

Amplifying and Engaging Youth Voices in Sexual Violence Advocacy



SVRI Panel Discussion
September 20, 2017
11:30-13:00

Welcome!

Session Agenda

- Meet Together for Girls
- Every Hour Matters Campaign
- Panelist & Organization Profiles
- Youth Advocacy Discussion
 - Ali Kaviri, Youth Equality Centre
 - Patrick Mwesigye, Uganda Youth and Adolescents Health Forum
 - Diana, Uganda Youth Development Link
- Questions & Answers
- Closing Remarks





Together for girls

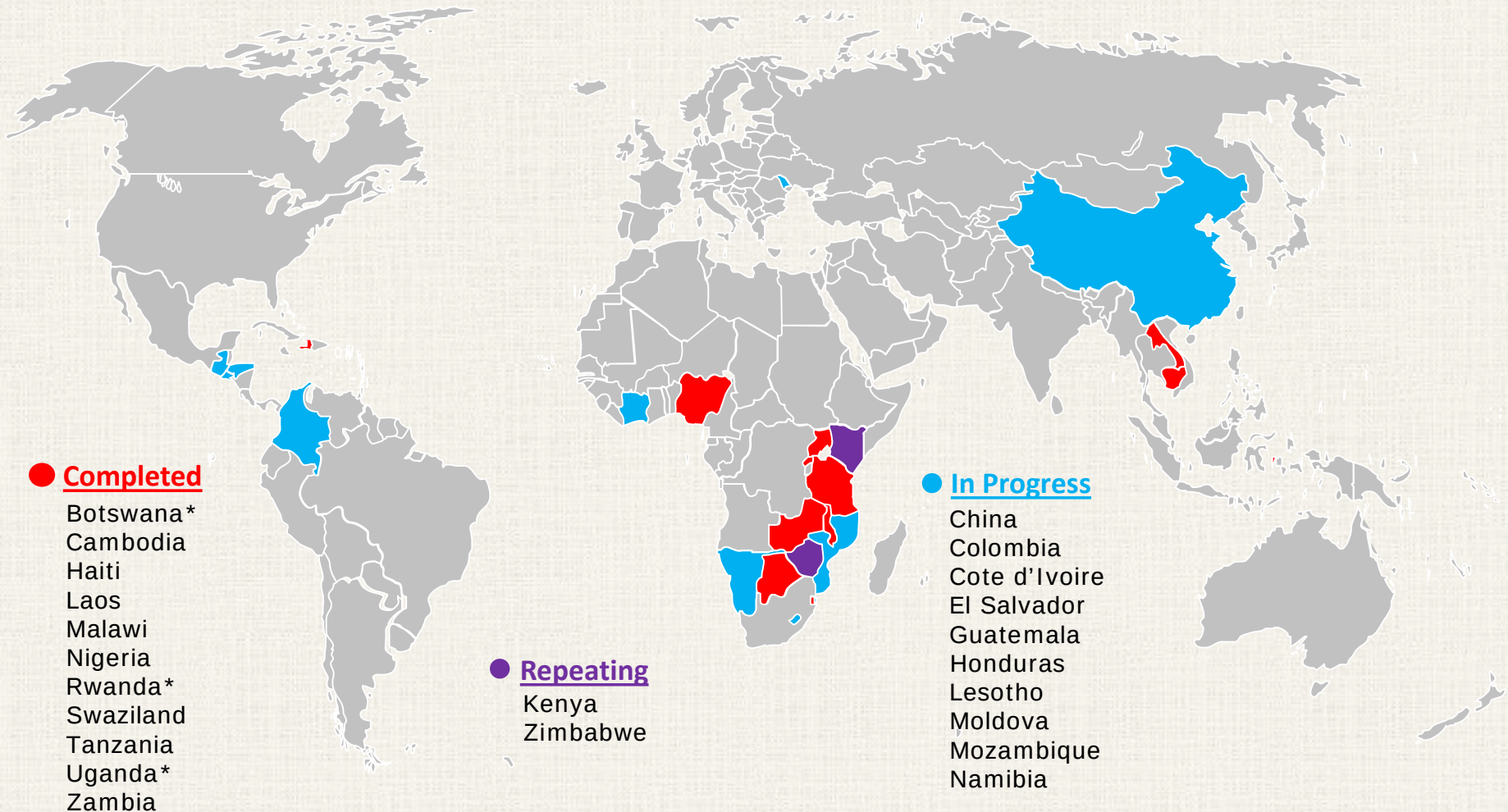
Ending violence against children

Canada

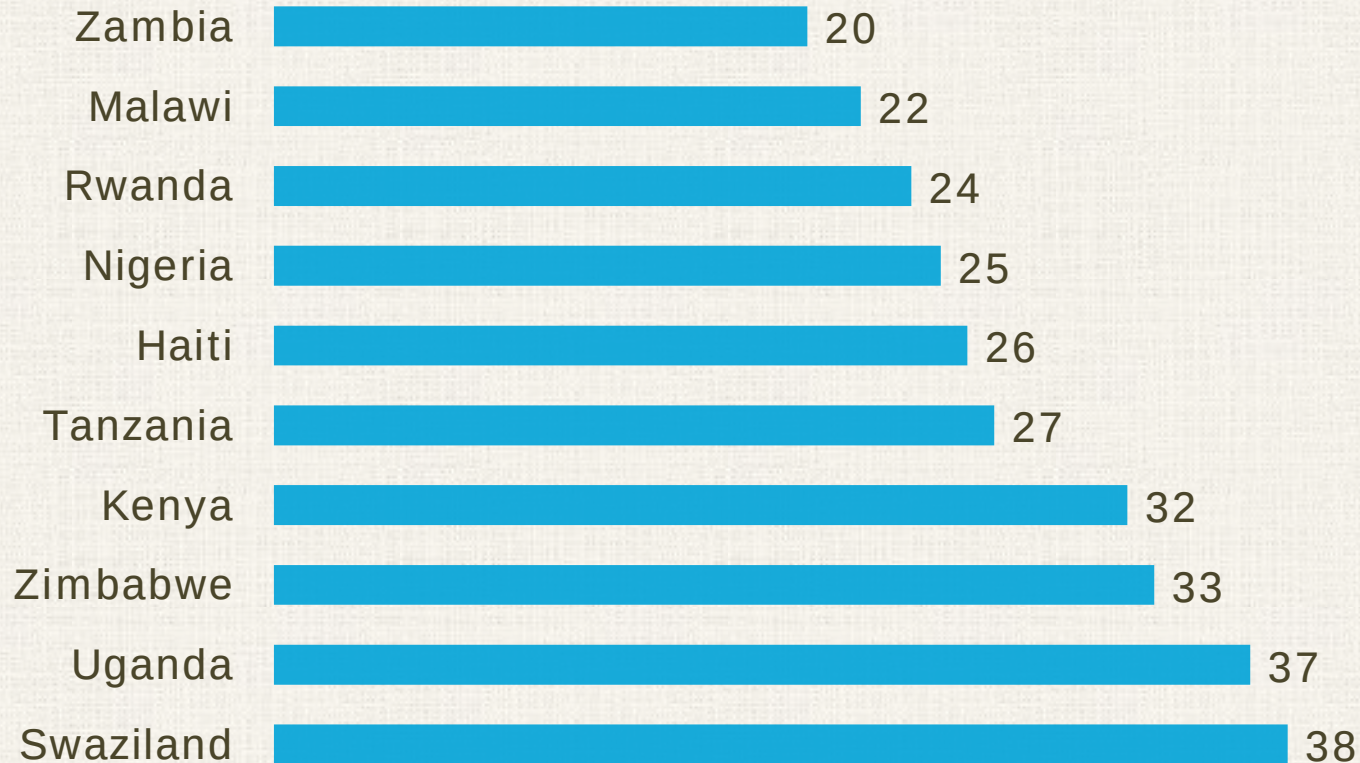


Strength in numbers

Through the VACS, we have data for approximately 10% of the world's population



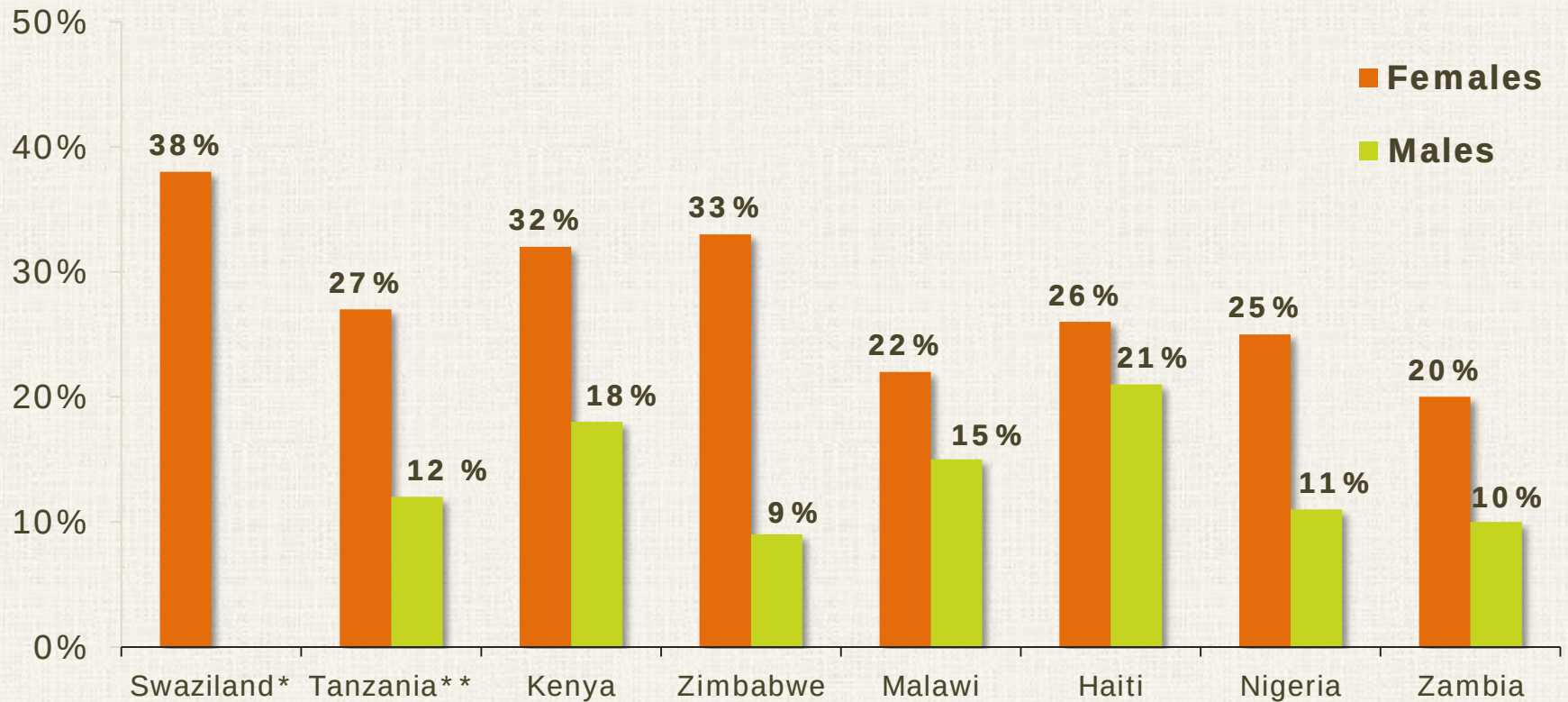
Unacceptably high percentage of girls experience sexual violence before age 18



% of females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18
as reported by 18-24 year olds

** Data for Tanzania reported by 13-24 year olds*

Girls and boys experience high rates of sexual violence prior to age 18

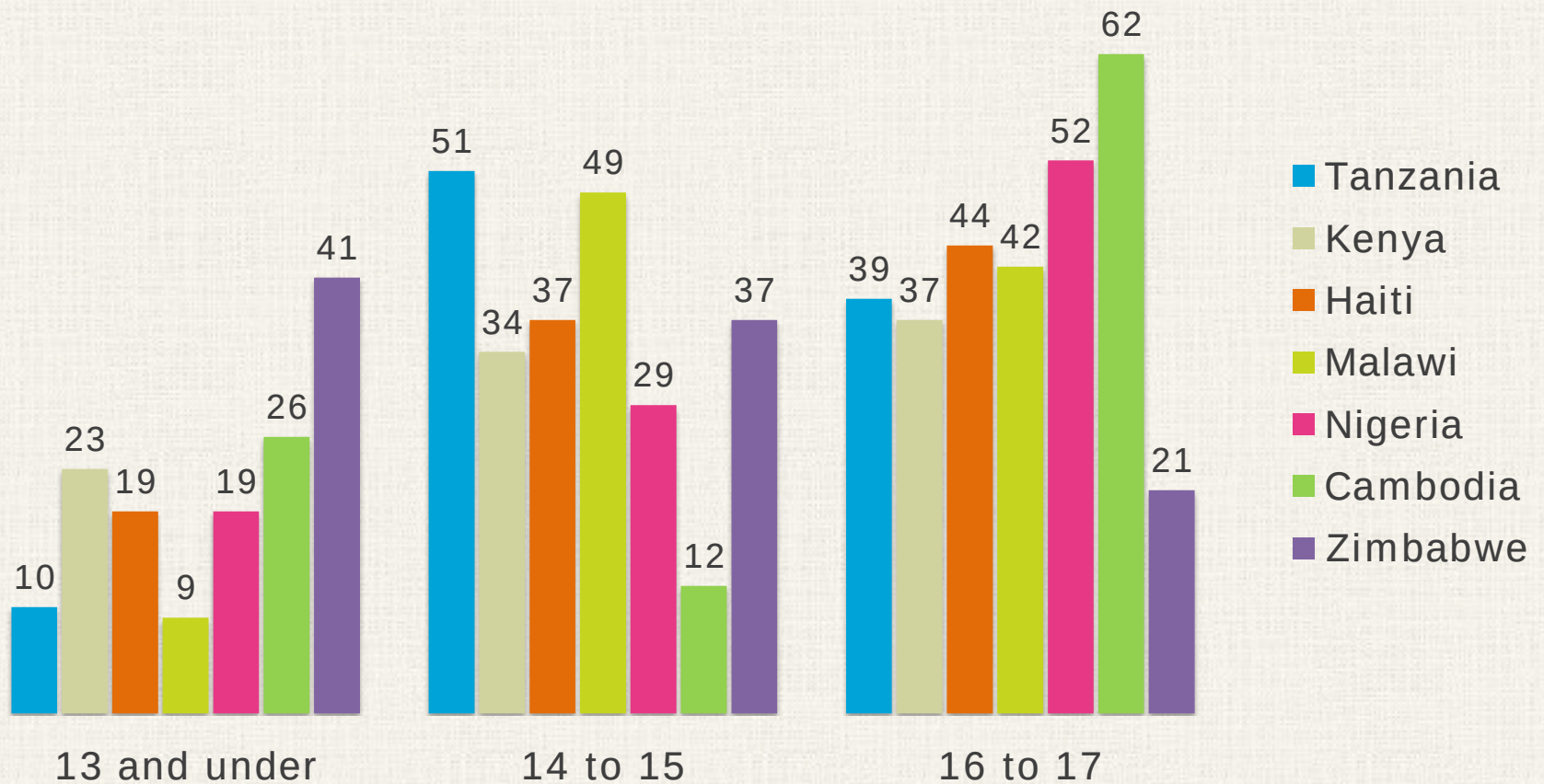


Percentage of individuals 18-24 years old who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

*Only girls interviewed in Swaziland

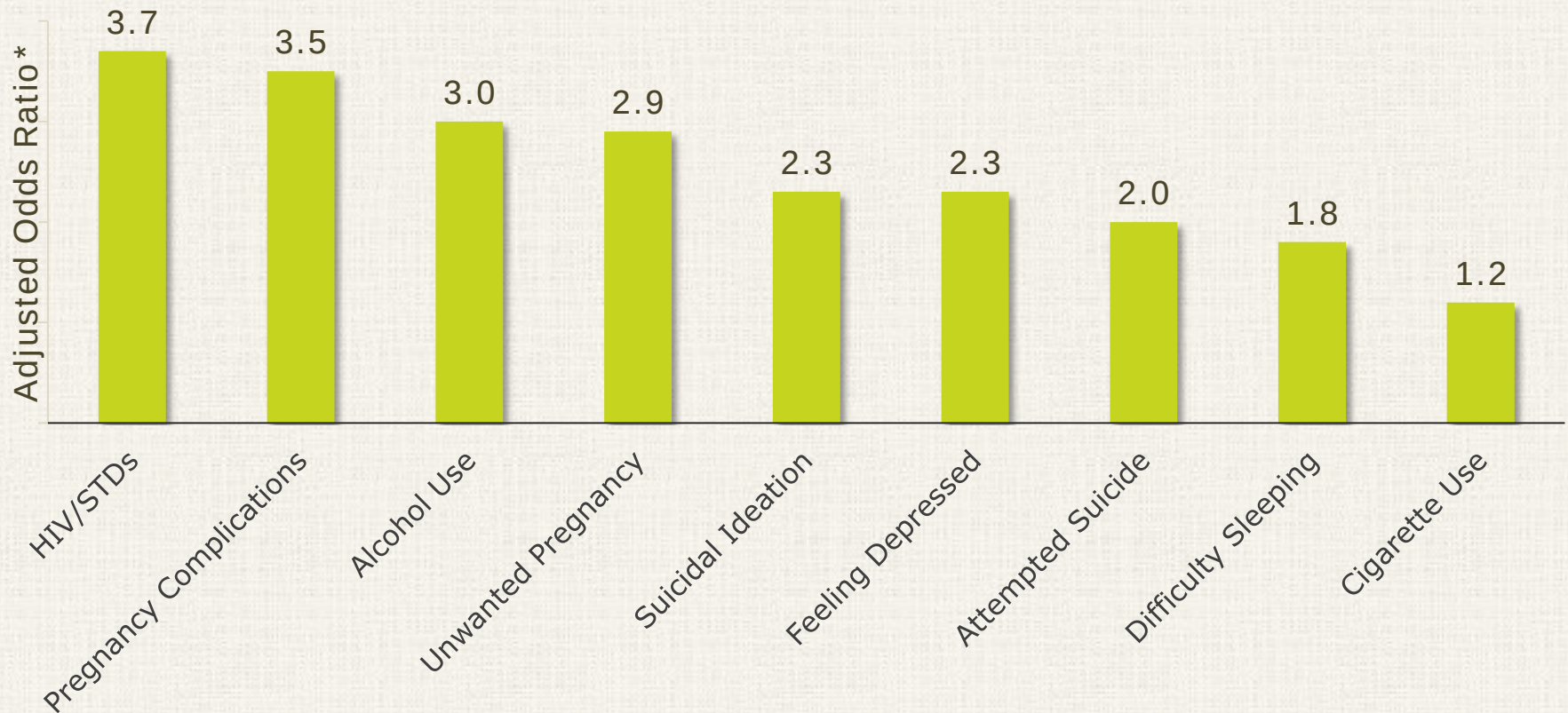
**Updated denominator for Tanzania lifetime prevalence indicators of childhood violence uses 18-24 year olds prior to age 18; lifetime prevalence indicators from 2011 Tanzania VACS report use the denominator of 13-24 year olds prior to age 18.

Girls are at risk for sexual violence throughout childhood & adolescence



Age of first incident of unwanted completed sex in childhood, reported by 18-24 year old females who experienced sexual violence

Sexual violence leads to an increase in negative health conditions

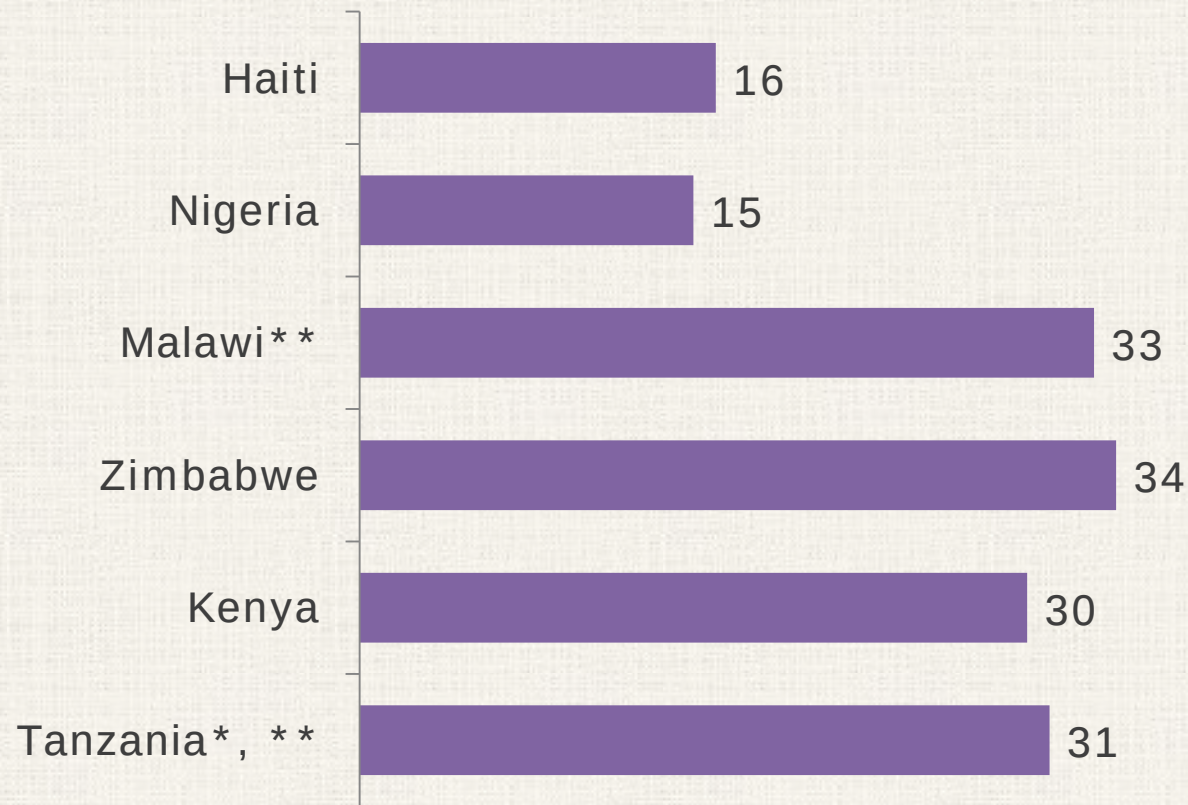


Association between childhood sexual violence and selected health conditions, reported by females 13-24 years old in Swaziland

**Adjusted for age, community setting, SES, and orphan status*



High unintended pregnancy rates reported as a result of pressured or physically forced sex



% of females 18-24 who reported a pregnancy resulting from physically forced and/or coerced sex during their lifetime*

**Tanzania numbers may differ from the Violence Against Children Final Report, 2009 due to different analytic approaches.*

***For Malawi and Tanzania data reflects % of females 18-24 who experienced physically forced and/or pressured sex before 18, who said at least one pregnancy resulted from childhood sexual violence.*

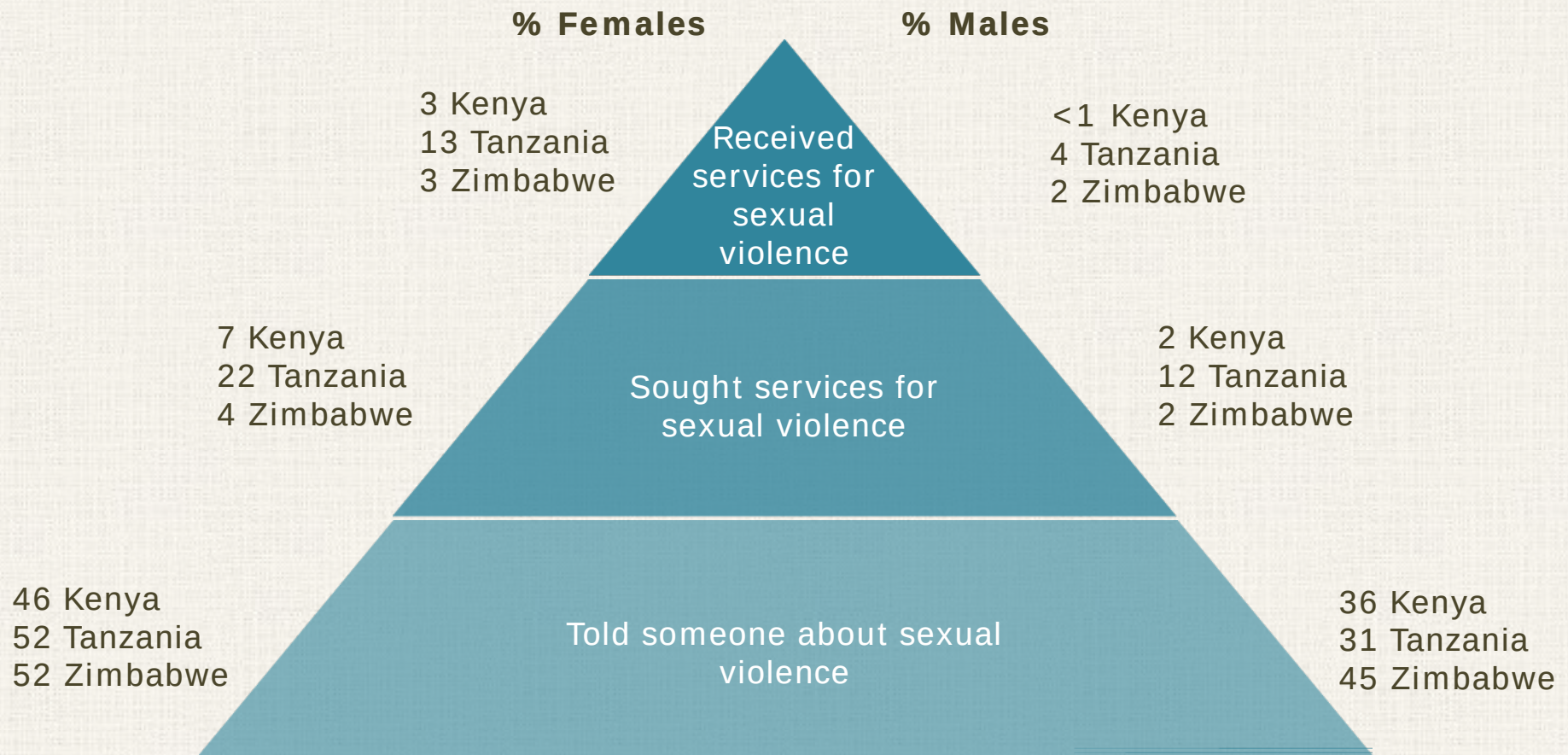
*Sexual violence
leads to an
increase in
risky behaviors*

Individuals in Tanzania who reported **multiple sex partners in the previous 12 months**, reported by 19-24-year-olds who had ever had sex



Victims of sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

Disclosure and service usage by individuals who experienced childhood sexual violence, as reported by 18 to 24 year olds*



*Data for Tanzania reported by 13-24 year olds

Every Hour Matters Campaign

- The Every Hour Matters campaign aims to increase awareness about the critical importance of quickly accessing post-rape care
- Calls on national and community leaders to ensure comprehensive services are available in all communities
- Also leverages unique role and power of youth in helping influence care for their peers



Developing a Toolkit for Every Hour Matters Workshop



- **By youth, for youth**
 - Developed by a team of youth champions in Kenya and Uganda and TfG comms associate and fellow
- **Objectives**
 - Share definitions of rape, defilement, sexual violence
 - Discuss the impact of stigma on sexual assault survivors
 - Provide resources to help people support a friend who has been raped – including how to refer a friend to a health center

Every Hour Matters Workshop Pilot



**By Youth,
For Youth**



- Initial pilot held Summer 2017 in Uganda
- Adapted by youth champions to be Uganda-specific, using local terminology and pointing to local resources and organizations
- Included three organizations, 50+ participants, ages 13-19, both male and female
- Piloted by youth leaders already working with local population who could integrate workshop into curriculum

Initial Pilot Results

98%

of participants felt they learned more about post-rape care after attending the workshop

BEFORE

- **40%** knew the deadline to take PEP
- **10%** knew the deadline to take EC
- **44%** felt “very comfortable” supporting a friend who was raped
- **39%** felt “very knowledgeable” about post-rape care

AFTER

- **90%** knew the deadline to take PEP
- **83%** knew the deadline to take EC
- **75%** felt “very comfortable” supporting a friend who was raped
- **92%** felt “very knowledgeable” about post-rape care

Example of Survey Responses



If someone is raped, what are some things they should do? What are some things they shouldn't do?

- “One should go to the hospital to get PEP to prevent HIV and EC to prevent early pregnancy.”
- “They should not stay silent about this issue. They should not lose hope. They should not be stigmatized.”
- “Taking her for medication. Believe their story. Listen and care for them. Accepting as they are... Not doubting them. Not forcing them for police case. Not avoiding them.”

Pilot Organizations



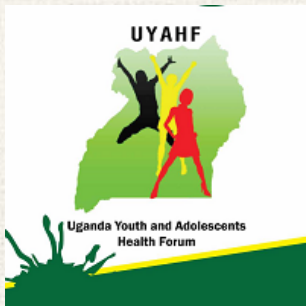
Youth Equality Center Uganda

To create a pro-youth space and empower young women and men to participate in leadership at all levels.



Uganda Youth Development Link

To enhance socioeconomic transformation of disadvantaged young people through skills development for self-reliance.



Uganda Youth and Adolescents Health Forum

Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Live Quality Lives with Equity, Dignity, and to Realise their Full Potential.

Meet Our Panelists

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Time for your questions!



EVERY H⁷²OUR MATTERS

Speed is of the essence.



Youth Innovation Prize

**Patrick Mwesigye, Her
Body Her Right
Kampala, Uganda**



**Together
for girls**

Ending violence against children

Thank you!

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