Violence against women and girls is DEVASTATINGLY PERVERSIVE in the Region of the Americas, with enormous health and social consequences.

28 MEMBER STATES can rely on prevalence estimates on violence against women. Population-based data is critical to showcase the magnitude of violence and to inform policies and practices.

34 of women aged 15–49 have experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.

1 in 4 of ever-married/partnered women aged 15–49 have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from their partner at least once in their lifetime. This would amount to an estimated 53 million women in the Americas.

12 of women aged 15 years and older have experienced non-partner sexual violence at least once in their lifetime.

There is no protected time in a woman's life.

21 of women aged 15–24 years who have been in a relationship will have already experienced violence by a partner by the time they reach their mid-twenties.

28% of older women aged 65+ report having experienced violence by a partner.

65+ Violence continues into later age

Violence against women and girls can and must be prevented.

With strategies to:
- Strengthen access to health and other essential services;
- Empower women and address gender and social inequalities;
- Promote access to education, safe work and safe environments; and
- Challenge inequitable gender and social norms and the impunity for violence.

End violence against women and girls now!

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