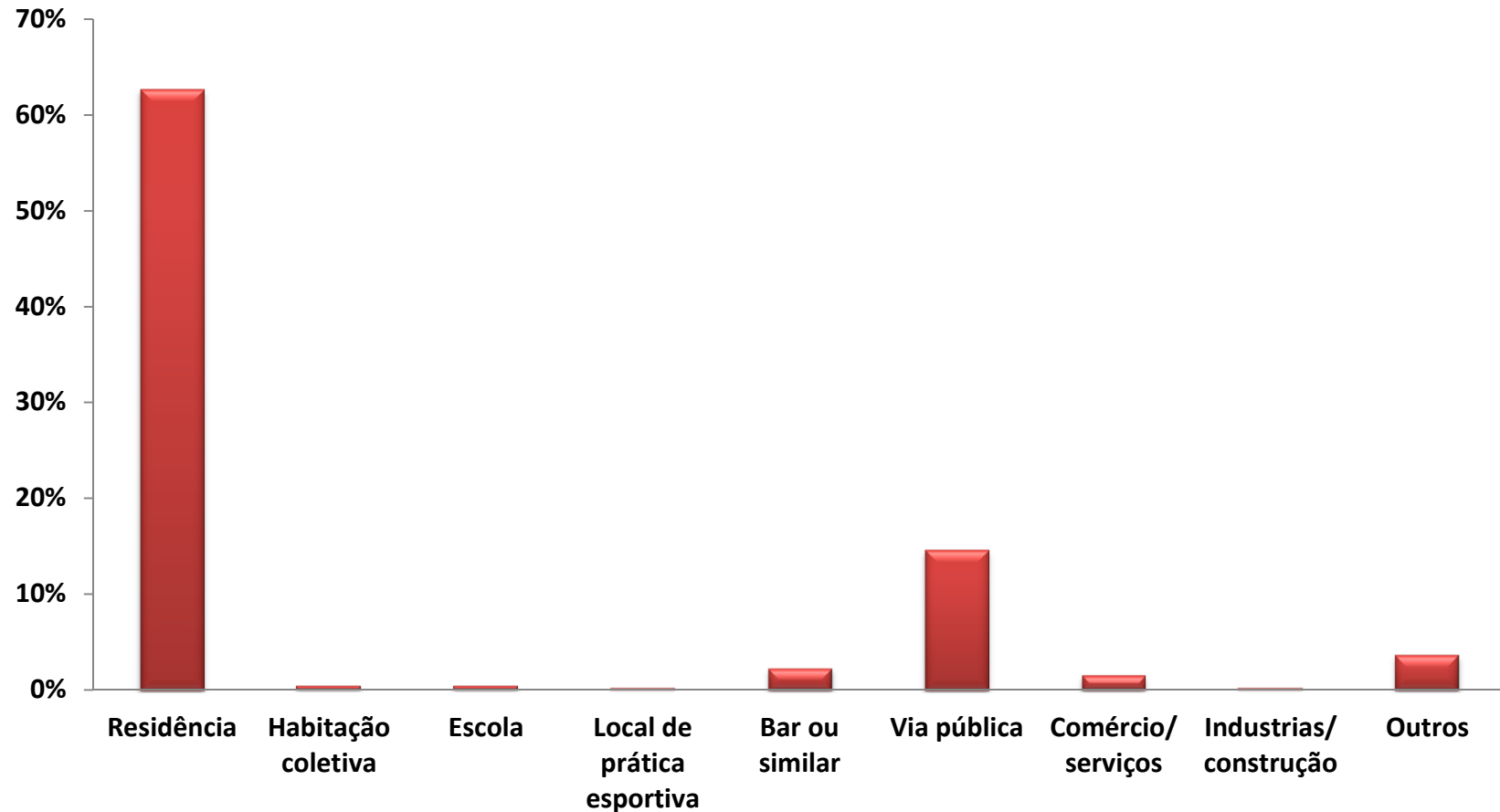


## Notification of Domestic, Sexual and other forms of violence in adult women (20 to 59 years of age) according to type of violence. Brazil, 2013

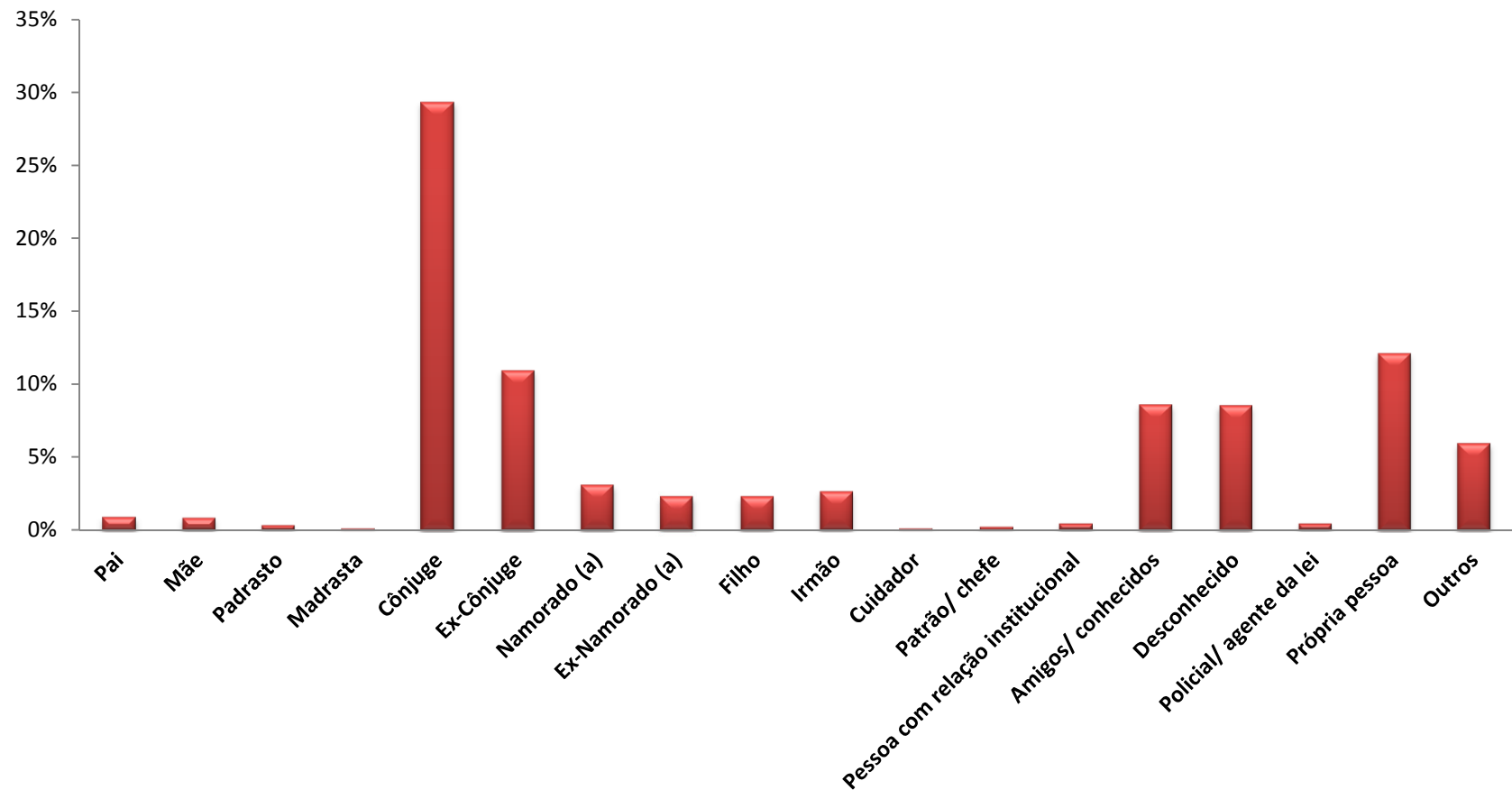




## Notification of Domestic, Sexual and other forms of violence in adult women (20 to 59 years of age) according to the location where it occurred. Brazil, 2013



## Notification of Domestic, Sexual and other forms of violence in adult women (20 to 59 years of age) according to relationship with the victim. Brazil, 2013



# Intersectoral coordination to face different forms of violence

## Women Living Free of Violence Program Presidency of the Republic Coordinated by the Women Policies Secretariat.

**Casa da Mulher Brasileira:** Guarantee and facilitate access to public services for women;

**Central 180:** Hotline to receive information about violence against women in Brazil and Brazilian women living abroad (Spain, Portugal and Italy);

**Coroner's Offices and Reference Hospitals for victims of sexual violence;**

**Center for Women Services at the Borders;**

**Continuous awareness campaigns;**

**Mobile Units for Women in violence situation in the countryside, forest and riverside communities.**

## **Humanize and Adequate Coroner's Offices and Reference Hospitals for victims of sexual violence**

- Comprehensive care services for persons in sexual violence situation with a multi professional team;
- Funding for multi professional services;
- Encourage health services to perform collection of vestiges – training and financial incentive;
- Training health workers about surveillance on sexual violence;
- Intersectoral notification of violence against women.

## Conclusions

- Health surveillance can provide data about violence against women
  - making this problem **visible**
- Health services need to be prepared to notify and to provide comprehensive care;
- Intersectoral action.

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