



# Who perpetrates different forms of violence against children? Age and sex specific estimates

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- Aim-to get better information on age specific prevalence and who the perpetrators are at different ages
  - What is the age-specific prevalence of physical, sexual and emotional violence and neglect against male and female children and adolescents, at each age from 0-19 years?
  - Who are the main perpetrators of each form of violence against male and female children and adolescents, at each age?
  - Where are there gaps in data on each form of violence by age group, sex, and geographical region?
- Method
  - Systematic review and secondary data analysis
  - Protocol:  
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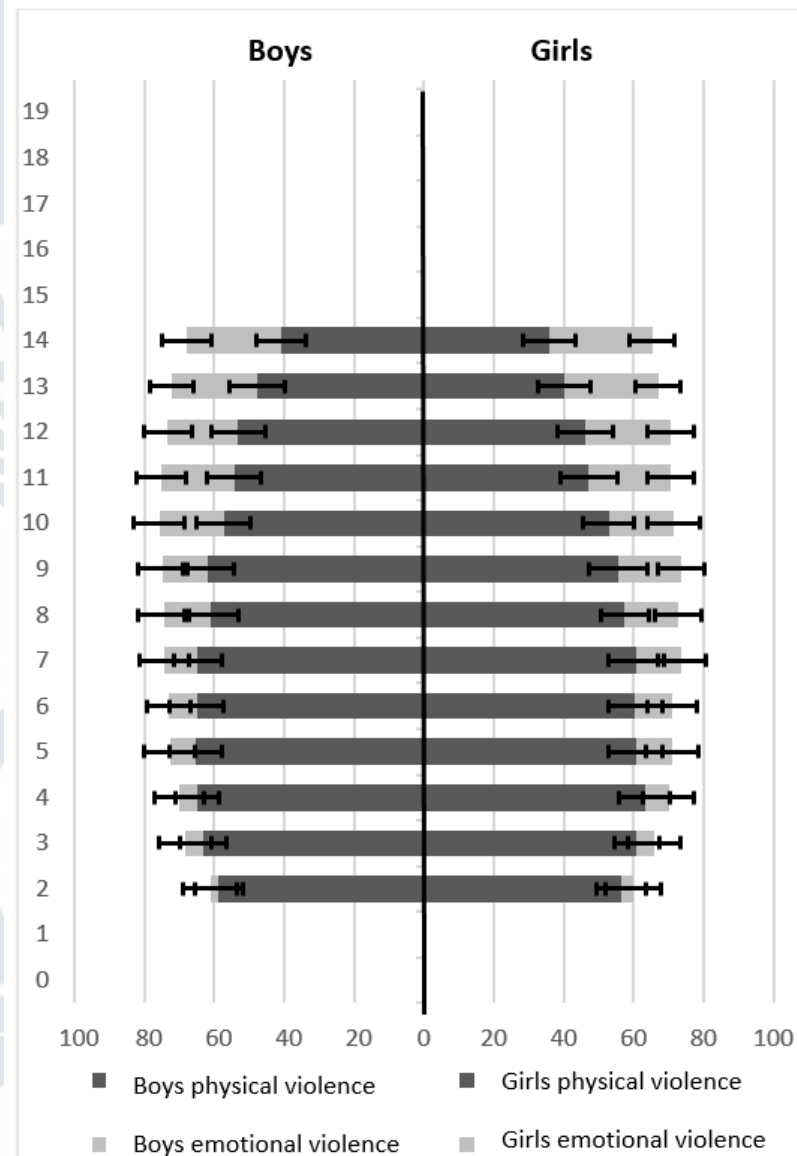
## ***Systematic Reviews***

## ***Secondary Analysis***

## ***Making projections***

- Data from 643 studies in 171 countries included
- Meta-regression models
  - Outcome=prevalence of each form of violence by age, sex and perpetrator
  - Adjusted for study design and quality characteristics, geographical region
- Weighted to reflect country population age structures

# Violence from caregivers



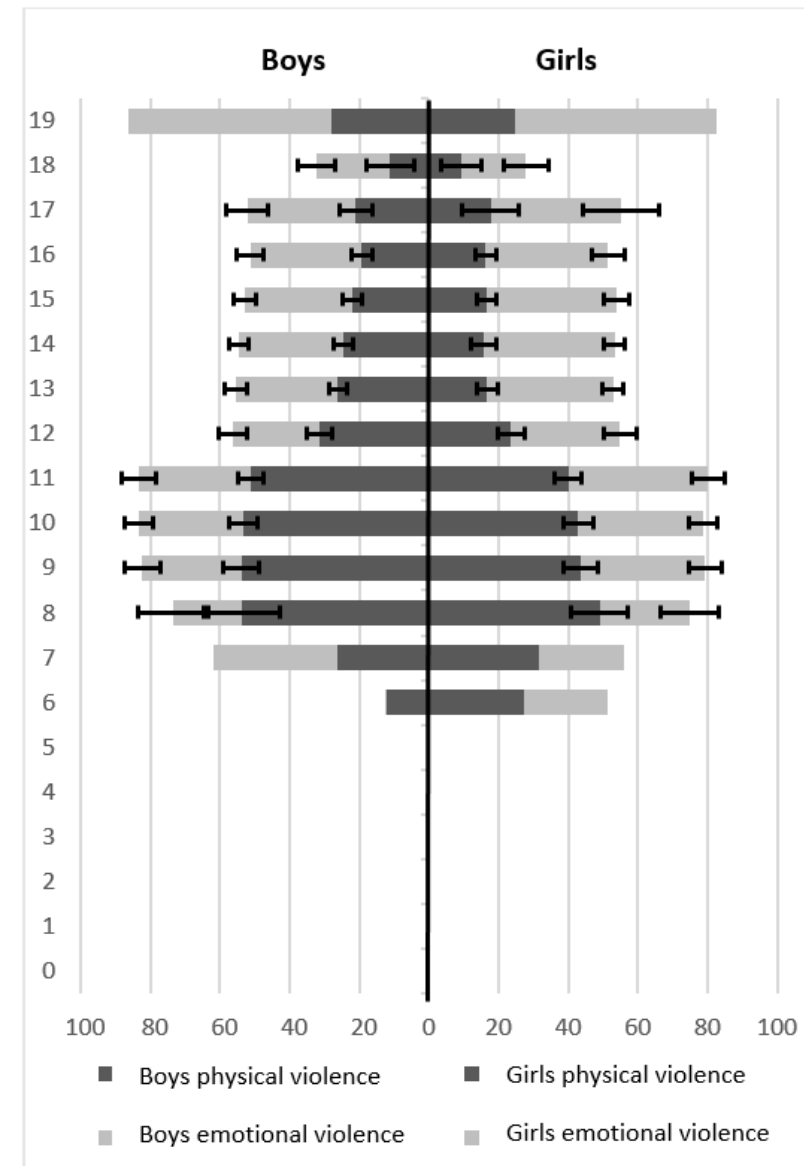
## Violence from caregivers

- Mainly from MICS data
- Data gaps: below 2 years, above 14 years
- Prevalence:
  - Roughly 40-60% of boys and girls experiencing physical violence; 60-70% emotional violence
  - Physical high in boys and girls, declines over age
  - Emotional high in boys and girls, remains more constant over age

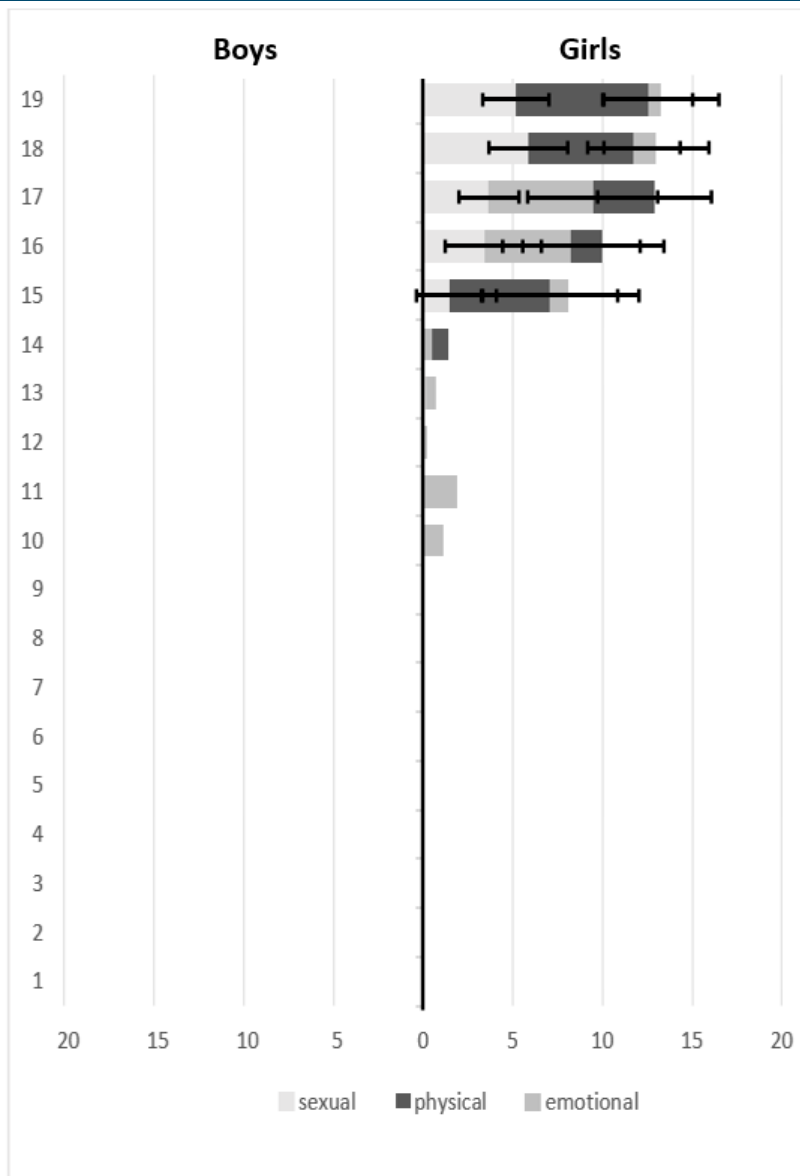
# Violence from students

## Violence from students

- Mainly from TIMSS, PIRLS,
- Data gaps: below 6 years, few estimates below 8 years
- Prevalence:
  - Up to 50% of boys and 40-50% of girls aged 8-11 experiencing physical violence; 70-80% emotional violence
  - Physical violence slightly more common in boys than girls;
  - Physical and emotional violence declines over age in boys and girls

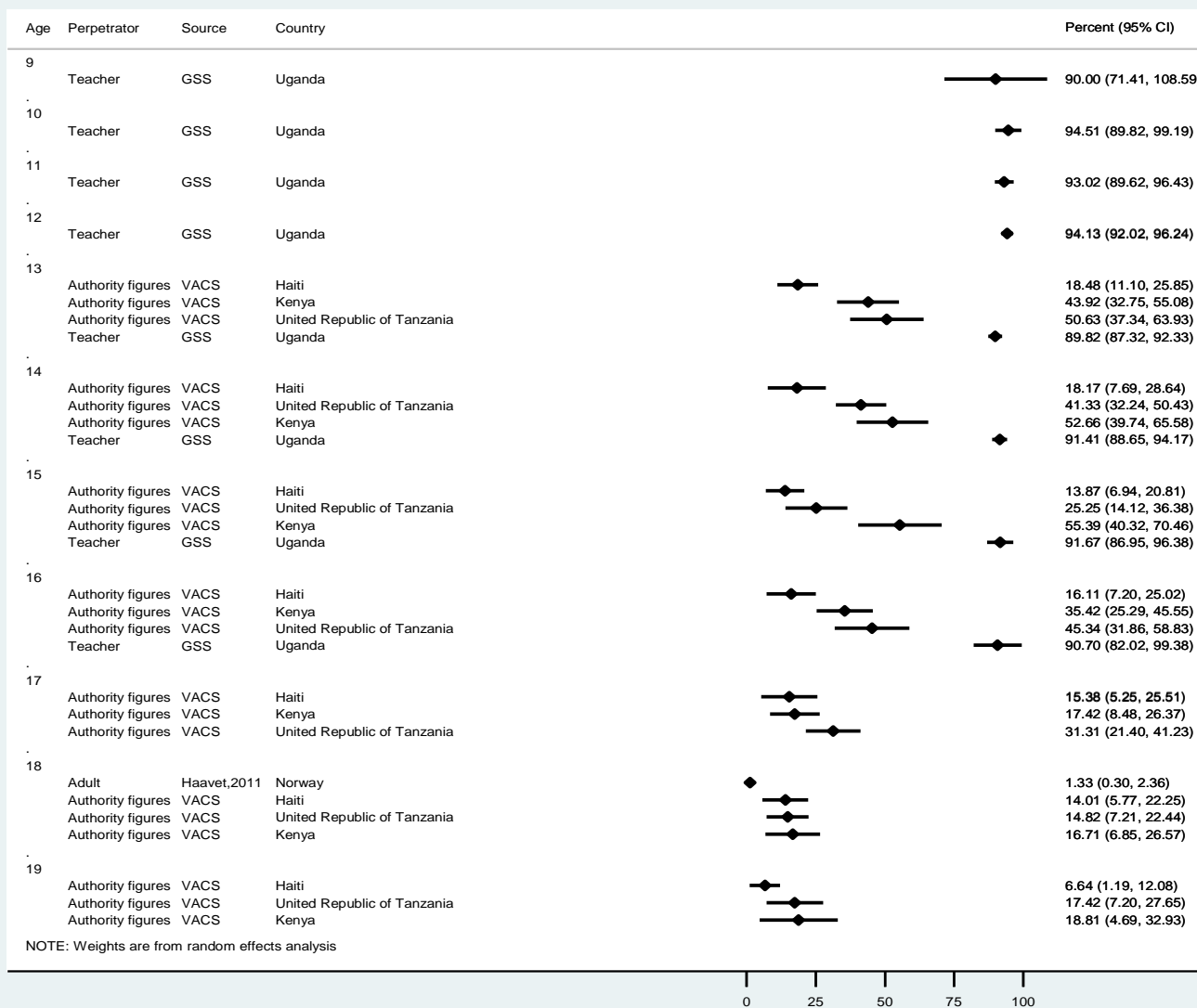


# Violence from intimate partners



- Violence from intimate partners
- Mainly from DHS, WHO, RHS
- Data gaps: below 15 years for girls, boys, all ages
- Prevalence:
  - Roughly 7-13% of all girls experience physical IPV; 2-5% sexual and 7-13% emotional

# Violence from other perpetrators



NOTE: Weights are from random effects analysis

## Violence from teachers and authority figures against girls

- Data from Uganda, Haiti, Kenya, Tanzania, and Norway
- Very high prevalence from 9 to 16 year olds—ranges from about 20-90%

Too few data about any other type of perpetrator to make any estimates

# Conclusions



- Where we do have data, caregiver violence is most common, followed by violence from students, and intimate partners
  - Programs need to focus on the home and school environments to reduce violence
- BUT—there are lots of data gaps
  - Few data on violence from teachers, but available data show it is common in some settings
  - Fewer data on younger children versus adolescents
  - Fewer data on sexual violence, especially in boys, for girls under 15, and from perpetrators other than intimate partners (peers, caregivers, strangers)
- And measures are not standardised across surveys
  - Caregiver versus self report
  - Fewer, more general questions in school based surveys
- We can't effectively monitor progress towards the SDGs—need surveys which comprehensively ask about violence





# Thank you!

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**Who should apply:**

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**Location:**

Gender Violence & Health Centre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (London, UK)

**Dates:**

12-16 February 2018

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